

Lincolnshire's team in the U140 grade qualifying competition played their second match away to Leicestershire when they visited the Old School Rooms at Rothley near Leicester.

On board 11 Andrew Watson was paired as white against Mick Sandham and we pick up the game after black has just played 19. ...Ne7 (see diagram) can you see Andrew's next move.

Andrew played 20. hxg6 fxg6 21. Nxe6 Qd7 22. Nxf8 Rxf8 winning a pawn and the exchange. Play continued 23. f4 Re8 24. Nf1 Nc6 25. Kf2 Bc8 26. f5 Ne4+ 27. Bxe4 dxe4 28. Rc1 Ne7 29. Rc5 Nd5 30. Qb3 Bb7 31. Nd2 Kg7 32. Qc2 Re7 33. Nxe4 Nxe3 and despite black's attempts at a counter attack Andrew regained the initiative with 34. f6+ Kf7 35. Qb3+ Re6 36. Ng5+ Kxf6 37. Nxe6 winning another exchange and black resigned a few moves later.

Wins for David Scott and Graeme Rae from Louth and Terry Bennett from Spalding plus draws for John Mainwaring, Grenville Wollerton, William Egan, Richard Coats, William Orr, Mark Newstead and yours truly was not quite enough as Leicestershire won 8½ to 7½.

Andrew played for both Louth and Horncastle last season but after Horncastle Chess Club folded he decided to set up a new club in his native Skegness where he runs his own Photo Giftware Business. Having looked around he has now found a suitable venue at the Attic Bar Function Rooms (full address below) and has advertised the club including setting up a Facebook Group page which has born fruit with several players coming forward.

Skegness Chess Club meet every Thursday 7-9 pm at the Attic Bar Function Room, Bottons Pleasure Beach, 32 Grand Parade, Skegness PE25 2UQ.

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