

Appleby Frodingham Chess Club Individual Championship 2015-2016 by D. G. Mills.

In autumn 2015 I ceased membership of Barton-on-Humber Chess Club, transferring to Appleby Frodingham Chess Club based at the Appleby Frodingham Works Athletic Club, Brumby Hall, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe. Meetings are held each Monday and Thursday at a large complex that caters for a large variety of sports, including football, hockey, tennis, cricket, table tennis, bowls and snooker. A gymnasium is available for members wishing to keep physically fit, there is a bar and a function room on the first floor of the main building and several car parks ensure a walk of no more than a couple of minutes to the venue. The chess club has around twenty members and my journey from West Hull via the Humber Bridge, South Ferriby, Winterton and Roxby – a distance of 21 miles – takes less than 40 minutes.

During the 2015-2016 season the Appleby Frodingham Chess Club Individual Championship ran from September 2015 to the end of August 2016. The previous season it comprised a 5 round Swiss Tournament but at the 2015 Annual General Meeting, members voted for an 'All-Play-All' format. The competition started with 12 players and was boosted to 13 when Steve Lewis returned after recovering from serious health problems around November 2015. Over the season just 6 games went unplayed – a 92% success rate. The outcome was in doubt until late August 2016. Although he lost their individual game, Steve Lewis pipped Denis Georgiou to the title in his final game by defeating Mike Liddle. The leading places were as follows: -

			Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1.	Steven Lewis	160	12	7	4	1	9
2.	Denis Georgiou	171	12	7	3	2	8½
3=	William J. Egan	124	12	4	6	2	7
3=	Mike Liddle	114	12	4	6	2	7
3=	David G. Mills	140	12	4	6	2	7

A fair placing considering that my grade was 6th highest of the entrants and it could have been better had I not missed a probable drawing line in my encounter with the champion.

Mills, David G. - Davey, Rick. Dutch Defence, Staunton Gambit.

Appleby Frodingham Individual Championship, 26.10.2015.

1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 e6 5.f3 Be7 6.fxe4 0-0 7.Nf3 a6 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 b5 10.e5 Ne8 11.Be3 g6 12.Qd2 Ng7 13.d5 exd5 14.Nxd5 Ne6 15.Rae1 Qe8 16.c3 Bd8 17.Bh6 Rf7 18.Ng5 Rxf1+ 19.Bxf1 Nxg5 20.Bxg5 Qf7 21.Bxd8 Nxd8 22.Nxc7 Ra7 23.Nd5 Ne6 24.c4 Bb7 25.cxb5 Bxd5 26.Qxd5 axb5 27.Bxb5 Nc7 28.Qxf7+ Kxf7 29.Bc4+ Ke7 30.a3 Rb7 31.b4 Na8 32.Bd5 Ra7 33.Bxa8 Rxa8 34.Re3 Ke6 35.Kf2 Rb8 36.Kf3 h6 37.Ke4 Rc8 38.Kd4 Rc2 39.b5 Rxb2 40.Rb3 Rc2 41.b6 Rc8 42.b7 Rb8 43.a4 Ke7 44.a5 d6 45.a6 dxe5+ 46.Kxe5 1-0

Mills, David G. - Lewis, Steven. Blackmar-Diemer Gambit.

Appleby Frodingham Individual Championship, 25.7.2016.

1.d4 Nf6 2.f3 d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.Nc3 exf3 5.Nxf3 e6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Qd2 Nd5 9.0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxe7 Nxf3+ 11.Rxf3 Qxe7 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Re1 Be6 14.Qc3 0-0-0 15.Qxg7 Rdg8 16.Qd4 Kb8 17.Bf5 Qg5 18.Qf2 Re8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Qe3 Qe7 21.Qd4 Rhf8 22.Rxf8 **White misses 22. Qxd5!, regaining his pawn because of Black's back rank weakness and a draw would be the likely outcome. Black allows no second chances. 22...Qxf8** 23.c3 b6 24.b4 Qd6 25.Qe5 Qxe5 26.Rxe5 c5 27.Kf2 Kc7 28.c4 Kd6 29.Rh5 Re7 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.cxd5 exd5 32.Rh4 d4 33.Rf4 Kc4 34.Rf8 Kc3 35.g4 d3 36.Rc8+ Kd2 37.h4 Kd1 38.g5 d2 39.h5 Rf7+ 40.Kg2 Rg7 41.g6 hxg6 42.hxg6 Rxg6+ 43.Kf2 Re6 44.Kf1 Re5 45.a4 Rc5 46.Rf8 Kc1 0-1