

This week's game is another from the 12-4 victory over Warwickshire in the Minor Counties championship, this time from Samuel Milson who comes from Louth and is the elder brother of Amy and son of Neil and Sue. Samuel is currently at Sheffield University studying German but still finds time at the week-ends to turn out for the county.

Samuel was paired as black against Anthony Hickey of the Boldmere St Michael club near Sutton Coldfield with the opening following the Ruy Lopez 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. d3 b5 6. Bb3 Be7 7. c3 0-0 8. Nbd2 d5 and after castling Samuel seeks to open up the centre with white's king looking a little vulnerable 9. Qe2 dxe4 10. dxe4 Nh5 11. Nxe5 Nxe5 12. Qxh5 and it looks like Samuel has lost a pawn (see diagram) but in fact he has set a little trap - can you see it?

Samuel played 12. ...Nd3+ and white has to play 13. Kf1 as 13. Kd1 Nxf2+ and 13. Ke2 Nf4+ win a rook or queen 13. ...Nxc1 14. Rxc1 Qxd2 and Samuel has won back a piece in return for his pawn with white's king unable to castle 15. Rd1 Qf4 16. g3 Qg4 17. Qe5 Qf3 18. Rg1 Bh3+ and Samuel now closes in for the kill 19. Ke1 Bg4 20. Rd2 Rd8 21. Bd5 c6 22. Qxe7 cxd5 23. h3 Rde8 and white resigned.

Meanwhile, the annual Louth Rapidplay playing for the Alf Newman Memorial Shield will take place at St. James Church Hall, the home of Louth Chess Club, on Saturday 5th June. Contact Keith Palmer on kalmenias@gmail.com.

Louth Chess Club meet at St. James Church Hall on Tuesday nights starting at 7.30pm.

