

This week's game has been given to me by Andrew Harris. Andrew is a lecturer in Psychology Nottingham Trent University and joined Lincoln Chess Club earlier in the year having taught himself chess off the internet. He has proved that the training was well founded as he has had some good results in the club's internal competitions.

Jules Brown, captain of Lincoln A in the Division 2 South, has been suitably impressed by Andrew's playing ability and asked him to play on board 4 in the match against Louth where he was paired as black against Graeme Rae with play starting with the English Opening 1. c4 e5 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 f5 5. d3 Nf6 6. e4 fxe4 7. Nxe4 Nxe4 8. dxe4 0-0 and the line Andrew has followed has opened up the f-file for his rooks.

Play continued 9. Ne2 d6 10. 0-0 Be6 11. b3 Nc6 12. Be3 b6 13. Nc3 Qd7 14. Qd2 Rf7 15. Nd5 Bxd5 16. cxd5 Nd4 17. Bxd4 exd4 and these exchanges has given Andrew a passed pawn on d4 but has also opened up the c-file for white 18. Rac1 a5 19. Rc6 Raf8 20. h4 Qg4 21. Kh2 Be5 and Andrew is looking at 22. ...Qxh4+ but Graeme countered this with 22. f4 (see diagram) but this still gave Andrew an opportunity to gain an advantage - can you see it?

Andrew played 22. ...Rxf4 23. Rxf4 Rxf4 and white cannot play 24. gxf4 as 24. ...Bxf4+ follows winning the queen. So white played 24. Bh3 Qxh4 25. Kg2 Qg5 26. Qe2 Rf6 and Andrew is now 2 pawns to the good and went on to win a few moves later.

Wins also for Andreas Sivacenko, Herman Kok and Ian McDonald gave Lincoln A a 4-0 win and now top the table on 4 points.

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