

As treasurer of both Lincoln Chess Club and Lincolnshire Chess Association I have to look after their finances. I have recently transferred both bank accounts to another bank as the original started to impose bank charges even though both had health balances.

My co signatories are Herman Kok for the Chess Club and Denis Georgiou for the Association and, as it happens, they played each other in one of the online tournaments organised in the height of the pandemic.

Play opened, with Herman as white, with the Trompovsky attack 1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 c5 3. Bxf6 gxf6 opening up the g-file 4. d5 Qb6 5. Qc1 Bh6 6. e3 (not 6. Qxh6 Qxb2) f5 7. c4 f4 8. Qc3 0-0 and Denis elects to castle even though the g-file is open 9. exf4 Bg7 10. Qg3 Kh8 11. Nd2 Qxb2 12. Rb1 Qc3 13. Bd3 declining the queen exchange d6.

Play continued 14. Ne2 Qa5 15. Qh4 h6 16. g4 Nd7 17. g5 materially equal but with Herman having a strong king side attack (see diagram) so Denis had his work cut out to fend this off.

Denis replied 17. ...b6 18. Ng3 e6 19. Nh5 Qc3 20. Nxc7 Qxc7 21. Ne4 exd5 22. cxd5 Bb7 23. gxh6 Qd4 and Herman has gained a pawn but Denis has successfully fended off the attack and is poised to counter 24. Ke2 Rae8 25. f3 Bxd5 26. Qg5 Bxe4 27. fxe4 Rxe4 28. Bxe4 Qxe4+ 29. Kf2 Qd4+ 30. Kf3 Qd3+ 31. Kf2 Qd4+ 32. Ke2 Re8+ 33. Kf3 Qe4+ 34. Kg4 Rg8 35. Qxg8+ Kxg8 and Denis wins the queen for a rook 36. Rbel Qg2+ 37. Kf5 Qg6 is mate.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the Lincoln Labour Club, Grafton House, 32 Newland. LN1 1XJ on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.
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