

(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.)

Wade – Smyslov

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1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 3.d4 g6

Via a transposition of moves the Pirc-Ufimtsev Defence, which usually leads to lively and interesting play, has arisen.

4.Be2 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nh3

White employs an original plan of development. He intends to transfer the knight to g5 and the begin active play on the king's flank. Black has to think about counter-operations in the centre, implementing pressure on the d4-pawn.

6...Nc6 7.Ng5 0-0

The immediate 7...e5 is bad on account of 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.f4 Neg4 10.e5!.

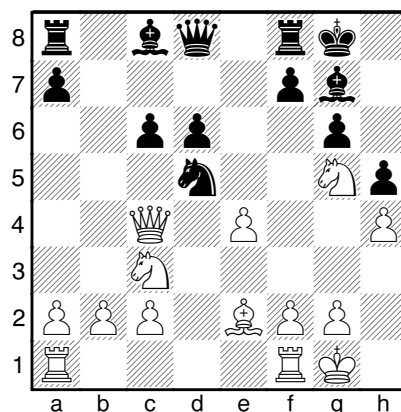
8.Be3 e5

Now this advance is perfectly appropriate and promises good counter-play.

9.d5 Nd4!

A manoeuvre characteristic of such positions. At the cost of a pawn Black opens the diagonal ...h8-a1, after which his bishop on g7 becomes a formidable force.

10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 c6 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Qc4



14...Nf4!

Fairly good attacking prospects have appeared. In the case of 15.Bf3 Rb8 16.Rab1 (16.b3 Qa5)

16...Rb6 17.Rfd1 Ba6 18.Qa4 Be5 19.g3 Qf6! Black has a dangerous initiative. 20.gxf4 is impossible on account of 20...Qxf4, threatening mate.

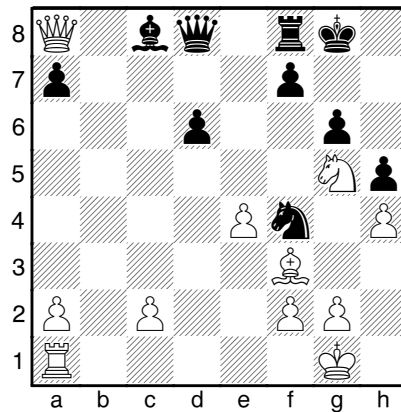
15.Qxc6?

The capture of the pawn is undoubtedly mistaken. The subsequent events take on a forcing character.

15...Bxc3 16.Bf3

One gains the impression that White has sufficient counter-play: Black's rook and bishop are under attack. However, this impression is deceptive.

16...Bxb2 17.Qxa8 Bxa1 18.Rxa1



18...Qb6!

A very strong manoeuvre. Now White's queen proves to be trapped, and material losses are inevitable.

19.e5 d5 20.g3

If 20.Bxd5, then 20...Be6, and Black wins a piece.

20...Bg4 21.Qxf8+ Kxf8 22.Bxg4 hxg4 23.gxf4

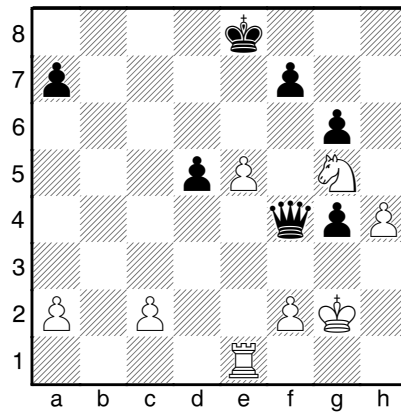
Black has on his a material advantage. However, to realise the advantage it is still necessary to work fairly hard, since the knight on g5 occupies a strong position.

23...Qb4!

Attentively played – the move 24.Rb1 cannot be permitted.

24.Kg2 Qxf4 25.Re1 Ke8!

Black repulses the threat of 26.e6, on which there follows 26...f6 27.Nf7 Ke7. 25...Ke7 would have been weaker in view of 26.Rb1! Qxe5 27.Rb7+ Ke8 28.Rxf7, and the rook becomes very active.



26.Re3 g3 27.Rxg3 Qxh4 28.c3 Ke7

Now that the knight has been deprived of support, it is difficult for White to reckon on any kind of counter-play.

29.Kg1

If 29.Nf3, then 29...Qe4.

29...Qf4 30.Nh7 a5 31.Nf6 Qxe5

White resigned, since on 32.Re3 decisive is 32...Kxf6, and the extra pawn guarantees an easy victory in the pawn endgame.