

White Knights Chess Club 2-4 SK Comeon

“The match that got away”

Our second round opponents were from Finland and after his exertions in the Olympiad Allan Pleasants had a rest. All games lasted nearly 3 hours. First to finish was David Buttell who was slowly ground down following an English opening. Peter Bevan was doing fine for a while. His opponent missed a checkmate in 2 and Peter recovered the position but eventually succumbed. Bill sacked a piece for 3 pawns in his game but this was unsound and soon Bill was worse. However his opponent was kind enough to leave a bishop undefended and after taking this Bill was 3 pawns up. However he thought he was going to end up in a rook with f and h pawn v rook endgame so agreed a draw.

Adam was a lot worse out of the opening but did brilliantly to get back into the game and ended up with two rooks on the second rank. However he thought he only had a perpetual check and agreed a draw but missed a checkmate.

I was equal for a long time in a scotch against my IM opponent but unfortunately went wrong on move 35 with little time left. My opponent showed good technique to win a rook and pawn endgame.

Final game to finish and star man for the day was Pete Heaven. He totally outplayed his opponent and was always winning but showed some nerves in finishing his opponent off including missing a checkmate in 2.

This was certainly a match that got away and had Adam and Bill won their winning positions we could have drawn the match.

Hopefully we won't get a bye tomorrow and can turn the chances we are getting into more points.