

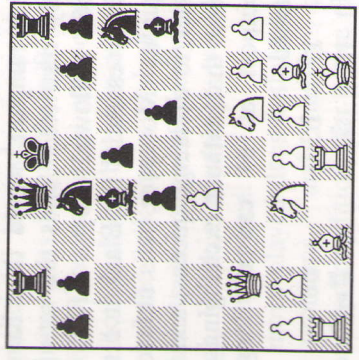
what White would have played: 10 exd5
 exd5 11 ♖g5 ♖e7 12 f3 ♕h5 13 e4,
 beginning a direct attack on the king.

- 9 ... ♖h6
 10 cxd5 cxd5
 11 h3!

At this point I did not even know of the
 game's predecessor, Hug-Speelman,
 Altensteig 1994, where White illogically
 blocked the e-file by 11 ♖e5, and after
 11... ♖xe5 12 dxe5 ♕c7 a draw was
 agreed a few moves later.

- 11 ... ♕h5

This loses in surprising fashion, but also
 after 11... ♕xf3 12 exf3, firstly, Black
 cannot save his e6 pawn without losing the
 right to castle, and secondly, he is clearly
 unable to deploy his knights satisfactorily.



- 12 e4!! fxe4
 13 ♖g5!

I no longer remember the details, but I
 think that during the game I first
 considered the 'normal' 13 ♖xe4, then
 found a more expeditious continuation. It
 was this that my opponent did not expect.

13 ... ♕f7
 If 13... ♖xg5 14 ♖xc4 ♖e7 White has
 either 15 ♕g5! ♖f6 (after 15... ♖f8 there
 follows 16 ♖xd5! exd5 17 ♖xd6 mate) 16
 ♖xf6+ gxf6 17 ♕xh6, when the attack
 continues now for free, or 15 ♖xd6+
 ♖xd6 16 ♕f4, picking up the rook at b8
 and then also the pawns at d5, e6 and b7.

If 13... ♖e7 the strongest is 14 ♖xc6
 ♕f7 (14... ♖xe6 15 ♖xc4) 15 ♖xg7+ ♖f8

16 ♖xe4 ♖xg7 (16... dxc4 17 ♕xb6) 17
 ♕g5 ♖f8 18 ♕xh6+ ♖xh6 19 ♖e3+ ♖g7
 20 ♖g5+ ♕g6 21 ♖xd6 (a curious fact:
 White himself exchanges his attacking
 pieces, because in their place others
 immediately arrive) 21... ♖xd6 22 ♖e7+

with a quick mate.
 Even so, that would seem to be a more
 tenacious defence for Black.

- 14 ♖dxe4 dxe4
 15 ♖xe6 ♕xe6

Everything else (such as 15... ♖f6 16
 ♖xe4 ♕e7) would also not have saved the
 game, but would merely have prolonged
 the struggle for a few moves.

- 16 ♖xe6+ ♖e7
 17 ♖xe4

The simplest.

- 17 ... ♖d8
 18 ♖d5

Here I expected 18... ♖f6, after which I
 had prepared 19 ♖xe7 ♖xd5 20 ♖e6,
 regaining the piece and transposing into a
 won ending. However, **Black resigned**:
 evidently it had become unbearable for
 Belyavsky to continue.

On this whole game White spent slightly
 more than an hour on his clock.

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Kramnik-Ulabin
Chalkidiki 1992
 Bogo-Indian Defence

Attack in the endgame

This encounter between two young com-
 patriots played abroad did not have any
 psychological implications. It was simply
 that the younger of them very much
 needed to win - so as in the end to head
 the tournament table. But winning 'to
 order' is easier said than done - players
 know the value of such victories. Besides,
 Kramnik's opponent from the Urals had
 both gone through an excellent chess
 training, and had played splendidly in the