

The Lincolnshire players were involved in an interesting variation of online chess when they played in a Chess 960 tournament or sometimes known as Fischer Random Chess devised by Bobby Fischer some years ago.

In this game the starting position is not that found in a normal game but the piece positions have been randomly selected by the computer. In the featured game between Samuel Milson from Louth as white and Lincoln's Murray Smith the opening position is shown in the diagram.

With no book moves to follow the players had to make it up as they went along and with only 6 minutes on the clock they had little time to think 1. g3 g6 2. f4 f5 and both players are opening the centre for their bishops 3. e4 fxe4 4. Bxf4 Nb6 5. Nb3 d5 6. Bf3 Nfd7 7. d4 Nc4 8. c3 c6 9. Ne3 Nxe3 10. Bxe3 Be6 11. g4 Nf6 12. h3 0-0-0 and Murray castled queen's side which actually meant that the king and rook (on c8) changed places.

Play continued 13. Qd3 h5 14. Nc5 Qd6 15. Bf2 Bd7 16. Nxd7 Nxd7 17. Bg3 g5 18. Qf5 hxg4 19. Bxg4 gxf4 20. Bxf4 Qf6 21. Qxf6 Bxf6 22. Rd6 Rh8 23. Kd2 Rdf8 24. Bg3 Kd8 25. Rce1 Bg5+ 26. Kd3 Nf6 27. Bf5 Ne4 28. Be5 Rh5 29. Bg4 Nf2+ 30. Kc2 Nxe4 31. hxg4 Rf2+ 32. Kb3 Rh4 and it looks like Murray is about to take the pawn on g4 but overlooked 33. Bg3 forking the rooks and he resigned.

In the Arena style format Samuel played 8 games in the 2 hours allocated and won all his matches with Jason Dille from Grantham in second place.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the Lincoln Labour Club, Grafton House, 32 Newland. LN1 1XJ on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Although we are yet to meet due to the lockdown www.lincolnchessclub.co.uk

