

(The annotations to this game, by V. V. Smyslov, are from his autobiographical work *V poiskakh garmonii* (Fizkultura i Sport, 1979). The translation from the original Russian is by Douglas Griffin.)

Furman (TsSKA) – Smyslov (Burevestnik)

Board 2, 5th Round, USSR Cup, Rostov-on-Don 1971

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.d3 c5 4.e4 Nc6 5.g3 g6

The fianchetto of the dark-squared bishop appears to me to be the most logical in the given situation. The development of the bishop on e7 (after 5...e6) is less active.

6.Bg2 Bg7 7.0–0 0–0 8.Nc3 d6 9.h3

The tempting 9.e5 is refuted with 9...dxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Bxa8 Bg4 12.f3 Bh3, and after any reply Black obtains the better game.

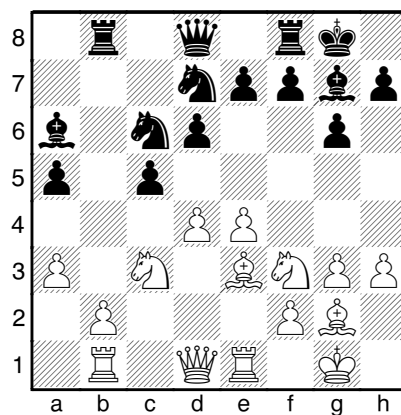
9...Rb8 10.Rb1

10.d4 would have been mistaken on account of 10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Be6 13.Qd3 Qc8! with a double attack.

10...a6 11.a3 Nd7 12.Ne2 b5 13.cxb5 Rxb5!

Much stronger than the routine 13...axb5, on which there could have followed 14.b4. After the capture by the rook on b5 Black develops active play on the queen's flank.

14.d4 a5 15.Nc3 Rb8 16.Be3 Ba6 17.Re1



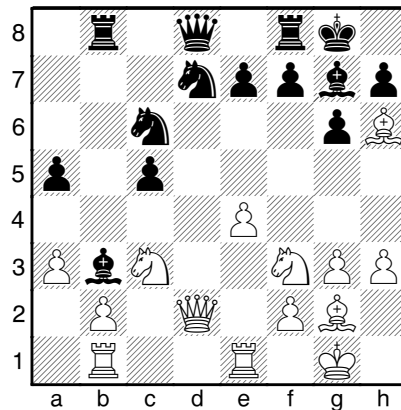
17...Bc4!

The bishop penetrates to the weakened b3-square. 18.Nd2 cannot be played on account of 18...Bd3, while on 18.b3 there would have followed 18...cxd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Bxd4 Bxb3! with an extra pawn.

18.Qd2 Bb3 19.dxc5 dxc5

Black retains control over the d4–square. 19...Nxc5 would have been mistaken on account of 20.e5!.

20.Bh6



20...Nde5!

With exchanges Black forces the occupation of the d-file and gains favourable prospects in the endgame.

21.Nxe5

On 21.Qxd8 there could have followed 21...Rfxd8 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.f4 Nc4 25.Re2 Rd3 winning a pawn.

21...Qxd2 22.Bxd2 Bxe5 23.Rbc1 Bd4

Defending the c5–pawn, Black prepares the manoeuvre 24...Ne5.

24.Bf4

On 24.Ne2 there could have followed 24...Ne5 25.Nxd4 cxd4, and the threats of 26...Bd3 and 26...Nc4 (while 26.Bf1 is impossible on account of 26...Nf3+) with the presence of the passed d4–pawn determine Black's advantage.

24...Ne5 25.Bxe5

A forced exchange. On 25.Ne2 there would have followed 25...Nd3 26.Nxd4 cxd4 27.Bxb8 Rxb8 28.Bf1 Nxe1 29.Rxe1 Bc2 30.Re2 Rxb2 31.Rd2 Ra2, and Black retains an extra pawn.

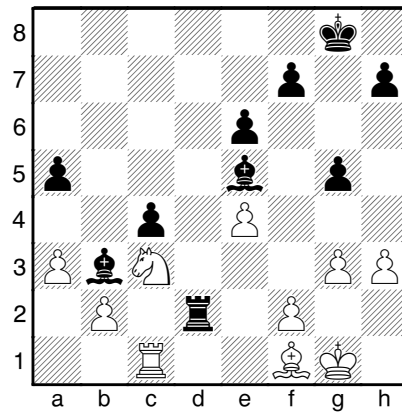
25...Bxe5 26.Re2 e6

Depriving the knight of the d5–square and not fearing 26...e6 27.f4, on which there would have followed 27...Bd4+ 28.Kh2 Bc4 with unceasing pressure.

27.Bf1 g5 28.Rd2 Rfd8 29.Rxd8+ Rxd8 30.Nb5 c4 31.Nc3

31.Bxc4 is impossible on account of 31...Rc8.

31...Rd2



White resigned. On 32.Rb1 there follows 32...Bd4.