

This week's game comes from an online tournament called Happy Mondays which took place early in the year 2021 when 16 players took part in the 6 round event with 10 minutes on the clock to start with plus 10 seconds being added for each move made.

Dave Bull, secretary of Lincoln Chess Club, came 5th in the tournament on 3.5 points under his call sign of nonvintage and his best game came in the last round when he was paired as black against Andy Hebert, otherwise known as Shirehorse9.

Andy opened with the English attack 1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 Bg7 4. d4 0-0 with Dave responding with the King's Indian defense which surrenders the centre to white but Dave's king is now securely castled. Play continued 5. Nf3 d6 6. Be2 c5 7. d5 Nbd7 8. 0-0 Ng4 9. a3 Nge5 10. Be3 Nxf3+ 11. Bxf3 Ne5 12. Be2 a6 13. Rc1 Rb8 and now Dave's knight on e5 backed up by the bishop on g7 looks quite strong.

Play continued 14. b4 cxb4 15. axb4 f5 16. f3 fxe4 17. fxe4 Bd7 and now the f-file is open 18. Na4 Rxf1+ 19. Kxf1 Qf8+ 20. Kg1 Bxa4 21. Qxa4 Qe8 22. Qb3 Qd7 and white declines the queen exchange 23. c5 Kh8 24. c6 bxc6 25. Bxa6 cxd5 26. exd5 (see diagram) and this latest move gave Dave an opportunity - can you see it?

Dave played 26. ...Ng4 27. Bd2 Qa7+ and white resigned as the bishop is lost.

Meanwhile, Peter Taylor, one of our members is currently setting us up on Facebook and Instagram, lots of info and puzzles.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the Lincoln Labour Club, Grafton House, 32 Newland. LN1 1XJ on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.
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