

The latest Thursday night tournament took place with only 12 players taking part. Organizer Kevin McCarthy added his name to the list to ensure that the event included the full six rounds with 10 minutes on the clock for each round.

Coming into the last round Samuel Milson from Louth led the field on 4.5 points with Kevin in second place on 3.5 and they met in round 6 with Kevin needing a win to share the spoils.

Play began with Kevin as white with the queen's opening 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g5 deviating from any book moves as Kevin could have taken the pawn. However, thinking this may be a trap he declined the offer and played 3. e4 h6 4. e5 Ng8 forcing the knight back to its starting position 5. f4 e6 6. Bd3 Bg7 7. Qh5 Nc6 8. Nf3 gxf4 9. Bxf4 b6 10. 0-0 Qe7 and Kevin has castled and developed all his minor pieces while black is struggling to make any progress 11. Bg3 Bb7 12. Bh4 Qf8 13. Ne2 Nge7 14. Nd2 d6 15. exd6 cxd6 16. c3 Qg8 17. Nc4 Rd8 18. Rae1 Nxd4 (see diagram) and after all Kevin's efforts it looks like Samuel has found a counter attack involving queen and bishop.

However, Kevin found a neat reply with 19. Bxe7 Nxe2+ 20. Rxe2 Kxe7 21. Ne3 Be5 22. Ng4 Rf8 23. Nxe5 dxe5 24. Qxd5 Rd8 and now Kevin is able to attack the exposed king 25. Bb5 Bd5 26. Qc7+ Kf8 27. Qxd8+ Kg7 winning the rook 28. Qf6+ Kf8 29. c4 Bb7 30. Rd1 and black resigned unable to prevent 31. Rd8 mate.

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

