

Lincolnshire's team in the Under 120 grade competition began this season's campaign in the Midland Counties section when Nottinghamshire were the visitors to the Atrium in the Lindum Business Park. Last season Lincolnshire won the section on points difference before narrowly losing to Kent in the national quarter-finals under the leadership of John Grasham from Louth. This season they are hoping for more success under their new captain William Orr from Hornastle.

On board 6 Arya Parnian from Grimsby who, at 11 years of age is becoming one of the county's top junior players, was paired as white against Bob Garnett from West Bridgford with the opening following the King's Indian 1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. b3 Bg7 4. Bb2 0-0 5. Bg2 d6 6. 0-0 Nbd7 and Arya's bishops are looking strong 7. d3 e5 8. Nbd2 Re8 9. c4 c6 10. Qc2 Nf8 11. Rad1 Ne6 12. e3 Qc7 and after a circumspect opening the position shown in the diagram has been reached.

Arya played 13. d4 exd4 14. Nxd4 Nxd4 15. Bxd4 Bf5 16. Qc3 Ne4 17. Nxe4 Bxd4 18. Qxd4 Bxe4 19. Bxe4 and the explosive exchange of pieces has left Arya a piece up 19. ...c5 20. Qd5 Qe7 21. Bg2 Rab8 22. Qxd6 winning a pawn b6 23. Qxe7 Rxe7 and with the queens off the board Arya went on to win a few moves later.

Wins also for Kishore Murugesh from Bourne, Frank Robinson from Spalding and Paul Fischer from Lincoln plus draws from Mike Dew and Andy Giles both from Barton-on-Humber was not quite enough as Nottinghamshire ran out winners 7-5.

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)

Very best wishes to all for Christmas.

