

## Michael Mulyar



Michael Aaron Mulyar was born on October 30, 1978 in Kiev, Ukraine.

Michael learned how to play chess at the age of eight from his grandfather and started playing and taking lessons in Kiev when he was nine.

His game improved rapidly and Michael was around 1900 strength when the Mulyar family moved to Denver in 1988, where they still live today.

Michael's first tournament success was tying for first place in the Reserve Section of the National Open in Las Vegas in 1989 with a perfect 6-0 score. The result won free entry into the tournament the following year and secured an expert rating over 2000.

Mulyar became a National Master in September of 1991 at the age of 13.

His first victory in the Colorado Open was in 1992 at the age of 14 (finishing 5-1 in a tie with Michael Ginat who he beat out on tiebreaks).

Michael represented the United States in the World Under 16 Championship in Bratislava, Slovakia in 1993, finishing with a score of 5 out of 9 points.

Mulyar graduated from Standley Lake High School in Westminster, CO in 1996. He graduated from Yale University in 2000 with a B.A. in History and earned an M.A. in Linguistics from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2006.

Mulyar was awarded the prestigious Samford Fellowship in 2000. As a Samford fellow, he worked with GM Alex Yermolinsky in 2001 and GM Alex Onischuk in 2002.

### Colorado Success

Chess in Colorado had far and away the strongest players in the early to mid-1990s and Mulyar dominated the scene against many other strong masters.

Among Mulyar's many tournament wins, he is a record seven-time Colorado Open Champion; winning the tournament 1992, 1993, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2013, and 2015.

He won the Colorado Closed in 1993 and 1994 and was the Colorado Chess Tour winner in the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons.

### National Success

Michael won his first IM norm at the 1997 U.S. Open in Orlando and scored two additional IM norms in 1999 and was awarded the IM title in 2001 at the Charles Linklater Memorial tournament in San Francisco. He currently has one GM norm from the 2013 Washington International.

Michael was the U.S. Junior co-champion in 1998 (tying with IM Igor Shliperman, but losing the play-off).

Mulyar's best tournament result was the 1999 U.S. Open in which he defeated 3 Grandmasters (Gregory Serper, Utut Adianto, Sergey Kudrin), future GM Mark Paragua, and drew with GM Joel Benjamin on the way to tying for 1st place with a score of 7.5/9. According to PCA ratings of 2000 his level of play was 2485.

In 2007, he again tied for 1st place in the U.S. Open (tying with GMs Alexander Shabalov, Boris Gulko, Sergey Kudrin, Ben Finegold, Michael Rohde, and FM Anton Paolo Del Mundo).

Michael tied for 2nd place in the 2014 U.S. Open (losing the playoff to GM Conrad Holt).

Michael's highest FIDE rating was 2446 in 2002. His current FIDE rating in 2024 is 2361.

Today Michael teaches chess in Denver through his company Mile High Chess LLC, which he founded in 2008.

Mulyar believes that chess is a never-ending game and you learn something every time you play a game.



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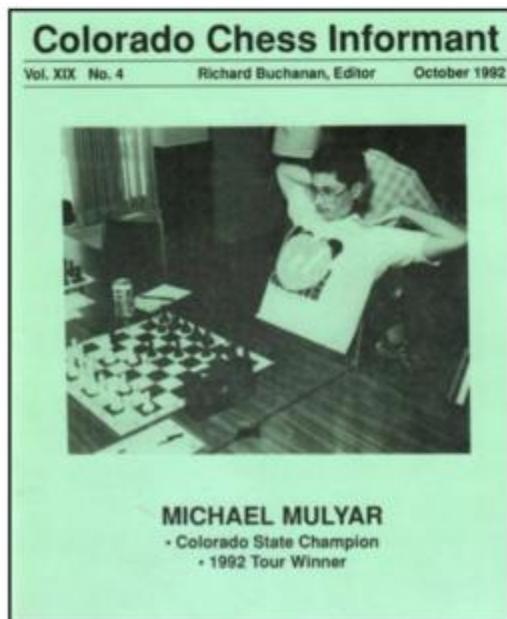
*1998 Interplay U.S. Junior Chess Championship*



*Hall of Fame Induction with CSCA President Brad Lundstrom*



*2013 - 2nd Annual Washington International Report*



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Mulyar won the 1992 Colorado Open with this last round victory.

