

Lincolnshire's team in the Under 140 grade section played their first match of this season's campaign when they visited the Rolls-Royce Leisure Centre in Derby where Derbyshire were the hosts. It is several years since Lincolnshire fielded a team in this section and it is a credit to Louth secretary John Grasham that he has put together a reasonable team.

On board 5 13 year old David Scott who attends QEGS in Horncastle and plays for Louth Chess Club was paired as white against David Dunne and we pick up the game after black has just played 11. ...a6 trying to fend off David's knight on b5. However, David saw an opportunity to gain an advantage (see diagram)- can you see it?

David played 12. Nxd6 cxd6 13. Bxc6 forking blacks rooks 13. ...Qa5+ 14. b4 Qa3 15. Bxf8 Bxf8 winning the exchange. David still has work to do and continued 16. 0-0 Qxb4 17. Qd4 Nfd7 18. Nf4 Bg7 19. Rab1 Qxc4 20. Qxc4 Nxc4 21. Rxb7 Rxb7 22. Bxb7 a5 and the queen and a rook are exchanged 23. h3 Nd6 24. Bg2 Bf5 25. Rd1 Bf8 26. e4 Be6 27. Nxe6 fxe6 28. f4 e5 29. Rd5 exf4 30. e5 Nb6 and David now has a passed pawn 31. Rxa5 Ndc4 32. Rb5 fxg3 33. a4 Nxa4 34. Bd5+ Kg7 35. Bxc4 winning the knight and David won a few moves later.

Wins also for Behzad Parnian from Grimsby and John Grasham plus draws for Adam Robinson, Kishore Muruges, Chris Cumbers, Graeme Rae, Paul Fischer, William Orr and Dr Mark Newstead were not quite enough as Derbyshire won 8½ to 7½.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the RAOB Club, 58 South Park on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. [www.lincolncchessclub.co.uk](http://www.lincolncchessclub.co.uk)

