

The latest tournament involving only those players with an FIDE grade of U1600 took place with 16 taking part in the 6 round swiss event with 10 minutes on the clock. Steve Lewis was this week's champion winning all of his games whilst yours truly came second with 5 points, losing only to Steve in round 3.

In this game Steve, as white, opened with 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 whilst I responded with the King's Indian Defence 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 0-0 5. e4 d6 allowing white's pawns to control the centre 6. Be2 e5 7. d5 a5 8. Bg5 h6 9. Be3 Ng4 10. Qd2 Nxe3 11. fxe3 and Steve elected to retake with the f-pawn, doubling up this e-pawns but opening up the f-file.

Play continued 12. ...Na6 13. 0-0 Nc5 14. Qc2 Bd7 15. a3 c6 16. b4 axb4 17. axb4 Na6 forcing my knight to retreat 18. dxc6 bxc6 19. b5 cxb5 20. Nxb5 Bxb5 21. cxb5 Nc5 and Steve now has a dangerous passed pawn on b5 22. Bc4 Qb6 23. Rxa8 Rxa8 24. Nd2 Ra7 25. Nb3 Nxb3 26. Qxb3 and now Steve has everything aimed at my pawn on f7 (see diagram).

All I could do is play 26. ...Qb7 but Steve still played 27. Bxf7+ Kh8 winning the pawn and now Steve returned to the other side of the board to take full advantage of his passed pawn 28. Bd5 Qb6 29. Kh1 h5 30. h3 Bh6 31. Rf3 Qc5 32. b6 Ra1+ 33. Kh2 Qc8 34. b7 Qb8 35. Qc3 and I resigned.

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

