

Grantham Sharks II, Lincolnshire's team in the 4NCL (4 Nations Chess League) opened this season's account when they were paired against welsh team Celtic Tigers in Pool A of Division 2. Last season they made it into the promotion pool by coming in the top 4 but were unable to secure promotion to Division 1.

On board 8, 13 year old Aditya Munshi from the West Nottingham, who has impressed a few people with his rising talent at such a young age was paired as white against David Buttell and we pick up the game after black has just played 22. ...Qg8 (see diagram) seeing that Aditya is preparing an assault on black's king.

Play continued 23. Rh3 Rb7 24. Bd2 a5 25. Rdd3 Bf8 26. Rh4 Rf7 27. Qg6 Raa7 28. Rdh3 h6 29. Rg4 Qh7 30. Qh5 Rab7 31. Rg6 Rfe7 32. Qg4 Red7 33. Rg3 Rf7 and so far black has fended off the attack but now Aditya played 34. Bxh6 Rfd7 (not 34. ...gxh6 35. Rg8+) 35. Be3 Rf7 36. Rh3 Qxh3 37. Qxh3+ Kg8 and black loses his queen 38. Rg4 Rfd7 39. Qh5 Re7 40. Qg6 Rb8 41. h4 Kh8 42. h5 Rbb7 43. h6 Rb8 (again black cannot take as 43. ...gxh6 44. Qg8) 44. Rh4 Kg8 45. hxg7 Bxg7 46. Bh6 Rf8 47. Be3 Rff7 48. Rh7 Rb7 49. Bh6 Rbd7 50. Bxg7 Rxg7 51. Rxg7 Rxg7 52. Qxf6 and black resigned.

A win for Louise Head and draws for Ben Purton and Graeme Kafka were not enough as Celtic Tigers ran out 5-3 winners.

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