

The so called Tuesday Night Torture! Tournament continued with 16 players prepared to risk the rack and thumb screws in the 5 round event with 10 minutes on the clock with a 5 second increment for each move made.

After round 4 Martin Pettinger from Grantham and Kevin McCarthy from Lincoln were joint leaders on 3.5 points and they went head-to-head in the final round and we pick up the game after Kevin, as black, has just played 17. ...Bf4 (see diagram) materially equal.

After a relatively sedate opening the carnage was about to begin with the pawns on d4 and d5 being particularly destructive 18. Ne5 Nxe5 19. dxe5 Bxg3 20. exf6 Bxh2+ 21. Kh1 Rf7 and Kevin is now a pawn up 22. Qh5 d4 23. Bg6 Rxf6 24. Bxe8 dxc3 25. Bxd7 cxb2 26. Rab1 Bd6 and after the latest exchanges Martin is now a rook to the good but Kevin has 2 extra pawns.

Martin pressed home the advantage with 27. Qe8+ Rf8 28. Bxe6+ Kh7 29. Qh5 Bxa3 30. Bf5+ Kg8 31. Qg6 Qf4 32. Qh7+ Kf7 33. Be6+ Kf6 34. Qd3 Kg5 35. Qxa3 Qh4+ 36. Qh3 Qxf2 37. Qg4+ Kf6 38. Rf1 Ke7 39. Rxf2 Rxf2 and Martin won Kevin's queen for a rook and went on to win a few moves later thus winning the tournament on 4.5 points with Kevin sharing second place on 3.5 with Peter Cusick from Grantham and Jason Gillatt from Lincoln University.

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