

Jason Dilley, who readers will remember winning the deciding game in the county game against Leicestershire, has recently completed his games in the correspondence chess match playing for Lincolnshire in the Midland counties Ritson Morry trophy.

Jason was paired on board five against Brian Simm of last year's champions Warwickshire. In the game where Jason was white play started with the Sicilian Defence 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 g6 3. d4 Bg7 4. dxc5 Nf6 5. Nc3 0-0 6. Qd3 Na6 7. Qc4 d6 8. cxd6 exd6 and Jason has a pawn advantage in an unusual line.

Play continued 9. Bg5 Be6 10. Qb5 Qc7 11. Bd3 Nc5 12. 0-0 a5 13. Nd4 Ng4 14. Nxe6 fxe6 15. Be2 Ne5 16. Be3 Ned7 17. f3 Ra6 18. Na4 Nxa4 19. Qxa4 Nc5 20. Qa3 Raa8 21. Rad1 b6 22. Bd4 Bxd4 23. Rxd4 b5 24. Rfd1 Qa7 and Jason has retained his pawn advantage and is now threatening the pawn on d6 but need to be aware of black's queen (see diagram).

Jason countered the threat with 25. Qe3 Na4 26. Kf2 Qc5 27. Rxd6 Rac8 28. Rxe6 Nxb2 29. Rd7 Qxe3+ 30. Kxe3 Rf7 31. Bxb5 Rxd7 32. Bxd7 Rxc2 and the latest exchanges has given white a two pawn advantage and now threatens black's king 33. Re7 Rxc2 34. Be6+ Kh8 35. Kd4 h5 36. Ke5 Nd3+ 37. Kf6 Nf4 38. Re8+ Kh7 39. Bg8+ Kh8 40. h4 and black resigned as black cannot prevent white's e-pawn without loss of material.

Jason drew his other game and so far with 10 results out of 16 Lincolnshire have 12½ points looking to improve on last year where we came third, out of 6 counties, with 15 points.

