

Lincolnshire's team in the National Online County Championships played their penultimate match in the Open section group stages when they played Yorkshire in Division 1A. Having won their first 3 matches Lincolnshire were in confident mood, and were given a boost when Yorkshire defaulted the bottom two boards.

On board 4 Jason Dilley from Grantham was paired as white against Christopher Bak from Bradford and we pick up the game after black has just played 28. ...e4 (see diagram) materially equal and hoping that Jason would play 29. fxe4 Rxe4 maintaining parity. However Jason played 29. f4 giving black a passed pawn on e4 but this pawn is also isolated.

Play continued 29. ...b5 30. axb5 axb5 31. Ke3 b4 32. Rc7 bxc3 33. bxc3 Ra8 and black unable to defend the pawn on c5 34. Kxe4 Ra4+ 35. Kf5 Kh7 36. Rxc5 Ra2 and Jason is now two pawns up but his g and h pawns are vulnerable 37. g4 Rxh2 38. c4 Ra2 39. Rc7 Ra6 40. c5 Rf6+ 41. Ke5 Rg6 42. c6 Rxg4 and black has regained the two pawns but Jason's pawn c-pawn on the march 43. Rd7 Rg1 44. Rd5 Rg6 45. Rc5 and black resigned.

Wins also for Samuel Milson, Stephen Prior, Nick Stead and David Coates plus draws for Matthew Turner, Murray Smith, Nigel Birtwistle and Joe Kilshaw plus the two defaults gave Lincolnshire a comprehensive 9-3 win.

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.lincolinchessclub.co.uk

