

This week's game features David Coates in the Division 1 match played at Louth featured in this column last week ago where Lincoln ran out 3½ to 1½ winners.

David was paired as white against Louth's David Bale and we pick up the game after black has just played 19. ...Bxe5 following an exchange of pieces (see diagram) can you see David's next move?

David played 20. Nc4 Bg7 21. Nb6 and now has a powerful knight restricting black's options 21. ...Bg4 22. f3 Bd7 23. Nxd7 Qxd7 24. Na4 Nf6 25. Nb6 with his other knight taking up the same position 25. ...Qc7 26. Bh3 and now David's bishop imposes further restrictions 26. ...Rbd8 27. Qd3 Re7 28. Rc2 Nd7 29. Bxd7 Rxd7 30. Nxd7 Qxd7 and black has to sacrifice the exchange to relieve the strangle hold.

David secured the position with 31. Kg2 Qd8 32. Ra2 Rc7 33. Rc1 Qc8 34. Rc4 h6 35. Rac2 Bf8 preparing for the final push 36. b4 Kh7 36. bxc5 dxc5 37. d6 Rc6 38. e5 Qd8 39. Rxc5 and black resigned.

Meanwhile, there will be an interesting debate at next month's county AGM. This will centre around the new ECF membership scheme, which comes into effect on September 1, and its impact on Lincolnshire chess. Details of the new scheme can be found on the ECF web-site [www.englishchess.org.uk](http://www.englishchess.org.uk)

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