

This week's game has been given to me by Andreas Sivacenko one of Lincoln Chess Club bright new stars. Andreas is originally from Latvia and now lives and works in Lincoln. He walked through our doors about a year ago and immediately made an impact with a string of good results in our club championship as well as some notable wins for our teams in the Lincolnshire League.

In the September grading list Andreas was given a grade of 151, well above the average but fortunately not too high as he can still play in Division 2 where the grading limit is 155.

In his game against Neil Milson in Lincoln's 4-0 win over Louth reported last week he was paired as white and we pick up the game after black has just played 15. ...Be7 (see diagram) materially equal but Andreas is building an attack with his queen side pawns.

Play continued 16. b4 a5 17. Be3 Qd6 18. c5 Qd8 19. Nc3 c6 20. Rad1 Bf8 and all but one of black pieces have been forced back to their starting positions 21. dxc6 Qc7 22. cxb7 Qxb7 gaining a pawn 23. b5 Qc7 24. Nd5 Nxd5 25. exd5 and now Andreas has three passed pawns lined up for the kill 25. ...Qd7 26. d6 Rb8 27. c6 Qe6 28. c7 Rxb5 29. Qc6+ and black resigned as 29. ...Qd7 30. c8(Q)+ is mate.

Meanwhile, in an exciting evening 16 players competed for the Tony Turp Christmas Blitz Memorial Trophy. Ian McDonald and Neil Roberts shared the trophy with 3½ points out of 4 with the two players drawing with each other in round 2.

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