[Event "1992 Colorado Open"]  
 [Site "Heart O' Denver Hotel; Denver, Colorado"]  
 [Date "September 7, 1992"]  
 [Round "6"]  
 [White "Mikhail Ponomarev (2320)"]  
 [Black "Michael Mulyar (2309)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 e6 3. e4 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. Bd2 Ne7 6. Nb5 Bxd2+ 7. Qxd2 O-O  
 8. dxc5 Nd7 9. Nf3 Nxc5 10. Bd3 Nc6 11. O-O f5 12. exf6 Qxf6 13. c3 a6 14. Na3  
 e5 15. Bc2 Rd8 16. b4 Ne6 17. Bb3 Nf4 18. Ne1 Bg4 19. f3 Bf5 20. Nac2 Kh8  
 21. g3 Nh3+ 22. Kg2 Ng5 23. g4 Bxc2 24. Bxc2 Ne6 25. Kh1 a5 26. b5 Ne7  
 27. Ng2 Rac8 28. Rael d4 29. c4 d3 30. Bd1 Ng6 31. Qxa5 Ngf4 32. Nxf4 Nxf4  
 33. b6 Re8 34. c5 h5 35. Ba4 Re7 36. c6 bxc6 37. gxh5 c5 38. Qa6 Rb8 39. Rb1  
 Reb7 40. Qa5 Rxb6 41. Rxb6 Qxb6 42. Qe1 Qf6 43. Bb3 Rd8 44. Qf2 Rd4  
 45. Rc1 d2 46. Rd1 e4 47. Bc2 c3 48. Qe3 Qg5 49. Qf2 Nd3 50. Qe2 Ne1 51. h6  
 Nxc2 52. hxg7+ Kxg7 53. Rg1 Qxg1+ 0-1



Position after 29.c4

Mark Paragua was a 15 year old IM at the time of this game and became the youngest ever Filipino GM at age 20 in 2005 (beating Eugenio Torre's record by about two years). Today Wesley So holds the Filipino record as the youngest player to achieve the GM title.

[Event "1999 U.S. Open"]  
 [Site "Reno, Nevada"]  
 [Date "August 15, 1999"]  
 [Round "5"]  
 [White "Mark Paragua (2413)"]  
 [Black "Michael Mulyar (2478)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. e4 Nb6 5. exd6 exd6 6. Nc3 Be7 7. h3 O-O 8. Nf3  
 Re8 9. Be2 Bf6 10. O-O Ne6 11. Be3 Bf5 12. Rc1 h6 13. d5 Ne5 14. Nd4 Bh7  
 15. b3 Nbd7 16. Na4 Nc5 17. Nxc5 dxc5 18. Nb5 a6 19. Nc3 Qd6 20. Qd2 Re7  
 21. Na4 b6 22. b4 Qd7 23. Nb2 cxb4 24. Qxb4 Bf5 25. Rfd1 Bg5 26. d6 Re6  
 27. Bxg5 hxg5 28. dxc7 Qxc7 29. Qd2 g4 30. Qg5 Be4 31. h4 Nf3+ 32. Bxf3 gxf3  
 33. h5 fxg2 34. Re1 Rae8 35. Rc3 Re5 36. Qh4 Bc6 37. Ree3 Rxe3 38. fxe3 Re4  
 39. Qg5 Qe5 40. Qxe5 Rxe5 0-1



Position after 31.h4

Mulyar achieved the IM title in this tournament that started out well with this victory of IM Altounian.

