

Lincoln's 'A' team in Division 2 South continued their campaign when they visited the Services and Social Club in Spalding. Lincoln have won all their first 5 matches so were in confident mood although Spalding themselves are no slouches lying in second place on 6 points having beaten last year's champions Grantham.

On board 1 Lincoln's Andreas Sivacenko was paired as black against Spalding stalwart Jan van Gemeren with the opening following the Scandinavian Defense 1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. g3 Nxd5 4. Bg2 e6 5. Ne2 Bd6 6. 0-0 0-0 and both sides have castled 7. d4 c6 8. c4 Ne7 9. Nbc3 h6 10. Bd2 Nd7 11. Rc1 Nf6 12. a3 a5 13. Qc2 Nf5 14. Ne4 Be7 15. Bc3 Nxe4 16. Bxe4 Bf6 17. Bxf4 exf4 and Andreas now has doubled up f-pawns but the centre is now open.

Play continued 18. f4 b6 19. Rcd1 Qc7 20. Nc1 Ba6 21. b3 a4 22. Rfe1 axb3 23. Qxb3 Rfd8 24. Ne2 Re8 25. Nc1 Rad8 and now rooks on both sides are poised on the central files 26. Ne2 Bc8 27. Bb2 Bb7 28. Qd3 c5 29. Qb3 cxd4 and Andreas breaks the impasse (see diagram).

This precipitated an exchange of pieces 30. Bxd4 Bxd4+ 31. Rxd4 Bc6 32. Rxd8 Rxd8 33. Nc3 Rd2 a decisive move giving control of the second rank to black 34. Nd5 Bxd5 35. cxd5 Qc5+ 36. Kh1 Qf2 and white resigned as mate follows.

Draws for captain Jules Brown and William Orr meant that the match finished as a 2-2 draw.

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