

The now regular Tuesday Night online tournament is still proving to be popular with 11 players taking part which was enough for the full 5 rounds to take place, with each round starting on 10 minutes with a 5 second increment for each move.

Steven Prior from Grantham was this week's winner playing under the pseudonym of Atomic Bacon winning all his games with Allan Marshall from Boston second on 3.5 and Herman Kok, Peter Cusick, Andrew Watson and Jason Gillatt tying for third place on 3 points.

Steven's best game came in the final round when he was paired as white against Herman Kok with the opening moves following the Ruy Lopez, named after the sixteenth century Spanish priest, 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 b5 5. Bb3 Nd4 and Herman played the Caro variation 6. Nxd4 exd4 doubling up his d pawns but with an awkward pawn on d4.

Play continued 7. 0-0 Bb7 8. c3 d3 9. Qf3 Nf6 10. Qxd3 Bxe4 taking the potentially awkward pawn but Herman takes the pawn on e4 maintaining parity and attacking Steve's queen (see diagram).

Steve played 11. Re1 Be7 12. Rxe4 Nxe4 13. Qxe4 exchanging a rook for a bishop and knight 13. ...0-0 14. d4 Re8 15. Be3 Bg5 16. Qf3 d5 17. Bxd5 Bxe3 18. Bxf7+ Kh8 19. Bxe8 Qe7 20. Qxe3 and Herman resigned as this exchange would leave him a piece and two pawns down.

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