

George Renison was chairman of both Grimsby Chess Club and Lincolnshire Chess Association until his untimely death in the early 1990's. In recognition of his services the George Renison Memorial Jamboree has been held each year since then being hosted by Grimsby and another Lincolnshire club in alternate years.

This year it was Lincoln's turn to host the event and six teams of four players came to South Park to contest the four round tournament. Grimsby have won the trophy each year since 1994 and were hoping to make it thirteen in a row. Teams from Lincoln, Louth and Scunthorpe were looking to make it unlucky 13.

In round 2 Lincoln captain David Coates was paired against Mike Kelly playing for pre-tournament favourites Grimsby A and we pick up the game after Mike, as white, has just played 24. Ba3 threatening to fork David's two rooks. The obvious move for black would be to move one of the rooks but David saw something better, can you?

David played 24. ...f4. Mike fell into the trap with 25. Be7 overlooking 25. ...Rd1+ 26. Kh2 Rh1 mate. 18

The Lincoln quartet of Ayman Hammam, David Coates, Kevin McCarthy and Dave Bull gained 13 points (lucky for some, it seems) out of a possible 16 in the four rounds to take the trophy for the first time with holders Grimsby A trailing in second place on 10½ and Louth third with 8½.

Meanwhile, Kevin McCarthy is organizing the second Lincoln Raidplay on 2nd September at the Lindum Business Park in North Hykeham, kindly made available by Herman Kok. If you wish to play then contact Kevin on www.pandorasboxchessclub.org.uk.

