

The RAOB Club was the venue for an early season encounter where Lincoln's visitors were Louth who have continued to improve over the last few years finishing second in last seasons campaign.

So Lincoln, who finished in third place, needed to be on their mettle and on board 5 Lincoln's Charles Moss was paired against Chris Jackson who, as white, began proceeding with the Bird's opening 1. f4 d5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. e3 a6 4. Be2 Bg4 5. b3 Bxf3 6. Bxf3 e6 7. Bb2 Qd7 8. d3 0-0-0 and Charles castled queen-side 9. Nd2 f6 10. d4 f5 11. c4 Nf6 12. c5 Ne4 13. Bxe4 fxe4 14. Bc3 h6 15. a4 g5 prompting both players to advance their pawns towards the opposing king.

Play continued 16. 0-0 Be7 17. b4 Nb8 18. Qe2 c6 19. b5 Rdf8 20. Nb3 gxf4 21. Rxf4 Bg5 22. Rxf8+ Rxf8 and Charles took control of the f-file whilst white's attack has faltered 23. Bd2 Qg7 24. Na5 e5 25. Bc3 Bf6 26. Qb2 exd4 27. Bxd4 Bxd4 28. exd4 Qf7 and Charles now has a passed pawn on e4 (see diagram).

Charles now looked to take advantage 29. Qc3 Qf4 30. Qh3+ Nd7 31. g3 Qf2+ 32. Kh1 Qxd4 picking up a pawn 33. Rf1 Rxf1+ 34. Qxf1 Qf6 35. Kg1 Qxf1+ 36. Kxf1 Nxc5 and a second pawn fell and Charles won a few moves later.

Unfortunately, Charles' team mates were unable to emulate his feat and Louth won the remaining games running out winners by 4-1 putting them level with Boston on 4 points and head of Grimsby on 2 points with Scunthorpe and Lincoln propping up the table yet to open their accounts.

