

This week's game has been sent to me by Allan Nelder from Grantham who featured on board 7 in the win by Lincolnshire's win against Nottinghamshire in the Midland Counties Under 140 grade qualifying section as reported last week.

Allan was a regular player at Grantham in the 1990's but took a back seat from chess until his retirement last year and has picked up where he left off with some good results in both the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire leagues.

Allan was paired as white against Graham Neil who plays for the Nomads club in Nottingham with opening following the Robatsch (modern) Defence 1. e4 g6 2. d4 e6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. f4 Ne7 5. Nf3 0-0 which secures black's defence with the bishop on g7 but allows white's pawns to dominate the centre 6. Bc4 c6 7. a4 d5 and finally black counters this domination 8. Bb3 Nd7 9. Be3 Qc7 10. Qd2 b6 11. g4 Bb7 12. f5 exf5 13. Bf4 Qd8 and Allan presses forward with pawns and bishop forcing black to retreat (see diagram).

Allan continued to advance with 14. gxf5 Kh8 with black worried about the threat from the bishop on b3 15. 0-0-0 dxe4 16. Ng5 Nd5 17. Bd6 Bh6 18. Nxe4 Kg7 and Allan piles on the pressure 19. Bxf8 Qxf8 winning the exchange 20. fxc6 hxc6 21. Rhf1 Qd8 and black realizes that the pawn on f7 is lost so moves his queen out of danger 22. Rxf7+ Kg8 23. Rxd7 Qc8 and black cannot retake as 23. ...Qxd7 14. Nf6+ follows with the knight on d5 pinned 24. Nf6+ and black resigned as 25. ...Kf8 26. Ngh7 mate or 25. ...Kh8 26. Rh7 mate follows.

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