

The Tuesday night tournaments continued with a new name on the honours board. Keith Noons, secretary of the Barton-on-Humber chess club, was this week's winner. With only 8 entries this time the competition was limited to three rounds but with the same time controls of 10 minutes on the clock plus a 5 second increment.

Keith won all of his games with the best coming in round 2 when he was paired as white against Stuart MacDonald from Grimsby and we pick up the game after Stuart has just played 17. ...Be5 (see diagram). A series of exchanges took place as play continued 18. dxc6 bxc6 19. b5 cxb5 20. Nxb5 Bxb5 21. cxb5 Rb8 22. a4 a6 and thus far parity has been retained but this changed with 23. bxa6 Qa5 24. Rc6 Rb4 25. Nc4 Qxa4 26. Qxa4 Rxa4 27. Nxd6 Bxd6 28. Rxd6 leaving Keith a pawn up.

Keith took advantage as play continued 28. ...g4 29. Rc1 Ne8 30. Rb6 Nf6 31. Rcc6 Nd5 32. Rb7 Ra8 and black is attacking the pawn on a6 33. Bf1 Nb4 34. Rf6 Nc2 35. Rxf5 Ne1 and another pawn falls 36. Rh5 Nf3+ 37. Kg2 Ne1+ 38. Kh1 Ra1 39. Rhxh7+ Kg8 and Keith is now 3 pawns up 40. h4 R8xa6 and black was setting a trap hoping for 41. Bxa6 Nf3+ 42. Kg2 Rg1 mate but instead Keith played 41. Bc4+ Kf1 42. Rb8 mate.

With the tournament finishing early I was able to watch the second half of Lincoln's game on i-follow in their win against Morecambe.

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