

This week's game comes from the online archives in early 2021 when 22 players took part in the Monday Night Dogfight. Steve Lewis from Scunthorpe playing under the pseudonym of Westwind45 and Andy Hebert from Grantham otherwise known as Shirehorse9 are quite capable of beating anyone on their day. However, they both finished in mid table on 3 points in the 6 round contest.

Each round had 10 minutes on the clock to start with and a 5 second increment was added for each move made and they were paired against each other in round 2 with Steve, as white, starting proceedings by advancing his d-pawn 1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c6 3. e3 Bf5 4. c4 e6 5. Nc3 Nd7 6. Be2 h6 7. 0-0 Ngf6 and Steve has castled his king into safety while Andy has only just begun to develop his king side pieces.

Play continued 8. Bd3 dxc4 9. Bxf5 exf5 and this exchange has left black a pawn up but has doubled up pawns on both the c and f files 10. Re1 Ne4 11. Nxe4 fxe4 12. Nd2 Bb4 13. a6 Bxd2 14. Bxd2 Nf6 15. Bb4 a5 16. Bc3 0-0 and black too has castled and the earlier bishop pin of the knight has meant that black retained his pawn advantage 17. b4 axb4 18. Bxb4 Re8 19. Qc2 b5 20. a4 Nd5 21. Bc5 Qa5 22. Re1 Re8 23. h3 Qc7 24. axb5 Rxa1 25. Rxa1 cxb5 and black still has the pawn advantage and two passed pawns on the b and c files (See diagram).

However, white is not finished yet as he controls the a-file as play continued 26. Qxe4 Qc6 27. Qc2 Nb6 28. Ra6 Qb7 29. Rxb6 and black resigned.

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