

At the Lincoln Chess Club AGM it was agreed that we would enter a second team in Division 2 South and so Lincoln 'B' was created with the objective to provide valuable match practice for the up and coming players who would, currently, not make it into our premier teams.

One such player is Jason Golding who has impressed with his enthusiasm and willingness to learn since joining the club last year. In his debut for Lincoln 'B' Jason was the team's only success when they visited Louth and in the match featured in this article he was paired as white on board 3 against Chris Cumbers playing for reigning champions Grantham and we pick up the game after black has just played 26. ...Rxe7 (see diagram) with Jason having a queen and rook against two rooks and a knight but with work to do to secure a win.

Play continued 27. Qxa6 Kg8 28. Qd6 Rff7 29. Qxb4 Rb7 30. Qc5 Nd7 31. Qc8+ Nf8 and Jason has won two extra pawns giving him a 5 pawn advantage 32. e5 Kg7 33. g4 Rbc7 34. Qa6 Rxf2 35. c3 Rff7 36. Re1 Rce7 37. b4 Ra7 38. Qc4 Rac7 39. Qb3 Ne6 40. Qxe6 Rxc3+ and black sacrifices his knight to open up Jason's defence and Jason must now guard against a draw by perpetual check or worse 41. Kb2 Rxh3 42. Rc1 Rhf3 43. b5 Rf2+ 44. Kb1 R2f4 45. b6 Rb4+ 46. Ka1 Rb7 and it looks like the pawn on b6 is lost but Jason played 47. Rc7+ Rxc7 48. bxc7 and black resigned.

Again this was Lincoln's only success as Grantham ran out 3-1 winners putting them second in the table on 4 points behind Lincoln 'A' who have won all three of their opening matches.

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