

4NCL Online Round 5

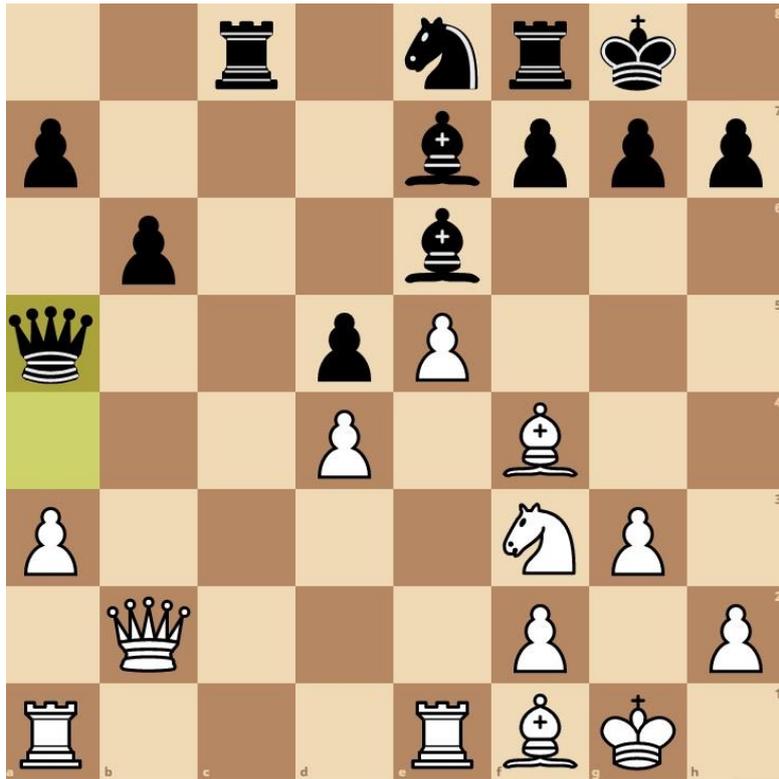
In round 5 of the 4NCL we were drawn against the Broken Herts 1 team. Not sure if they intend to try to break our hearts but hopefully we will make them suffer a short circuit. (I know but bad jokes are all I got.)

On paper, we out grade them on 3 out of 4 boards, but remember in this game never underestimate your opponents.

		Rugeley	1604		Broken Herts 1	1540
581	w	Whatmore, Steve (<i>SteveWhatmore</i>)	1817 c	-	Hutton, Allan (<i>shutuplegs</i>)	1600 c
582	b	Carr, Matthew (<i>mattcarr2600</i>)	1692	-	Elder, Kidge (<i>egdik</i>)	1555 c
583	w	Sullivan, Luke (<i>death2rooks93</i>)	1585 c	-	Kapur, Gul (<i>guloo</i>)	1510 e
584	b	Wood, Ryan (<i>RyanWood01</i>)	1322 c	-	Zsibrita, Steve (<i>SteveJZ</i>)	1495 c

Matthew was the first to finish this time. The game started with a black knight's tango and the opponent attempted to lock things up early. Probably a good idea against a stronger opponent. The game certainly felt like a hard slog. Eventually Matt began to push forward in the centre and make life very difficult for the opponent who switched over to defence mode. Now I don't know about you but the following looks and feels like a fortress?





White to play and find the continuation. Answer at the end.

Fair to say Steve's moves were so good Black resigned a few moves later.

Rugeley 1-1 Broken Herts

Ryan was the next to finish. This one was a stonewall variation. I have heard Grandmasters groan when they see one of those. Supposedly this thing is a dead draw. Strangely enough according to my silicon friend white played the variation of it that loses!

Ryan developed his pieces very carefully and began to attack down the queenside while white decided to apply the same logic and attack on the kingside. Sadly, right where Ryan's king was. Both players must have heard the advice:

An attack on the wings must be met with an attack in the centre. Only attack with the wing pawns if the centre is locked.

White however had decided to attack on the same side his king was also. Running the risk that if this attack failed he leaves his own king open to attack. Both players were on the attack, one on the queenside, another on kingside. Who wins, let's find out.



How's this going to end?

Ryan went through with the attack on the queenside taking on c3 prepared to sacrifice the knight on f6 but the opponent didn't go for it. Capturing the pawn in c3, Ryan's Bishop took on e5 and the f pawn captured back opening lines to black's king. After the knight went in to e4 and an exchange, black got the initiative, taking the g pawn and attacking whites king. Now sadly Ryan had to go defensive. The knight on c6 is double attacked so needs to be protected, this allows more pieces to point at the queen and subsequently the king.

Ryan had to go an exchange down to nullify the attack and get some security in his position, down but not out Ryan fought on taking it to a king Rook and Bishop vs King and two rooks ending. Ryan refused to give up breaking out the dirty tricks (as I like to call it), and keeping the opponent on his toes. Ryan kept an eye on the queenside but went on the attack along the kingside and got a passed pawn. White had to come back to try and stop it. That was when he made his mistake. White in his attempt to attack missed that Ryan's reply and went a rook down.



From there White still has some play. White takes the pawn on the edge and Black advances to pressure the centre pawns. A few moves later came another blunder and it was all over.

