

Lincolnshire's team in the Under 140 grade competition played their second match in the Midland Counties qualifying competition when they were visitors to Derbyshire at the Rolls Royce sports complex in Derby. Having lost their first match to Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire needed a result to move up the table whereas Derbyshire were equally keen having lost both of their opening matches.

On board 6, Mark Newstead who now lives in Leicestershire was paired as white against Mike Boreham who plays for the Rolls Royce Chess Club with the opening following the French Defence 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. Bb3 cxd4 7. cxd4 Bd7 8. 0-0 Nxd4 9. Nxd4 Qxd4 and black wins a pawn in the exchange 10. Nc3 Qxe5 and another pawn falls to black (see diagram) but this is part of a cunning plan (can you see it?)

Mark played 11. Re1 Qd6 12. Nb5 Qb6 13. Be3 Bc5 14. Bxc5 Qxc5 15. Rc1 Qb6 16. Nc7+ Kf8 17. Nxa8 winning back the rook and preventing black from castling putting black's knight and rook out of the game 17. ...Qd8 18. Nc7 a6 19. Qb3 Bc6 20. Qb6 Qd7 21. Bxa6 Ne7 (not 21. ...bxa6 22. Qxc6). Mark now closes in for the kill 22. Bxb7 Bxb7 23. Qxb7 Qd8 24. Nxd5 Qxd5 25. Qb8+ and black resigned (24. ...Nxd5 25. Rc8 was equally terminal).

Wins also for Grenville Wollerton and Alan Nelder from Grantham, Graeme Rae from Lincoln, Terry Bennett from Spalding and Andrew Watson from Skegness plus draws for Will Grummitt, John Mainwaring, Neil Roberts, Glyn Williams, Charles Moss and Paul Fischer gave Lincolnshire 9-7 win.

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