

This week's game has been given to me by David Coates taken from the 9-3 win over Yorkshire reported a couple of weeks ago. David was paired as black against 14 year old Connor Clarke and he tells me that before the game he was able to do some research on the youngster and found that he played an aggressive style of play against David's favourite King's Indian defense.

So, with David suitably prepared, the opening moves were 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Bf4 g6 4. e3 Bg7 5. h4 c5 6. dxc5 0-0 and David deliberately gives away his pawn before castling and, more importantly, opening up the diagonal for his bishop on g7.

Play continued 7. h5 Nc6 8. hxg6 hxg6 9. Qd2 Qa5 10. 0-0-0 Rd8 and white castles queen side hoping to take advantage of the now open h-file 11. Kb1 Ne4 12. Nxe4 dxe4 13. Qc1 but now David's plans are coming to fruition as both his rook on d8 and the bishop on g7 are poised to attack (see diagram) whilst white's queen dives for cover.

David closed in with 13. ...Be6 14. a3 Rxd1 15. Qxd1 Rd8 16. Qc1 Qxc5 17. Be2 b5 and whilst white's pieces are struggling to become active David closes in 18. Nh3 b4 19. a4 Qd5 20. b3 forcing white to leave the c3 square undefended Qc5 21. Ka2 Qc3 taking full advantage 22. Qb1 Rd2 23. Bd1 Bxb3+ and white resigned as 24. Qxb3 Qa1 is mate.

Meanwhile, both Lincoln Chess Club and Lincolnshire Chess Association host online tournaments on Tuesday and Thursday evenings respectively on chess.com.

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