

The Tuesday night tournaments continued with 18 players taking part this week - a good turn out for what looks like the best day of the week for most players. Again this was a five round swiss event with 10 minutes on the clock plus a 5 second increment.

Coming into the final round Lincoln's Dave Bull led the field on 3.5 points having drawn with yours truly in round 2 followed by Peter Cusick from Grantham and Tim Smith from Grimsby both on 3 points and in the final round Peter and Dave went head to head and we pick up the game after Dave, as white, has just played 19. Qxd1 completing the exchange of rooks (see diagram) can you see Peter's next move?

Peter played 19. ...Qb4 attacking both the pawns on b2 and e4. Dave replied with 20. Qd7 Qe1+ 21. Kh2 Qxf2 22. Qxb7 Qf4+ 23. Kg1 Qxe4 24. Qxa7 Qxc2 25. Qb8+ Kh7 26. Qb7 Kg6 and thus far Peter has been able to gain and keep the one pawn advantage but Dave still has some counterplay with the passed pawn on a2 whilst Peter's pawn on e6 is also a threat.

Play continued 27. Qb4 e5 28. a4 e4 29. a5 e3 30. Qe1 Qxb2 31. Qxe3 Qa1+ 32. Kh2 Qxa5 33. Qe4+ Qf5 34. Qxc6+ f6 35. Qe8+ Kh7 36. Qe7 Qe5+ forcing an exchange of queens 37. Qxe5 fxe5 and Peter went on to win a few moves later.

Tim Smith also won his last game so shared first place with Peter on 4 points, as did I so I shared third place with Dave on 3.5 points.

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