

In the Lincolnshire County Championship Under 150 section there were 12 players competing for the Quilter Trophy won for the first time by Jules Brown last year when the section was introduced.

This season's pace setters winning both their opening games were Qais Karimi who used to play for Lincoln but now lives in and plays for Bedford and Herman Kok who plays for Lincoln and is also a director at the Lindum Group who kindly host the event with the Louth duo of Adam Robinson and Neil Milson just behind on 1½.

In round 3 Qais and Adam went head to head and we reach the position after Adam had just played 25. b5 (see diagram) and looks to be in a strong position. Qais then played 25. ...Rad8 26. Bxd8 Rxd8 losing the exchange and Adam went on to win a few moves later. Had Qais played the best move 25. ...Nf7 then play could have continued 26. Bh4 which Fritz calculates as a narrow win for white more difficult than what actually transpired.

Herman drew his game in round 3 so Adam and Herman went head to head in round 4 and in another difficult game with lots of mistakes on both sides it was Adam who won through. A draw against James Irwin, another ex Lincoln player who now lives in Stowmarket in Suffolk, in the final round meant that Adam took the title on 4 points with Qais and Herman sharing second place on 3½.

The under 135 grading prize was shared by Andreas Sivacenko and Neil Milson.

Details of the Open section next week.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the Lincoln Labour Club, Grafton House, 32 Newland. LN1 1XG on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.  
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