[Event "Linklater Memorial"]  
 [Site "San Francisco, California"]  
 [Date "February 26, 2001"]  
 [Round "1"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar (2472)"]  
 [Black "Levon Altounian (2532)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. c4 g6 2. e4 Bg7 3. d4 d6 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Nf3 e5 7. O-O exd4 8. Nxd4  
 Re8 9. f3 Nc6 10. Nc2 Be6 11. Be3 Nh5 12. g4 Nf6 13. Qd2 h5 14. g5 Nd7  
 15. Rad1 Kh7 16. Kh1 a5 17. b3 Nc5 18. Rg1 Be5 19. Nd5 Bxd5 20. exd5 Nb8  
 21. Na3 Bg7 22. Nb5 Nbd7 23. Qc2 Be5 24. a3 Nf8 25. b4 axb4 26. axb4 Na6  
 27. Rb1 Qd7 28. Nd4 Qh3 29. Bf1 Qh4 30. Qd2 f5 31. gxf6 Qxf6 32. f4 Bxd4  
 33. Bxd4 Qf7 34. Bd3 c5 35. dxc6 bxc6 36. f5 c5 37. Qg5 exd4 38. fxg6+ Nxg6  
 39. Rbfl 1-0



Position after 35...bxc6

Mulyar and Ashley both finished with 7.0 out of 9 points in a tie for 5th place with 23 other players that include Colorado Hall of Famer Alex Fishbein.

[Event "2001 U.S. Open"]  
 [Site "Framingham, Massachusetts"]  
 [Date "August 4, 2001"]  
 [Round "6"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar (2478)"]  
 [Black "Maurice Ashley (2579)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 e6 7. f3 b5 8. Qd2 Nbd7 9. g4 Nb6 10. O-O-O Bb7 11. Kb1 Nfd7 12. Bg5 Qe8 13. Qf2 b4 14. Nce2 d5 15. Ng3 Qc7 16. Bd3 Ne5 17. Rhe1 Nxd3 18. Rxd3 Be5 19. Nh5 O-O 20. Bf6 gxf6 21. Qd2 1-0



Position after 19...O-O

Grandmaster Berelowitsch won the Ukrainian Championship in 2001.

[Event "Essent Open"]  
 [Site "Hoogeveen, Netherlands"]  
 [Date "October 14, 2001"]  
 [Round "3"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar, FIDE - 2428"]  
 [Black "Alexander Berelowitsch, FIDE - 2512"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. f3 g6 4. e4 Bg7 5. Nc3 O-O 6. Be3 b6 7. Bd3 a6 8. Nge2 c5 9. d5 e6 10. a4 exd5 11. cxd5 Nbd7 12. Nc1 Nh5 13. O-O f5 14. exf5 gxf5 15. f4 Ndf6 16. h3 Re8 17. Bd2 Qc7 18. Be4 Ng3 19. Rf3 Nge4 20. N1e2 Qf7 21. Ng3 Kh8 22. Qc2 Ra7 23. Re1 Rae7 24. Re2 Nxd2 25. Qxd2 Ne4 26. Qc2 Nxc3 27. Rxc3 Rxe2 28. Bxe2 Bd4+ 29. Kh2 Be3 30. Rf3 Qf6 31. Bd3 Qd4 32. Ne2 Qb4 33. Bxf5 Qd2 34. Bxh7 Qxc2 35. Bxc2 Bb7 36. Nc3 Bd4 37. Bd3 Re1 38. Bc4 Kg7 39. Ne2 Bxb2 40. Rb3 1-0



Position after 33...Qd2

Grandmaster Kudrin played in the 1998 U.S. Championships in Denver, where he qualified to play in the 1999 Las Vegas FIDE World Chess Championship.

