

Following on from last week in the Lincolnshire County Championship Under 150 section Lincoln's Jules Brown had had a clean sweep in the first 4 rounds. Adam Robinson was one of a group of players on 3 points and the pair met in the final round with Jules having the white pieces.

We pick up the game after Jules, as white, had just played 34. Nxa6 (see diagram) capturing the pawn on a6 giving him the extra pawn. Adam needed all his wits to defend the position and play continued 34. ...Bc3 35. Ra4 Ke5 36. Kf1 Kd4 37. b5+ Ke5 38. f4+ Kf6 and Jules fended off Adam's attempt to bring his king into play 39. Rc4 Ba5 40. Rc6 Ke7 41. b6 Bxb6 but Adam still manages to recover the pawn. Play continued 42. Nb4 Bc5 43. Nd5+ Ke6 44. Nc3 Kf5 45. Rc8 Kxf4 and an oversight by Jules allowed Adam to go a pawn up 46. Rf8+ Ke5 47. Re8+ Kd4 48. Ne2+ Kc4 49. Re4+ Kd3 50. Ng3 Be3 and white resigned as there is little Jules could do to prevent 51. ...Rb1 mate.

This meant that Jules and Adam tied for first place and so shared the prize money for 1st and 2nd places but Jules had his name engraved on the Quilter Trophy based on the sum of progressive scores.

Two ex Lincoln players James Irwin, who now lives in Stowmarket in Suffolk, and Qais Karimi, who now lives in Bedford, drew with each other in round 5 to finish on 3½ points and share 3rd place and Neil Milson from Louth on 3 points won the Under 125 grading prize.

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