

This week's game has been sent to me by Kiat Huang from Louth. Kiat was born in Barnet to a Malaysian father, who taught him to play having been a county standard player for Sussex, and an English mother. Kiat played at school and university but has not played serious chess until recently when he retired to Louth and joined Louth Chess Club.

It has not taken him long to pick up where he left off 40 years ago having some good results at both club and county level. In this match he was paired as white against Peter Holman from Grimsby in the Friendship Trophy, a knock out competition involving players from Louth and Grimsby Chess Clubs with the initial moves following a variation of the English opening 1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 e6 3. e3 Nf6 4. Nc3 Be7 5. cxd5 exd5 6. d4 0-0 7. Bd3 Bg4 8. Qc2 h6 9. h3 Be6 and black retreated rather than 9. ...Bxf3.

Play continued 10. Bd2 Nbd7 11. 0-0-0 c5 12. g4 Ne4 (see diagram) with black looking sacrifice a pawn in order to open up white's defence.

Kiat replied 13. Nxe4 dxe4 14. Bxe4 winning a pawn for but then 14. ...cxd4 15. Nxd4 Rc8 16. Bc3 Bxa2 regaining the pawn for black and putting pressure on the c-file 17. Bxb7 Qc7 18. Bxc8 Rxc8 and black elects to give up the exchange to maintain the pressure 19. Kd2 Ne5 20. b3 and now black's bishop on a2 is trapped 20. ...Bf6 21. Rc1 Qd7 22. Qxa2 Nf3+ 23. Ke2 Nxd4 24. Bxd4 Qb5+ 25. Kf3 Qb7+ 26. Kg3 Qb8+ 27. f4 Re8 28. Rhe1 and now a rook and a pawn down black resigned.

Louth Chess Club play at St.James Church Hall on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