[Event "2002 U.S. Championships"]  
 [Site "Seattle, Washington"]  
 [Date "January 7, 2002"]  
 [Round "3"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar (2491)"]  
 [Black "Sergey Kudrin (2622)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 Nc6 8. Qd2 O-O 9. O-O-O d5 10. exd5 Nxd5 11. Nxc6 bxc6 12. Bd4 e5 13. Be5 Be6 14. Ne4 Re8 15. Be4 h6 16. g4 Qh4 17. Bf2 Qe7 18. Be5 Qh4 19. Bf2 Qe7 20. h4 f5 21. gxf5 gxf5 22. Be5 Qc7 23. Rhg1 Kh7 24. Rxc7+ Qxc7 25. Rg1 Qf7 26. Nd6 Qc7 27. Nxe8 Rxe8 28. h5 Rd8 29. Qe1 Nf4 30. Bxe6 Nxe6 31. Be3 Qf7 32. Qc3 f4 33. Bf2 Qd7 34. b3 Qd5 35. Re1 Nd4 36. Qd3+ Kh8 37. Qg6 Nxf3 38. Qxh6+ Kg8 39. Qg6+ Kh8 40. Bh4 Nxf4 41. Qh6+ Kg8 42. Rg1+ Ng2 43. Qg5+ Kf8 44. Rxc7 Rd7 45. Qf6+ Ke8 46. Qh8+ Ke7 47. Rg7+ Kd6 48. Qb8+ Kc5 49. Rxd7 Qxd7 50. Qxe5+ Kb6 51. Qxf4 1-0



Position after 35...Nd4

Larry Kaufman was an IM at the time of this game and earned the GM title in 2008. Kaufman is a noted researcher in the field of computer chess and excellent shogi player. He is the only person in the world to earn a 2400 rating in both chess and shogi.

[Event "2003 U.S. Championship"]  
 [Site "Seattle, Washington"]  
 [Date "January 13, 2003"] [Round "5"]  
 [White "Larry Kaufman (2465)"]  
 [Black "Michael Mulyar (2508)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 a6 5. Bd3 g6 6. O-O Bg7 7. b3 c5 8. Bb2 cxd4 9. Bxd4 Nc6 10. Be3 O-O 11. cxd5 Qxd5 12. Be2 Bf5 13. Qxd5 Nxd5 14. Bxg7 Kxg7 15. Re1 Ncb4 16. Nbd2 Nc2 17. e4 Nxa1 18. exf5 Nxb3 19. axb3 gxf5 20. Nd4 e6 21. Bf3 Rfd8 22. Nc4 Rac8 23. Re1 Nb4 24. Ne2 b5 25. Ne3 Rd2 26. Nf4 Rc3 27. Rb1 Kf8 28. h3 Ke7 29. Bh5 Na2 30. Ne2 Rcd3 31. Nf1 Rd1 32. Rxd1 Rxd1 33. g3 Rd3 34. Ne3 Rxb3 35. Kg2 Rd3 36. Bf3 b4 37. Nf4 Rd8 38. Bd1 Nc1 39. Be2 a5 40. Kf1 b3 41. Bb1 a4 42. Nc4 Rd1+ 43. Kg2 Na2 44. Na3 Nc3 45. Bd3 b2 0-1



Position after 23.Re1

Grandmaster Serper won the World Open in 1999.

[Event "2003 U.S. Championship"]  
 [Site "Seattle, Washington"]  
 [Date "January 15, 2003"]  
 [Round "6"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar (2508)"]  
 [Black "Gregory Serper (2615)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Be2 Nf6 7. O-O Be5 8. Be3 d6 9. Qd3 O-O 10. Nb3 Bxe3 11. Qxe3 b5 12. a3 Bb7 13. Rad1 Nbd7 14. f4 Rfd8 15. Bf3 Rab8 16. Kh1 Nb6 17. Na5 Ba8 18. b4 Nc4 19. Nxe4 Qxe4 20. Rd3 Rbe8 21. Rfd1 Qc7 22. h3 h6 23. R1d2 Ne8 24. Qf2 Qb8 25. Be2 Nf6 26. Bf3 Ne8 27. Ne2 Rc4 28. Ng3 Rdc8 29. f5 Qc7 30. fxe6 fxe6 31. Bh5 Bxe4 32. Nxe4 Rxe4 33. Bg6 Re5 34. Re3 Nf6 35. Rxe5 dxe5 36. Qf3 Rf8 37. Qg3 Nd5 38. Be4 Rf1+ 39. Kh2 Nf6 40. Bf3 Qc3 41. Rd8+ Kh7 42. Rd7 Ng4+ 43. Qxg4 1-0



Position after 40...Qc3

Ray Robson was only twelve years old when this game was played and earned the IM title soon afterwards in November of 2007. He became a GM in 2010.

