

Tonight's game comes from the match between Lincoln A and Grantham played at Grafton House. Lincoln A are reigning champions in Division 2 South ably led last season by Jules Brown. Jules is currently was in South America so Herman Kok has taken over the reins and won his first match in charge away to Spalding. This is Grantham's first match and they are always the team to beat as they normally put out a strong team.

It is Herman's game that is featured being paired as white against Grantham captain Ben Mason and we pick up the game after black has just played 13. ...Be7 (See diagram). Herman played 14. b5 bxc5 15. bxc6 Nb6 and Herman has a dangerous looking passed pawn on c6, 16. Nb5 0-0 17. a4 a5 18. Rc1 c4 but now black also has a passed pawn of his own on c4.

Play continued 19. h3 Nxa4 20. Nc7 Bb4+ 21. Kf2 Rad8 22. Ne5 Nb6 23. Na6 f6 24. c7 Ra8 25. Nxb4 axb4 26. Nc6 Ra2+ 27. Kg3 Re8 preventing Herman from playing Ne7+ 28. Nxb4 Re3+ 29. Kh2 Rxh3+ 30. Kg2 Rxh1+ 31. Kxh1 Ra7 and black is now 2 pawns up but Herman still has his pawn on c7 itching to be promoted 32. Nxd5 Nc8 33. Bxc4 Kf8 and Herman has regained the 2 pawns 34. Bb5 Nd6 35. Be2 Rb7 36. Ba6 Rb1 37. Rxb1 Bxb1 38. c8(Q)+ and black resigned as he loses a piece.

A win also for Charlie Moss and a draw from William Orr meant that Lincoln A won 2.5 to 1.5 and go top of the table with a maximum 4 points.

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