

As reported a couple of weeks ago Lincoln Chess Club have decided to field 2 teams in Division 2 South. Thus far the teams had achieved varying degrees of success with the 'A' team winning all three of their opening matches whilst the 'B' team, set up to provide match experience for our up and coming players, had lost theirs. However, Jason Golding had achieved some success winning 2 out of his 3 games for the 'B' team.

So, the fixture list saw the two teams playing each other and on board 2 it was my pleasure to be paired as white against Jason to see if he could add another scalp to his list.

The opening moves followed the queen's gambit 1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. e3 a6 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. c5 c6 6. Be2 Nbd7 7. 0-0 Ne4 and Jason is already moving on to the attack 8. Nbd2 Ndf6 9. Nxe4 dxe4 and Jason elects to retake with the d-pawn 10. Nd2 Bf5 11. Qc2 Qd7 12. Nc4 Qe6 and Jason avoids the knight fork on b6 (see diagram) but still allows me to win the exchange - can you see it?

I played 13. Nb6 Rd8 14. Bc4 Nd5 (forced as his queen is otherwise trapped) 15. Bxd5 Rxd5 16. Nxd5 Qxd5 winning the exchange. Had Jason played 15. ...cxd5 then 16. Qa4+ Rd7 17. Nxd7 would achieve the same result. Jason did have some counter play involving his queen and two bishops but I was able to feed off his attack and went on to win a few moves later.

Wins also for Andrew Harris, Neil Roberts and William Orr, who has joined Lincoln after Horncastle Chess Club folded, gave Lincoln 'A' a 4-0 win.

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