[Event "2007 U.S. Championship"]  
 [Site "Stillwater, Oklahoma"]  
 [Date "May 19, 2007"]  
 [Round "5"]  
 [White "Ray Robson (2378)"]  
 [Black "Michael Mulyar (2420)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. Bd3 e5 6. c3 Nc6 7. Ne2 cxd4 8. cxd4 f6 9. Nf4 Nxd4 10. Qh5+ Ke7 11. exf6+ Nxf6 12. Ng6+ hxg6 13. Qxh8 Kf7 14. Qh4 e5 15. Nf3 Nxf3+ 16. gxf3 Bf5 17. Bxf5 gxf5 18. Bg5 Qa5+ 19. Kf1 Be7 20. Kg2 d4 21. Rhe1 Rd8 22. Rac1 d3 23. Bxf6 Bxf6 24. Qc4+ Kg6 25. Red1 e4 26. fxe4 Rd4 27. Qe8 fxe4 28. Re5 Qd8 29. Qf5+ Kf7 30. Re5 Qd6 31. Rxe4 Qe6 32. Kf3 g6 33. Qg4 d2 34. Ke3 Rd6 35. Rxd2 Qc1 36. Qe2 Qc5+ 37. Kf3 Qf5+ 38. Ke3 Qh3+ 39. f3 Bg5+ 40. Rf4+ Bxf4+ 41. Kxf4 Qh6+ 42. Kg4 Qxd2 43. Qc4+ Qd5 44. Qc7+ Rd7 45. Qf4+ Qf5+ 0-1



Position after 20.Kg2

Grandmaster Walter Browne was a six-time U.S. Chess Champion and excellent poker player. He passed away on June 24, 2015.

[Event "2007 U.S. Championship"]  
 [Site "Stillwater, Oklahoma"]  
 [Date "May 21, 2007"]  
 [Round "7"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar (2420)"]  
 [Black "Walter Browne (2522)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. e4 Nge7 6. Nge2 O-O 7. O-O Nd4  
 8. b4 Nxe2+ 9. Nxe2 c6 10. Nc3 f5 11. exf5 gxf5 12. b5 d6 13. d3 f4 14. Rb1 Kh8  
 15. Ba3 c5 16. Bb2 a6 17. a4 axb5 18. axb5 Rb8 19. Ne4 Ng6 20. Qh5 Rf5  
 21. Qe2 Qf8 22. Nd2 Bh6 23. Be4 Rf6 24. Qh5 fxg3 25. fxg3 Be3+ 26. Kg2 Rf2+  
 27. Kh1 Bxd2 28. Rxf2 Qxf2 29. Bxg6 h6 30. Be4 Qf6 31. Qe8+ Kg7 32. Bg2  
 Qe6 33. Qh5 Bg5 34. Rf1 b6 35. h4 Be3 36. Qe2 Bb7 37. Kh2 Bxg2 38. Kxg2  
 Bd4 39. Bxd4 cxd4 40. Qf3 Qe7 41. Qg4+ Kh7 42. Qf5+ Kg7 43. h5 Qg5  
 44. Qd7+ Kg8 45. Qe6+ Kh8 46. Rf6 1-0



Position after 28...Qxf2

Mulyar wins a long and complicated rook endgame against long-time rival Randy Canney on his way to winning his 6th Colorado Open.

