

Lincoln's team in Division 1 were on the road when they visited the Millfields Hotel on Bargate in Grimsby. Our hosts, champions for the last 2 seasons, were again invincible with 3 wins out of 3 whereas Lincoln were in second place with 3 points on points difference from Louth with Scunthorpe propping up the table, yet to get a point. A result, or even a point in this match, would help in Lincoln's quest to finish second.

On board 2 Lincoln's Andreas Sivacenko was paired as black against Grimsby's Joe Kilshaw and we pick up the game after white has just played 32. g4 (see diagram) with honours even apart from white's doubled c pawns with the game looking like a draw.

However, Andreas had other ideas feeling that he could make something out of white's pawn structure and instead played 32. ...Re1 33. Rxg5 Ra1 34. Rf5 Rxa4 and now both players have a passed pawn with a race to the line 35. Rf2 Ra1 36. Rg2 a4 37. Ke4 a3 38. Kf5 a2 39. Kg6 but white now has a problem in that he is blocking the route for his pawn but if he moves to either side then Rf1+ or Rh1+ followed by a1(Q) would follow.

Andreas now brought his king into play with 39. ...Ka6 40. g5 Ka5 41. Kg7 Ka4 42. g6 Kb3 protecting the pawn on a2 43. Kg8 Rh1 44. g7 a1(Q) 45. Kf7 Qf1+ and white resigned.

Draws for Murray Smith and yours truly were not quite enough as Grimsby ran out winners 3-2 so it looks like our match against Louth at the end of the season will determine the minor places.

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