

At this season's AGM the members of Lincoln Chess Club decided that they would enter 2 teams in Division 2 South. The A team, led by Jules Brown, would field the stronger players while the B team, with Mark Atkins as captain, would provide an opportunity for up and coming players to gain valuable match experience.

More about the B team later in the year as this week's game features Lincoln A captain Jules Brown in the opening match of the season when they visited the Conerby Social Club where reigning champions Grantham were the hosts.

Jules was paired as black on board 3 against Richard Chillcott and we pick up the game after white has just played 28. e4 (see diagram) giving Jules an opportunity to take an advantage - can you see it?

Jules played 28. ...Bxf4 expecting white to reply with 29. gxf4 Qxf4+ 30. Qf3 Qxh4+ winning 3 pawns for a bishop with his king side pawns ready to advance. In fact white replied 29. exf5 Bxg3+ 30. Qxg3 Qxg3+ 31. Kxg3 Rxe2 which meant that Jules won the exchange but white still had a passed pawn on d5.

Play continued 32. fxg6+ Kxg6 33. Rxe2 Rxe2 34. Bh3 Rxb2 35. Bxd7 Rxa2 36. B*e8+ Kg7 37. d6 Rd2 38. d7 b5 39. cxb5 axb5 40. d8(Q) Rxd8 41. Bxb5 Rd5 and being the exchange and 2 pawns down white resigned.

Wins also for Andreas Sivacenko and Ian McDonald allowed Lincoln A to steel a march on last year's champions 3-1.

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