

Twelve year old Samuel Milson has taken this season's Lincolnshire League by storm. He has already shown his considerable promise a junior level and last season represented Louth in Division 2 North. This season he has also played in Divisions 1 and 2 South and has won all 6 of his opening games.

In his game in Division 2 South Samuel is matched against Boston's John Handley on board 4 with Samuel as black opening with the French Defence 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bd3 c5 and Samuel is not afraid to attack threatening 5. ... cxd4 5. Bb5+ Bd7 6. Bxd7+ Qxd7 7. exd5 exd5 8. Qe2+ Ne7 9. Nf3 Nc6 10. Be3 c4 and John manages to resist 11. 0-0 0-0 12. a3 Ba5 13. Nd1 Rfe8 14. c3 Ng6 15. Qd2 Bc7 and Samuel changes tack to mount an attack on white's king 16. Rb1 Qd6 17. g3 h5 18. h4 bringing us to the position in the diagram.

Samuel now played 18. ... Re4 19. Kg2 Rg4 directing his attention to the pawn on g3 as well as threatening 20. ... Nxe4+. Play continued 20. Ne5 Nxe5 21. f4 Nxe4 leaving Samuel a piece and a pawn to the good although 21. exd5 Qxd5 would still have given Samuel the advantage.

As it was Samuel completed a good win with a neat finish 22. Kh3 Rxe4 23. Kxe4 Qg6+ 24. Kf2 Qg2+ and John resigned as 25. Ke1 Nf3+ 26. Rxf3 Nxf3 is mate.

A win for Louth's David Bale countered by wins for Boston's Lee Hall and Chris Donkin meant that the match finished 2-2 leaving both clubs on top of the table with 3 points.

