

Lincolnshire's team in the correspondence chess tournament is now well underway. As previously reported Harry Russell from Louth won both his games on board 1 giving us an early lead in Division 3 of the inter counties competition.

On board 7 it was my pleasure to be paired against Frank Holt playing for Yorkshire D with two games being played, one as white and one as black. In my game where I was white we pick up the game after black has just played 24. ...Kg7 (see diagram) with black having an extra king side pawn but with my rooks controlling the d-file.

I played 25. Nd7 Bxd7 26. Rxd7+ Kg8 giving me control of the 7th rank 27. Re7 Rbd8 28. Re1 Rf6 29. Kc1 Kf8 30. Rxb7 winning the pawn. Black counterattacked with 30. ...gxf4 31. gxf4 Rd4 threatening my pawn on f4 32. c3 Rd3 33. h4 Be3+ 34. Kc2 Rd2+ 35. Kb1 Bxf4 retaking the pawn but my king is in a safe position.

I now played 36. Rg1 Be3 37. Rgg7 putting both my rooks on the 7th rank 37. ...f4 but now black has a passed pawn 38. Rh7 Kg8 39. Rbg7+ Kf7 40. Rc7 Kg8 41. Rhe7 Bb6 42. Rb7 Bc5 43. Rg7+ Kh8 44. Rh7+ Kg8 45. Rbg7+ Kf8 46. b4 Rf5 and black threatens my bishop on h5 rather than move his bishop 47. Rb7 Kg8 48. Rhg7+ Kh8 and this time I have maneuvered black's king into the corner 49. bxc5 Rxh5 50. c6 Rxh5 51. Rg1 f3 and it is a race to the line with our passed pawns but I win as I played 52. c7 Rc4 53. Rb8+ and black resigned as his rook is lost.

I also won my game as black and the team are top of the table on 4 points.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the Lincoln Labour Club, Grafton House, 32 Newland. LN1 1XJ on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.
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