

Dave Mills, a member of both the Scunthorpe Chess Club and, relevant to today's column, Hull Chess Club suggested in the summer if a friendly match could be set up between Lincolnshire and East Yorkshire. Lincolnshire's U140 captain William Orr agreed to play, fitting it in to the busy U140 and U120 county schedules, and the resulting match was played recently between the two counties at the very nice surroundings of the Anlaby Park Community Library on the outskirts of Hull. A buffet was also provided with many thanks to members of the Hull and District Chess Association.

On board 5 Lincoln's Jules Brown was paired as white against Graeme Reid and we pick up the game after black has just played 19. ...b6 (see diagram).

Jules played 20. exf5 winning the pawn as 20. ...gxf5 21. Bxf5 or worse as 22. Bxh7+ would follow. In fact black instead played 20. ...Nh8 21. fxc6 Nf8 limiting the damage to 2 pawns. Jules pressed home the advantage with 22. f5 Qd8 23. Qd2 Nfxg6 and black is compelled to sacrifice one of his knights halt the progress of white's pawns.

The last rights were administered with 24. fxc6 Rf8 25. Nh5 Qe7 26. Nxc7 Kxc7 27. Bxh6+ Kg8 28. g7 Rf7 29. gxh8(Q)+ Kxh8 30. Bg6 Rg7 31. Bxc7+ Kxc7 and black resigned.

Wins also for Arya Parnian from Grimsby, Graeme Rae from Horncastle, John Grasham and Adam Cook, both from Louth, plus draws for Herman Kok, William Orr, Behzad Parnian and yours truly mean that Lincolnshire won by 7 points to 6.

Hopefully, we will be able to organise a return fixture next season.

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

