

## Round 7

Having settled into the tournament, the rest day interrupted the rhythm of both Welsh boys. Although they enjoyed the football, table tennis, bowling and blitz chess, the morning of Round 7 saw them both a little subdued and lacking a bit of confidence.

Ifan was black against an English player graded 1882 and well within his remit. It was understandably difficult to forget that his opponent was preparing in a team room with 3 grandmasters and during the game Ifan did not play with his usual flamboyant style, but settled for playing his opponent at his own game. He went the exchange down in the middle game and despite a valiant attempt, the game could not be saved.

Hugo was playing a Chilean graded 1952, the second lowest graded player he has played and again well within his remit. He came out of the opening well and with the computer analysis giving him a comfortable margin of advantage, made a move that he thought would secure his position. Unfortunately, he miscalculated and the error quickly led to a reversal of fortunes and the loss.

So, a disappointing day for the boys, but after an evening of friendly blitz they have bounced back and regained confidence for the next round.