

Lincoln's 'A' team in Division 2 South embarked on the new season when they were the visitors to the Services and Social club in Spalding. Lincoln 'A' were champions last season so were hoping for a good result in the defense of their title.

On board 3 Lincoln's William Orr was paired as black against Spalding's Jamie Smith. William joined Lincoln last season having previously played for Horncastle before they folded and also captains the county team in the Under 140 section.

The game started with the Reti opening named after the Czechoslovakian master Richard Reti 1. Nf3 Nf6 2. b3 g6 3. Bb2 Bg7 4. e4 d6 (not 4. Nxe4 Bxg7) 5. d3 c5 6. Be2 Nc6 7. Nbd2 0-0 and in a circumspect opening William castles to consolidate his defense with the black squared bishops poised to strike.

White provoked an exchange of pieces with 8. d4 cxd4 9. Nxd4 Qb6 but brought his queen into play 10. Nc4 Qb4+ 11. Qd2 and white chose to defend with the queen on d2 (see diagram) presenting William with an opportunity - can you see it?

William played 11. ...Nxd4 12. Bc3 Nxe4 13. Bxb4 Nxd2 effectively exchanging queens 14. Kxd2 Nxe2 15. Kxe2 Bxa1 16. Rxa1 and William is now the exchange and a pawn to the good and went on to win a few moves later.

There was a win also for Graeme Rae who has also joined Lincoln from Horncastle. Meanwhile, on board 2 Jules Brown, last season's captain, took a draw to win the match for Lincoln 2½ to 1½ - his last match before he departs to Bolivia for a six month secondment.

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