

Pandora's Box Grantham were in action when they played the second of their matches in the 4NCL Division 2 Promotion Pool. After losing their opening match they were still in contention for promotion to Division 1 lying in joint second place on 5 points with South Wales Dragons who were their opponents in this week's featured match.

On board 4 Pandora's Chris Ross, who is one of the country's top visually impaired players and who also plays for the Braille Chess Association, was paired as white against Dragon's David James and we pick up the game after black has just played 53. ...Ke5 (see diagram) preventing Chris from playing 54. Kd4 and backing up his pawn advance. However, Chris found a move which turned the tables - can you see it?

Chris played 54. Rd3 as black cannot play 54. ...exd3. Instead black played 54. ...Rf8 55. Rd4 e3 56. Kd3 Rd7 57. Re4+ Kf6 58. fxe3 Kg7 59. exf4 gxf4 60. Re7+ Rxe7 61. Rxe7+ and these exchanges have left Chris a pawn up 61. ...Kg6 62. Ke2 Rb8 63. Kf3 b6 64. Kxf4 bxa5 65. bxa5 Rc8 66. Re6+ Kf7 67. Rxd6 Rxc4+ 68. Kg5 Rc5 69. Rxa6 Rxd5+ 70. Kxh4 and with a three pawn advantage black resigned a couple of moves later.

Wins also for Paul Cumbers and Sue Maroroa together with draws for Peter Batchelor and Kevin McCarthy meant that the teams drew 4-4 leaving Pandora still in equal second place with Warwickshire Select I and South Wales Dragons with their next opponents, Sambuca Sharks, one point behind.

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