

Another of our unsung heroes of the Tuesday Night tournaments is Robert Arthurton from Skegness. Not one of the top players he is one of those you want in your club as he is always there, ready and willing to give support where it is needed.

In one of the last tournaments before the organizers called a halt Robert was paired against Allan Marshall who at one time was secretary of Boston Chess Club.

The opening moves, with Robert as white, followed the Old Indian Defense 1. d4 d6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c6 4. e4 Qa5 and white's pawns control the centre 5. Bd2 Qc7 6. Rcl e5 7. d5 Qd8 and Allan's queen retreats to its starting position 8. Be2 Be7 9. h3 0-0 10. Nf3 Nbd7 11. 0-0 Nc5 and Allan's knight is probing the defenses 12. Qc2 b6 13. b4 (see diagram) but Robert tries to force black's knight to retreat.

Allan instead played 13. ...cxd5 14. bxc5 dxe5 15. Nxe5 bxc5 and black is a piece down but has 2 extra pawns. Play continued 16. Nxf6+ Bxf6 17. Rfd1 Rb8 18. Rb1 Be6 19. Bd3 Qd7 20. Bxh7+ Kh8 and Robert regains a pawn 21. Be4 Rb6 22. Rxb6 axb6 23. Bg5 Rb8 24. Bxf6 gxf6 doubling up black's f-pawns 25. Qd2 Rd8 26. Qh6+ Kg8 27. Qxf6 Bxc4 28. Nxe5 and Robert gains another pawn and black cannot play 28. ...dxe5 so instead plays 28. ...Qe6 29. Qxe6 Bxe6 30. Ng4 Bxa2 regaining black's pawn advantage.

However, Robert still has the extra piece but can Allan make something of the extra pawn 31. Bd5 c4 32. Nf6+ Kg7 33. Ne4 Bb3 34. Rc1 b5 35. Nd2 Ba2 36. Ra1 c3 37. Rxa2 cxd2 38. Rxd2 and Robert regained the pawn and went on to win a few moves later.

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