

The Tuesday Night Torture continued with another disappointing turnout of only 10 players. The full 5 rounds require a minimum of 12 players so only 4 rounds were possible but, never the less, a high qualify field took part with each round starting with 10 minutes on the clock plus a 5 second increment for each move.

Martin Pettinger from Grantham was top seed and finished in first place on 3.5 points drawing with Stuart MacDonald from Grimsby in the last round. In joint second place on 3 points were Jason Gillatt from Lincoln University and John Pocock from Grantham.

Martin's best game came in round 2 against Jason with the opening following the Scotch Gambit, Dubois-Reti Defence 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 where white sacrifices a pawn 4. Bc4 Nf6 5. e5 d5 6. Bb5 Ne4 7. Nxd4 Bd7 but wins it back with a slightly better position having the pawn on e5.

Play continued 8. 0-0 Bc5 9. Bxc6 Bxc6 10. Be3 0-0 11. Nd2 Nxd2 12. Qxd2 Bd7 13. Rad1 Re8 14. Nf3 Bxe3 15. Qxe3 c6 16. Rd2 Bg4 17. Re1 Qc7 18. Rde2 f6 19. h3 Bxf3 20. Qxf3 fxe5 and Jason wins the pawn 21. Qg3 Qb6 22. Rxe5 Rxe5 23. Qxe5 but this advantage is short lived 23. ...Rf8 24. Qe6+ Kh8 25. Re2 Qxb2 26. Qe7 Qf6 27. Qxb7 Qa1+ 28. Kh2 Qxa1 and Martin has now has the pawn advantage and his next move proved decisive (see diagram) can you see it?

Martin played 29. Qf7 Qa3 30. Re8 Qd6+ 31. g3 h6 32. Qxf8+ Qxf8 33. Rxf8+ Kh7 and with the rook advantage black resigned a few moves later.

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