

Lincolnshire's team played their third match in the Open/Minor Counties group stages when they entertained Leicestershire at the Lindum Business Park Atrium in North Hykeham. Having beaten Worcestershire and drawn with Nottinghamshire they were joint leaders of the group which also involves Warwickshire so a good result was needed to consolidate first place with the top three from the group going forward to the national stages.

On board 8 Jason Dilley from Grantham was paired as white against Andy Morley from Wigston and we pick up the game after black has just played 46. ...Kf5 (see diagram) with Jason having an extra pawn but the king side pawn structure is very weak so it looks like it is a race to line to get a pawn promoted 47. Kxd5 Kxf4 48. Ke6 Kf3 49. d5 Kxf2 50. d6 g3 51. d7 g2 52. d8=Q g1=Q and both players gain promotion at the same time.

Jason now played 53. Qd4+ Kf1 54. Qxg1+ Kxg1 as he calculated that he could get to the pawn on h5 first 55. Kf5 Kf2 56. Kg5 Ke3 57. Kxh5 Kd3 58. Kg5 Kc3 59. h5 Kb3 60. h6 Kxa3 61. h7 Kxb4 so while Jason is promoting another pawn black is clearing a path for his remaining pawns 62. h8=Q a5 63. Qb2+ Kc4 64. Kf4 b4 65. Qc2+ Kb5 66. Ke4 a4 67. Qd3+ Kb6 68. Qc4 and black resigned.

Wins also for Chris Dorrington, Nigel Birtwistle and Andy Hebert from Grantham, Murray Smith from Lincoln and Samuel Milson from Louth plus draws for Joe Kilshaw, Stuart Williams, Ivan David, David Coates and Arya Parnian gave Lincolnshire a narrow win by 8½ to 7½.

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