

This week's game has been sent to me by Alex Ashworth from the Under 140 grade match between Lincolnshire and Warwickshire reported a few of weeks ago. Alex moved to the area a couple of years ago from the North East to work in Grantham teaching English to European nationals.

Alex was paired as white on board 5 against Simon Weaver from Coventry with the opening following the French Defence 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 advance variation 5. Nf3 cxd4 6. cxd4 Qb6 7. Bd3 Bd7 8. 0-0 Nxd4 9. Nxd4 Qxd4 Paulsen attack which allows black to gain the pawn on d4 compensated by better development with black limited by the pawn on e5.

Play continued 10. Qe2 Qb6 11. a3 Ne7 12. Nc3 Nc6 13. Kh1 Be7 14. f4 0-0-0 and Alex reinforces the pawn on e5 prompting black to castle queen side (see diagram) which Alex's pieces are ideally placed to attack.

Alex played 15. Be3 d4 16. Bf2 a6 17. Rfc1 Qc7 18. Na4 Kb8 19. b4 b5 20. Nc5 Bxc5 21. Rxc5 and now Alex's rooks are poised to open up black's position 21. ...f6 22. a4 Qb6 23. Qb2 fxe5 24. axb5 Na7 (not 24. ...axb5 25. Rxb5 pinning the queen) but black was still in trouble as Alex played 25. Rxa6 Qb7 26. Qe2 e4 27. Bxe4 and black resigned as his queen is trapped.

Meanwhile, the annual George Renison Memorial Jamboree is being hosted by Louth this year and will take place at the White Horse Inn on Kenwick Road. This is a rapidplay event for teams of 4. Let me know if you are interested in playing.

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