

Early June has, for some years, been the time when Louth Chess Club organize their Rapidplay tournament. Normally, a well contested event and also a chance to meet up with fellow players during the summer break.

In 2020, social contact was restricted but it was decided to go ahead with the Louth Rrapidplay but to play the games online. The format was to have 6 rounds with 20 minutes on the clock for each game.

This week's featured game came in round 4 between Denis Georgiou, secretary of Scunthorpe Chess Club, and Joe Kilshaw who, at the time was a member of Grimsby Chess Club but has since moved to Scunthorpe.

The opening moves with Joe as white, followed the Sicilian Defense 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 but following the Canal-Sokolsky attack 3. Bb5+ Nc6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Qxd4 Bd7 6. Bxc6 Bxc6 and so far materially equal but with white ahead on development 7. Nc3 Nf6 8. Bg5 e6 9. 0-0-0 Be7 and Joe brings his rook into play by castling queen side.

Joe pressed ahead with 10. e5 dxe5 11. Qxe5 Qb6 12. Nd4 Ng4 (see diagram) with Denis attacking Joe's queen and also threatening the pawn on f2. Joe replied with 13. Qxg7 Bxg5+ 14. Qxg5 Nxf2 forking Joe's rooks 15. Qf6 Rg8 16. Qxf2 Rxg2 and although Denis wins another pawn to compensate for the loss of the piece 17. Qf6 Rg6 18. Qh8+ Ke7 19. Nxc6+ Qxc6 20. Rxa8 and black resigned.

Joe finished in equal third place on 4 points while Denis's final tally was 2.5.

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