

Lincoln's team in Division 1 of the Lincolnshire League played the final match of the season when they visited the Millfield Hotel in Bargate, Grimsby. The hosts started the match in second place on 8 points, 1 point behind reigning champions Louth, but having an inferior points difference they needed to win to regain the title. Lincoln, on the other hand, on 4 points were destined to remain in third place but with the title at stake they were determined to put up a good show.

On board 4 Lincoln's Latvian import Andreas Sivacenko was paired as black against Grimsby's up and coming 13 year old Arya Parnian with the opening following the Kings Indian 1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. d4 g6 4. g3 Bg7 5. Bg2 0-0 6. 0-0 c6 and both players have castled 7. Nc3 d5 8. cxd5 cxd5 9. Bf4 h6 10. Nb5 Na6 11. Qc1 Bd7 12. Nc3 Kh7 and having looked at the c7 square white decides to retreat perhaps overlooking 12. Bxh6 and pursues another tack with 13. Ne5 Rc8 14. Qd2 Bf5 15. Rac1 Nc7 16. h3 Be6 17. g4 Nd7 18. Qe3 Nxe5 19. Bxe5 Qd7 20. f4 f6 21. Bxc7 Rxc7 22. f5 gxf5 23. gxf5 Bf7 24. Qf3 Rd8 and Andreas is having to muster his pieces in defense of the pawn on d5 25. a4 a6 26. Na2 (see diagram) looking to manoeuvre his knight to a better position but gives Andreas an opportunity - can you see it?

Andreas played 26. ...Rxc1 27. Rxc1 Qxa4 winning the pawn and also attacking the knight on a2 and pawn on d4 28. Rc7 Qxa2 29. Rxe7 Kg8 30. Rxb7 Qc4 and white gains two pawns in compensation 31. Qf4 Qxe2 32. Qc7 Rf8 33. Bxd5 and looks to have a strong attack but Andreas played 33. ...Qe1+ 34. Kh2 Qf2+ and white resigned as 35. Kh1 Bxd5 is mate although 35. Bg2 was possible.

Draws for Jules Brown and Neil Roberts were not enough and Grimsby were crowned champions with a 3-2 win.

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