

This week's game has been sent to me by Alastair Summers from his game playing for Lincolnshire against Warwickshire which I reported on last week when Lincolnshire ran out 12-4 winners. Alastair is a retired schoolteacher and during his long career taught at Stamford School and in his last year he established a chess club which still thrives today. He currently plays for Peterborough in the Cambridge League but is eligible to play for Lincolnshire as the rules state that you can have had 5 or more years residency in the county, which of course he did when he was at Stamford.

In this game he was paired as black on board 11 against Jon Turner from Warley Quinbourne and we pick up the game after Alastair has just played 24. ...Nxd8 (see diagram) after an exchange of rooks leaving just a knight on each side to keep the pawns company.

Play continued 25. Kf1 Ne6 26. g3 (preventing 26. ...Nf4) so Alastair played 26. ...Nc5 27. Nd2 (protecting the pawn on e4) but now played 27. ...Na4 28. c4 Nxb2 29. cxb5 axb5 and Alastair has gained a pawn.

Work still needs to be done to press home the advantage as play continued 30. Nb3 Na4 31. f3 Nc3 32. Nc1 Kf7 33. Ke1 Ke6 34. Kd2 Na4 35. Nd3 c5 and now Alastair can advance his pawn having brought his king into play 36. a3 Kd6 37. f4 Nb6 38. Nb2 c4 39. Nd1 Kc5 40. Nc3 b4 41. axb4 Kxb4 42. fxe5 fxe5 43. g4 Na4 44. Nd5+ Kb3 45. Kc1 c3 46. Ne7 and white vainly hopes to mount a counter attack but to no avail as Alastair played 46. ...Nc5 47. Nc6 Nd3+ and white resigned.

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