

Grantham Sharks 2, Lincolnshire's team in the 4NCL played in their first week-end of this season's campaign when they played Barbican 4NCL 2. This season they are in Pool B with the matches against the other 7 teams spread over 4 week-ends. The top 4 teams in Pool B then join the top 4 in Pool A to form a promotion pool with the top 4 gaining promotion to Division 1. Last season Grantham reached the promotion pool but were unable to finish in the top 4 and so stayed in Division 2.

In this match Samuel Milson from Louth was paired as black on board 7 against Zaki Harari with the opening following the French defense 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Qb6 5. a3 Nc6 6. Nf3 Nh6 7. b4 cxd4 8. cxd4 Nf5 and Samuel puts pressure on white's pawn on d4 9. Be3 h5 10. Bd3 Bd7 11. 0-0 Be7 12. Nc3 Nxe3 13. fxe3 and Samuel take the bishop for a knight to leave white's pawn on e3 hanging 13. ...g5 14. Na4 Qd8 15. Nc5 Bc8 16. Rcl and white seems to now be on the attack with the knight on c5 and the rook on c1 looking menacing (see diagram). However, this latest move by white has provided Samuel with an opportunity - can you see it?

Samuel played 16. ...g4 17. Ne1 Bg5 attacking the hanging pawn on e3 18. Qe2 Nxd4 19. exd4 Bxc1 and Samuel won a rook and a pawn for a knight and went on to win.

Wins also for Bao Nghia Dong, Aditya Munchi, Liam Varnam, Rupert Willis and Hugh Murphy gave Grantham a 6-2 win.

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