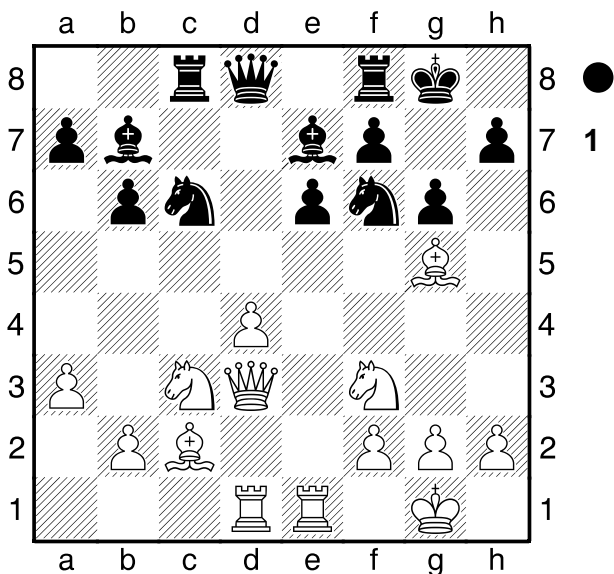


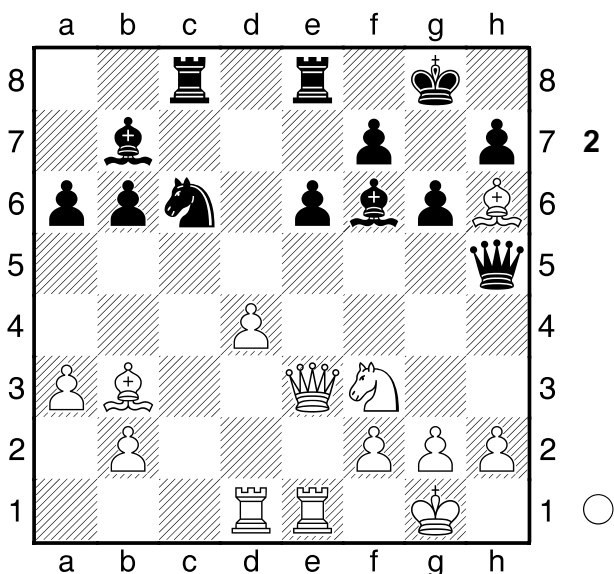
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TOPIC: Favourable isolated queen's pawn. 1.c4 c5 2.♟f3 ♟f6 3.♞c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♞xd5 5.e3 e6 6.d4 cxd4 7.exd4 ♙e7 8.♙d3 0-0 9.0-0 ♞c6 10.♞e1 ♟f6 11.a3 b6 12.♙c2 ♙b7 13.♞d3± ♞c8 14.♙g5 g6 15.♞ad1

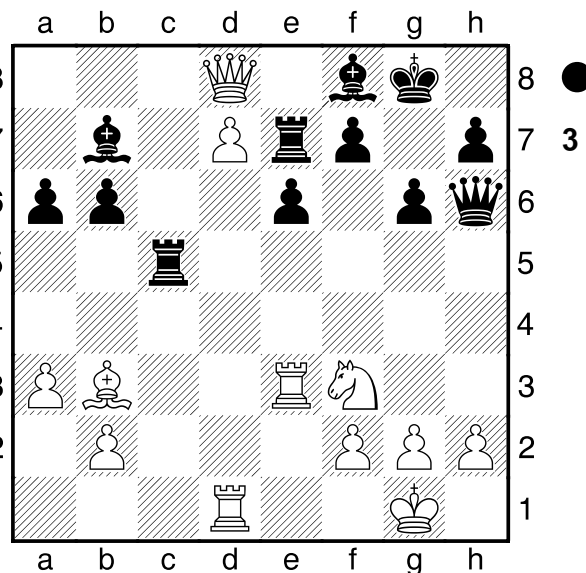


White completes the mobilization of his forces with the intention of pressing in the centre and attacking on the kingside. The move we are preparing is Pd4-d5 at the right moment. 15...♞d5 Karpov knows perfectly well that he must block the isolated pawn and try to exchange pieces. 16.♙h6 ♞e8 17.♙a4! a6 18.♞xd5 ♞xd5 A very strange move as the queen is a bad blocker. 19.♞e3! Defend Bh6 and "x-ray" Re8 and Pb6. 19...♙f6 20.♙b3 This is the problem of blocking with the Q: it lasts so little! 20...♞h5



21.d5!± The advance of the isolated pawn is very strong as all the white pieces that were "lurking" are freed,

creating threats. 21...♞d8 [ 21...exd5?? 22.♞xe8+ This was the other comment about "x-rays". ♞xe8 23.♞xe8# ] 22.d6± End ECO. The isolated is now a powerful PASSED PAWN. Clear advantage. 22...♞c5 [ 22...♙xf3 23.d7+- winning ] 23.d7 Note the triumphant advance of Pd4 in the last 3 moves: 21.d5 , 22.d6 and 23.d7. In other games this advance leads to a kingside attack. So here we have an example of extreme purity and quality. 23...♞e7 [ ♞23...♞f8 It was the last chance to complicate things a bit. ] 24.♞f4+- Black sets up the correct blocker for the now passed pawn. But Nd8 can't perform miracles. 24...♙g7 [ 24...♞f5 25.♞b8+- winning ] 25.♞b8 [ 25.♙g5 ♞xg5 ] 25...♞xh6 26.♞xd8+ ♙f8 27.♞e3! [ 27.♞xf8+ ♞xf8 28.d8♞ ♙xf3 29.♞xf8+ ♙xf8 30.gxf3 This also won. But Smyslov has a wonderful concept of chess harmony. ]



Bear in mind Smyslov's class that does not even allow Black the consolation of doubling the pawns on "f3". Not giving counterplay to the opponent is one of the basic concepts of strategy. 27...♙c6 [ 27...♙xf3 28.♞xf3 ♞c1 29.♞fd3+- . ] 28.♞xf8+ ♞xf8 29.d8♞ The isolated pawn CORONED !!! A beautiful and instructive game. 1-0