[Event "2013 Colorado Open"]  
 [Site "Denver, Colorado"]  
 [Date "August 31, 2013"]  
 [Round "3"]  
 [White "Randy Canney (2238)"]  
 [Black "Michael Mulyar (2545)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. d4 exd4 6. O-O Be7 7. Re1 O-O  
 8. e5 Ne8 9. c3 dxc3 10. Nxc3 d6 11. exd6 Nxd6 12. Nd5 Be6 13. Bxc6 bxc6  
 14. Nxe7+ Qxe7 15. Nd4 Qf6 16. Nxe6 fxe6 17. Qe2 e5 18. Be3 Nf5 19. Rad1  
 Qf7 20. b3 a5 21. Be5 Rfe8 22. Qe4 Re6 23. f3 Rae8 24. Qc4 Nd6 25. Bxd6 Rxd6  
 26. Qxf7+ Kxf7 27. Kf2 a4 28. Re1 Rd2+ 29. Re2 Rxe2+ 30. Kxe2 axb3 31. axb3  
 Re6 32. Re5 Ke7 33. h4 Kd6 34. Rc4 Kd5 35. Ke3 e5 36. Rc3 Rb6 37. Rd3+  
 Ke6 38. f4 Rb4 39. fxe5 Rxh4 40. Rd8 Rh5 41. Re8+ Kd7 42. Rg8 Rxe5+ 43. Kf4  
 Re7 44. g4 Ke6 45. g5 g6 46. Rd8 Rf7+ 47. Ke4 Rf5 48. Rh8 Rxg5 49. Rxh7  
 Kd6 50. Kd3 Rg3+ 51. Ke4 Rg4+ 52. Kc3 Kc6 53. Rg7 Kb6 54. Rg8 g5 55. Rb8+  
 Kc6 56. Rg8 Rg1 57. Kc4 Rg4+ 58. Kc3 Kd5 59. Rd8+ Ke6 60. Rc8 Kd7 61. Rg8  
 c6 62. Rg6 Kc7 63. Rg8 Kb7 64. Rg7+ Kb6 65. Rg8 Rg1 66. Kc4 Rc1+ 67. Kd3  
 c4+ 68. bxc4 Rg1 69. Re8 Kc5 70. Re4 g4 71. Ke2 g3 72. Kf3 Kb4 73. Rg4 Rc1  
 74. Ke2 g2 0-1



Position after 27.Kf2

Grandmaster Ivan Farago was the Hungarian Chess Champion in 1986 and an active player for over fifty years. He passed away on December 12, 2022.

[Event "FSGM September 2018"]  
 [Site "Budapest, Hungary"]  
 [Date "September 11, 2018"]  
 [Round "9"]  
 [White "Ivan Farago, FIDE - 2362"]  
 [Black "Michael A Mulyar, FIDE - 2374"]  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 c6 3. cxd5 cxd5 4. Bg5 f6 5. Bd2 Nc6 6. Nc3 e5 7. e4 Nxd4 8. Nge2  
 Nxe2 9. Bxe2 Ne7 10. Qb3 Nc6 11. Qxd5 Qxd5 12. Nxd5 Bd6 13. Be3 Be6  
 14. O-O-O O-O-O 15. Kb1 Kb8 16. Rd2 Ne7 17. Nc3 a6 18. Rhd1 Be7 19. Na4  
 Rxd2 20. Rxd2 Rd8 21. Rxd8+ Bxd8 22. Nc5 Bc8 23. Be4 Nc6 24. Bg8 h6  
 25. Be6 Be7 26. Bxc8 Kxc8 27. Ne6 g5 28. Ng7 Kd7 29. Nf5 Bf8 30. Kc2 Ne7  
 31. Ng3 Ng6 32. Nh5 Ke6 33. g4 Nh4 34. Ng3 Nf3 35. Nf1 Kf7 36. Kd3 b5  
 37. Bb6 Kg6 38. Ke3 Ne1 39. Ke2 Ng2 40. Ne3 Nxe3 41. Bxe3 h5 42. h3 hxg4  
 43. hxg4 Kf7 44. Kd3 1/2-1/2



Position after 25.Be6