

Lincoln's team in Division 2 South were in action when Louth, the current champions, were the visitors to South Park. So far both teams have played one match with Lincoln drawing with Horncastle and Louth beating Spalding who are the current league leaders but having played a couple of games more so a good result for either team will put them in contention.

On board 3 Lincoln's Dave Bull, playing his first game this season, was paired as white against Louth Stephen Cade with the opening following the Vienna game 1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bc4 Nc6 4. d3 Bc5 5. Na4 Be7 and black retreats allowing Dave to play 6. f4 a6 7. Nc3 0-0 8. Nf3 b5 9. Bb3 Bb4 pinning Dave's knight on c3 but allowing Dave to take the pawn 10. fxe5 Bxc3+ 11. bxc3 Ne8 but now has doubled c-pawns 12. 0-0 Rb8 but now Dave saw an opportunity to attack black's pawn on f7 (see diagram).

Dave exploited the advantage with 13. d4 d6 14. Ng5 Qe7 15. Qh5 h6 16. Nxf7 winning another pawn 16. ...Be6 17. Bxe6 Qxe6 18. d5 forking queen and knight 18. ...Qe7 19. Nxh6+ gxh6 20. Rxf8+ Qxf8 21. Bxh6 Ng7 22. Bxg7 Qxg7 23. dxc6 dxe5 and after the major swap off of pieces Dave is now 3 pawns up 24. Rd1 Rf8 25. Rd7 Rf7 26. Qxf7+ Qxf7 27. Rxf7 Kxf7 and now only the kings are left and with a 3-pawn superiority black resigned a few moves later.

Wins also for captain James Irwin and Paul Fischer gave Lincoln the spoils 3-1 putting them level on points with Spalding but with a game in hand.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the RAOB Club, 58 South Park on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. www.lincolinchessclub.co.uk

