

Lincolnshire's team in the Under 140 grade competition played their opening match of the season when they played hosts to Derbyshire at the Lindum Business Group Atrium. With 3 more counties in the section this year a busy schedule lies ahead with 6 games to play in the qualifying stages with the top 3 going forward to the national quarterfinals.

On board 3 David Scott from Louth was paired as white against Roy Woods from Spondon with the opening following the Budapest defence 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 Ng4 4. e3 Nxe5 with black recapturing the pawn on e5 to provide a strong knight 5. Nc3 d6 6. Nf3 Bg4 7. Be2 Nxf3+ 8. Bxf3 Bxf3 9. Qxf3 c6 but is short lived after an exchange of pieces.

Play continues 10. 0-0 g6 11. b3 Bg7 12. Bb2 Nd7 13. Rfd1 Qe7 14. Rd2 Ne5 15. Qe2 f5 16. Rad1 Nf7 and black retreats his knight to help protect the pawn on d6 but has set up a move for David that can gain an advantage (see diagram) - can you see it?

David played 17. Nd5 cxd5 18. Bxg7 Rg8 19. Bb2 dxc4 20. Qxc4 isolating the pawn on d6 20. ...Qe4 21. Qxe4 fxe4 22. Ba3 and now the pawn is lost after 22. ...Rd8 23. Bxd6 Rxd6 24. Rxd6 Nxd6 25. Rxd6 Ke7 26. Rd4 Rc8 27. Rxe4+ winning another pawn and David went on to win a few moves later.

A win also for Andrew Harris from Lincoln and draws for John Mainwaring, Graham Rae, Frank Robinson, William Orr and John Pocock was not quite enough as Derbyshire ran out 1½-4½ winners.

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