

The Tuesday night tournaments continued with 14 players taking part this time. This allowed the full five rounds to be played with 10 minutes on the clock plus a 5 minute increment. This week it was Jason Gillatt from Lincoln University who took the plaudits with a maximum 5 points. This was Jason's first tournament win but he has improved week on week since he has been entering the online tournament as well as joining us at Lincoln Chess club on Wednesday evenings.

His best game came in the last round when he was paired as white against top seed Martin Pettinger and we pick up the game after Martin has just played 21. ...a4 (see diagram) with his pawns on a4 and b4 looking very threatening. However, Jason had other ideas and his next move opened up black's defense - can you see it?

Jason played 22. Bb5 Bxb5 giving away the bishop but this allowed Jason to play 23. Nd5 Qc5 24. Nxf6+ Kd8 25. Qxg5 exf6 26. Qg8+ Kc7 27. Qxa8 winning both of blacks rooks providing excellent return for the bishop sacrifice. Jason still had to be wary against a skillful opponent as Martin played 27. ...b3 28. Re7+ Bd7 29. axb3 axb3 30. cxb3 Qxf5+ 31. Ka1 Qc5 32. Rxd7+ Kxd7 33. Qb7+ Ke8 34. Re1+ Kf8 35. Qb8+ Kg7 36. Re4 f5 37. Rxh4 Qe3 and Jason needs to guard against any opportunity for black to force a draw so he played 38. Qh8+ Kg6 39. Qh6+ Qxh6 40. Rxh6+ Kxh6 41. b4 and black resigned unable to prevent the pawn promotion.

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