

The Tuesday night tournament continues and seems to be proving popular as 12 players entered allowing the full 5 rounds to be played with 10 minutes on the clock plus a five second increment for each move.

Chris Dorrington took the plaudits this time winning all his games with the key game coming in round 4 when he beat top seed Samuel Milson on time after a tense struggle.

Chris's best game came in the last round when he was paired as white against Allan Marshall, who himself finished in third place on 3 points, and we pick up the game after black has played 15. ...Nf4+ (see diagram) with the game materially equal.

Play continued 16. Ke3 0-0 17. Rhg1 Rad8 18. d4 Ng6 19. Rg5 exd4+ 20. cxd4 c6 21. Rag1 b5 22. Bb3 a5 23. a3 a4 24. Ba2 Kh8 and Chris's bishop is forced back to a2 but is still controlling the a2 to g8 diagonal 25. h4 f6 26. Rc5 Nxh5 27. Rxc6 Rc8 and the exchange of pawns has given each player a passed pawn.

Chris played 28. d5 Rxc6 29. dxc6 Rc8 30. Rc1 Rc7 31. Bd5 Ng2+ 32. Kd4 Nf4 33. Rc2 g5 34. Kc5 h5 35. Kb6 Rc8 36. c7 h4 37. Kb7 Rxc7+ 38. Kxc7 h3 and black has to sacrifice his rook but still has the passed pawn on h3 39. Kb6 Ng2 40. Rc1 and black resigned.

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