

Following his success in the Lincolnshire County Championships where he took the title with a maximum 5 points we are looking back at Chris Dorrington from Spalding when he took part in the Open section of the 2010 British Championships in Canterbury where he was rubbing shoulders with some of the world's top players in the gruelling 11 round contest spread over 2 weeks.

In the field of 80 there were 24 titled players (Grand, Fide or International Masters) and Chris, who finished equal 15th on 6½ points, finished level or above 11 of them.

His best game came in round 6 where he was paired as black against James Jackson from Bath University and we pick up the game after James has just played 38. Nxc7 winning a pawn and seemingly gaining the upper hand. Play continued 38. ... Qg8 39. Nh5 Qxc7 40. Rxc7 Rf7 41. Rb1 Bb7 42. Rb6 Rc2 43. Rd6 Rc8 44. Kg1 Bc6 45. a5 Rd7 46. Rxd7 Bxd7 47. Nxf6 and after the latest exchanges Chris is now 2 pawns down and needed to draw on his vast skill and experience to turn the situation around.

Chris saw a way to take advantage of the passed d-pawn with 47. ... Bb5 48. Kf2 Rc2+ 49. Ke1 Bc4 50. Nd7 Re2+ 51. Kd1 d3 52. Nxe5 Bb3+ and white resigned as 53. Kc1 d2+ and d1(Q) followed.

Chris's results included 3 other wins and his 5 draws included creditable returns against GM Stephen Gordon and FM Jonathan Hawkins and his grading performance showed an increase of 33 points from 2255 to 2288.

Next year the British Championship will be at Warwick University when there will hopefully be a good turnout of Lincolnshire players.

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