

This week I can bring you two games for the price of one. Both are in the Division 1 match between Lincoln and Scunthorpe. The first is the game where Jules Brown of Lincoln is paired as black against Bernard Pratten from Scunthorpe and we pick up the game after white has just played 26. Nf5 (see diagram) already a pawn down he was hoping to create something out of his advanced knight but instead created an opportunity for Jules to make further gains - can you see it?

Jules played 26. ...Nxe4. Realizing that his knight was doomed he decided on damage limitation with 27. Nxh6+ gxf6 28. Qxe4 Qxb3 and white resigned.

The second game came on board 4 with Lincoln's Ian McDonald playing white against John Mainwaring from Scunthorpe with the opening following the Caro-Kann. There is no board for this as it shows the previous game so I leave to you to play through - it is not long as you will see 1. e4 c6 2. Nf3 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. Qe2 Nf6 6. Nd6 mate as the king cannot move and white's queen prevents 6. ...exd6.

In an evening which Scunthorpe would be happy to forget there were wins also for Murray Smith, Kevin McCarthy and Herman Kok giving Lincoln a 5-0 white wash meaning that Lincoln on 4 points now move up to second ahead of Louth on 3 but behind Grimsby on 6 leaving Scunthorpe bottom of the table on 1 point needing a miracle if they are to avoid retaining the wooden spoon.

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