

Spalding Secretary David Carew has shown his usual prowess in this season's Ritson Morry Trophy, this being the Midland Counties correspondence chess competition. In his match where David was white against Colin Woodford of title favourites Warwickshire the opening followed the Sicilian Defence 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Bd3 Nf6 6. Qe2 Qc7 7. Nc3 d6 8. Be3 Be7 9. 0-0 b5 10. f4 Bb7 11. a3 Nbd7 12. Qf3 Nc5 13. g4 d5 and after a quiet start black put pressure on the pawn on e4.

David responded 14. e5 Nfe4 15. Nce2 (declining the exchange) g5 16. Qh3 Nd7 17. Qh5 Nf8 18. f5 exf5 19. Nxf5 Bc5 20. Bxc5 Qxc5+ 21. Ned4 0-0-0 and black castles queen's side leaving the pawn on f7 unprotected (see diagram) perhaps expecting at some point to capture white's pawn on e5. David had other ideas though 22. Qxf7 Ng6 23. b4 Qb6 24. Qe6+ Qxe6 25. Nxe6 Rde8 26. Nc5 Nxc5 27. Nd6+ Kb8 28. Bxg6 removing one of the threats to e5 28. ...Re7 29. Rf7 (and the other threat to e4 is removed as 29. ...Rxe5 30. Rxb7 losing the piece) 29. ...Rc7 30. bxc5 and black resigned as he cannot prevent a match winning advance by the e-pawn.

David also won his other game which has currently helped Lincolnshire to 16 points from 13 matches with 3 remaining.

One of David's other hobbies is as a collector of mis-printed bank notes which is taking him on a world cruise lecturing on the subject. Unfortunately that means chess will take a back seat for a while, although I am sure he will find some victims amongst the passengers.