Rugeley 2 – 1 Broken Herts

Finally, we turn to Luke. Luke opened with a Reti, controlling the centre with his pieces and advanced c pawn rather than take the centre with d4 or e4. The opponent replied in kind, moving his pieces into position and kept hold of the centre with d4 and c5.



Black now tries to break put the pressure on and claim the centre with e5. Luke in kind threatens that centre and developed a Rook and knight into the game and pointing towards the opponent's position. White gets pieces in the centre so black attempts to start attacking on the queenside. When Luke doubled the rooks on the C-file, then black made his mistake. While attempting to stop the rooks coming into his position black missed the bishop guarding the square it wants to go to. Black goes the exchange down.

Luke centralises the knight on f1 by getting it into e4, but this allows black to push the pawns and try to cramp up Luke's position.



I'll admit that position looked double edged for me. Luke retreated his queen allowing the knight and queen to come in and black to go up a pawn. Then tragedy as a mouse slip hands the exchange back to the opponent who now has an advanced extra pawn. Luke begins using his king, bringing it into the position to get rid of the advanced pawn on d3. Once the rook and extra pawns come off, the position becomes symmetrical and both players agree a draw.

Final Score

Rugeley 2½ - 1½ Broken Herts

My thanks to all our players tonight and well done Rugeley.

Steve – <https://lichess.org/wuaXryYq>

Matt - <https://lichess.org/i0p9UxhDzT0I>

Luke - <https://lichess.org/eVc3gFzy>

Ryan - <https://lichess.org/Ru6iCn3i/black>

Division 5

		rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	P	W	D	L	GP	Pts	
1	Wirral League Wanderers	wlw	bln1 4	dah 2½	dod 3	baw 2½	her 2½	5	5	0	0	14½	10
2	Bolton & Worsley	baw	shr4 3	warb 2½	chw 3	wlv 1½	marb 3	5	4	0	1	13	8
3	CSC 5	csc5	bau2 4	kesd 3½	her 2	marb 2	chw 2½	5	3	2	0	14	8
4	Gonzaga D	gond		ekb 4	wim3 3	mcs 3	bub 3	4	4	0	0	13	8
5	Nottingham University 2	nun2	she 4	bub 2	mjub 2	bud 2½	kesd 3	5	3	2	0	13½	8
6	Wessex Some Stars C	wesc		she 3	uxb 3	bsp 4	bau1 3	4	4	0	0	13	8
7	Hertford	her	wim3 2½	bud 3½	csc5 2	bau1 3½	wlv 1½	5	3	1	1	13	7
8	Manchester Juniors B	mjub	sta2 2½	rgl 2	nun2 2	wfja 3	tps 2	5	2	3	0	11½	7
9	Rugeley	rgl	hatb 3½	mjub 2	bub ½	bau2 3½	brh1 2½	5	3	1	1	12	7
10	Temple Sutton	tps	sabc 2½	uxb 2½	bau1 1	bub 2½	mjub 2	5	3	1	1	10½	7
11	Bishop Trojans	bau1	har4 4	4ge 2½	tps 3	her ½	wesc 1	5	3	0	2	11	6
12	Chess Warriors	chw	grg 3	bsp 4	baw 1	dah 4	csc5 1½	5	3	0	2	13½	6
13	Doughnuts of Doom	dod	brh2 3½	ydr 2	wlv 1	sta3 2	sta4 4	5	2	2	1	12½	6
14	East Kilbride	ekb		gond 0	brh3 4	wat3 3	sta2 3	4	3	0	1	10	6
15	Kent KJCA Kestrels D	kesd	wfja 3½	csc5 ½	warb 3½	sta2 3	nun2 1	5	3	0	2	11½	6
16	Maryport Assassins B	marb	sta3 2	wig2 2½	ydr 3½	csc5 2	baw 1	5	2	2	1	11	6
17	MCS Oxford Juniors	mcs	ydr 1	brh2 3½	shr4 2½	gond 1	uxb 2½	5	3	0	2	10½	6
18	Warwickshire Bears B	warb	mjuc 3	baw 1½	kesd ½	sabc 4	dah 2½	5	3	0	2	11½	6
19	Battersea Pawnbreakers	bsp	wat3 2	chw 0	sta3 4	wesc 0	wqb2 2	5	2	1	2	8	5
20	Bristol University B	bub	bln2 4	nun2 2	rgl 3½	tps 1½	gond 1	5	2	1	2	12	5
21	Broken Herts 1	brh1	wig2 2	sta3 0	4ge 3½	ydr 3	rgl 1½	5	2	1	2	10	5
22	Bude Surfers	bud	brh3 3	her ½	har4 3½	nun2 1½	sta3 2	5	2	1	2	10½	5
23	East Cornwall Clowns	ecoc	dah 1	bln1 2	sta2 1	wig2 2	warc 3	5	2	1	2	9	5
24	Oxford 4	oxf4			hatb 4	shr4 4	wig2 1½	3	2	1	0	9½	5
25	St Albans 3	sta3	marb 2	brh1 2	bsp 0	dod 2	bud 2	5	1	3	1	8	5
26	Warley and Quinborne	wqb2	4ge 1	har4 1½	mjuc 3½	brh2 4	bsp 2	5	2	1	2	12	5

Solution: 23. Bd2 Qa4 24. Bb5 and black resigns.

