

This week's game has been sent to me by John Grasham. John is secretary of Louth Chess Club and also secretary of both Lincolnshire Chess Association and the Midland Counties Chess Union. We work very closely together in the areas of chess administration as I also hold posts at both county and regional level although there is usually no quarter given when we meet over the board.

Anyway, enough about me as this game was against Amy Milson, who I have seen growing up at Louth Chess Club into a more than useful player, supported by father Neil, who is a good player himself, and brother Samuel who is one of the county's top players.

Both Samuel and Amy are at university now, Samuel at Sheffield and Amy is in her first year at York.

During the half-term break Amy and John met in round 3 of the Doncaster Congress held at Hall Cross School and we pick up the game after Amy, as white, has just played 22. Qg6+ and seems to have John in all sorts of trouble with a king side attack (see diagram).

John played 22. ...Kh8 and Amy looked to be closing in with 23. Nh4 but in one of those 'clutching defeat out of the jaw of victory' games we have all been involved in this gave John an opportunity to counter attack can you see it?

John played 23. ...Be8 24. Qg3 Bxh5 winning the piece 25. Nh4 fxe5 26. Ng6+ Kh7 27. Nxe5 Bxe5 winning another piece 28. Qh4 Rxc2+ 29. Kh1 Bf3 30. Rc3 Rg4+ and Amy resigned.

John finished just out of the prize money on 2½ out of 5.

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