

Lincoln A were in action when they were the visitors to St.James church hall in Louth for the latest match in Division 2 South. With 4 wins out of 4 Lincoln A were top of the table while the hosts, with only 2 points from 3 matches, were second lying second from bottom of the table so needed to get something out of the match to keep in touch with the leading pack.

On board 2 Lincoln A's Herman Kok was paired as white against Keith Palmer who he has already lost to twice this season in other meetings between the two clubs so needed to be on top form and we pick up this game after black has just played 31. ...a4 perhaps feeling there was no progress to be made with 31. ...axb4 32. cxb4 (see diagram) but this provided an opportunity for Herman - can you see it?

Herman played 32. Rc5 Rc8 33. d5 exd5 34. exd5 Re7 35. dxc6 winning a pawn Re2+ 36. Kb1 Re1+ 37. Kc2 Re2+ 38. Rd2 Re6 39. c7 Re7 40. Rdd5 Rexc7 41. Rxc7 Rxc7 42. Rxb5 and Herman regains his pawn advantage and now has 2 passed pawns.

However, black still had some counter play with 42. ...Rc4 43. Rd4 Rxf4 regaining the pawn but Herman's pawns are on the march 44. b5 Rf2+ 45. Rd2 Rf6 46. c4 Kf8 47. Kc3 Ke7 48. Kb4 Rd6 49. Rc2 Kd8 50. c5 Rd4+ 51. Ka5 Rd3 52. Kb6 Rxa3 53. Kb7 Re3 54. c6 Re7+ 55. Kb8 Rc7 56. Rd2+ and black resigned as the rook is lost.

In a remarkable night there were also wins for Andreas Sivacenko, Ian McDonald and captain Jules Brown as Lincoln A ran out 4-0 winners.

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