

This week's game has been sent to me by John Grasham. John is very active in chess being the secretary of Louth Chess Club, Lincolnshire Chess Association and also the Midland Counties Chess Union. He captains one of the Louth teams in the Lincolnshire League and is also non-playing captain of the county Under 120 grade team and has now become an accomplished player since he started playing in 2009 with his grade now standing at 126.

In this game he ventured further afield when he took part in the Minor section of the Sheffield Congress and in round 4 (out of 5) he was paired as white against Francis Kay from Arundel and we pick up the game after black has just played 13. ...Nbd7 (see diagram).

John played 14. h4 initiating the Barry Attack looking to prize open black's defence 14. ...Rae8 15. h5 g5 16. h6 g6 17. Bd3 Kf7 18. Nf3 g4 19. Ng5+ Ke7 20. Nxb7 winning the pawn as 20. ...Nxb7 21. Bxb6 would follow. In fact black replied 20. ...Rh8 21. Bxb6 Nxb7 22. Bxe8 Kxe8 which still gave John the advantage.

John continued 22. Qg6+ Kd8 23. Qg7 Rf8 24. Qxb7 gaining another piece 24. ...e5 25. Qg7 exd4 26. Qxd4 g3 27. Qh4+ Kc8 28. Qxg3 Qa5+ 29. b4 Qa4 30. h7 Qc2 and despite an attempted counter attack by black John played 31. h8(Q) preventing 31. ...Qc3+ and black resigned.

After a slow start John drew two of his other games to finish on 2 points.

Louth Chess Club play at St.James Church Hall in Ugate on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Contact John on 07707 624975

