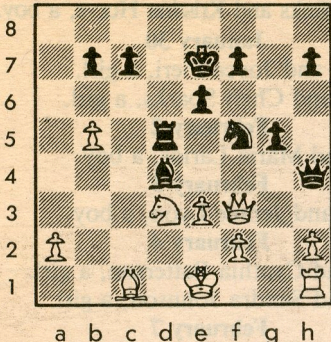


# Chess



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STRUGATSKY-LESKI  
Black to play and win.



## 2nd PAN PACIFIC GRANDMASTER TOURNAMENT BEGINS SATURDAY

The 2nd Pan Pacific Grandmaster Tournament will be held March 2-14 in San Francisco with a field of six top American players and six foreign grandmasters, including ex-world champion Mikhail Tal.

The American contingent includes past U.S. champions Walter Browne and Larry Christiansen, Olympians John Fedorowicz and Joel Benjamin, grandmaster Patrick Wolff, and international master Vincent McCambridge.

The foreign players are Tal, the legendary attacking wizard from the Soviet Union, 21-year-old Zsuzsa Polgar, who led Hungary to the gold medal in last year's women's Olympiad, Australian champion Ian Rogers, Filipino champion Eugenio Torre, Indonesia champion Utut Adianto (the winner of the 1st Pan Pacific tournament), and Czech GM Lubomir Ftacnik. Games will be held 3 p.m. at the Financial District Holiday Inn at 750 Kearny St. in San Francisco, except for round one, which begins after opening ceremonies at 10:30 a.m., and off days March 7 and 13. Call 421-2258 for information.

### NORCAL SCHOLASTICS COMING UP

The 16th annual Northern California Scholastic Chess Championship will be held in four divisions (K-Grade 3, 4-6, junior high, and high school) March 9 and 10 in San Rafael. Call 472-7911 for information.

### FIVE SHARE TOP PEOPLE'S PRIZE

International masters John Donaldson, John Grefe, Marc Leski and Vladimir Strugatsky, and senior master Larry Remlinger each scored 4.5-1.5 to share 1st-5th places at the 18th People's Chess Tournament held Feb. 16-18 in Berkeley. Each earned \$210 in prize money.

#### Berkeley 1991

White: Richard Kelson

Black: Marc Leski

Pirc Defense

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. e4 d6                   | 18. Qe3 Ne6               |
| 2. d4 Nf6                  | 19. g4 <sup>4</sup> Rfc8  |
| 3. Nc3 g6                  | 20. Kb1 Rab8              |
| 4. f4 Bg7                  | 21. Rh2 Nc5               |
| 5. Nf3 0-0                 | 22. Rdd2 a3 <sup>5</sup>  |
| 6. Be3 c5                  | 23. b3 a5                 |
| 7. dc5 Qa5                 | 24. g5 Nfd7               |
| 8. Bd3 Ng4                 | 25. Kc1 <sup>6</sup> a4   |
| 9. Bd2 Qc5                 | 26. ba4 Na4               |
| 10. Qe2 Nf6                | 27. Rc2 Bb2               |
| 11. 0-0-0 Bg4 <sup>1</sup> | 28. Kd1 Rb3! <sup>7</sup> |
| 12. h3 Bf3                 | 29. ab3 a2                |
| 13. Qf3 Nc6                | 30. ba4 a1(Q)             |
| 14. Na4 Qd4 <sup>2</sup>   | 31. Kd2 Rb8               |
| 15. c4 <sup>3</sup> b5     | 32. Rg2 Bd4               |
| 16. Bc3 ba4                | 33. Qf3 Rb3               |
| 17. Bd4 Nd4                | 34. Resigns               |

#### NOTES:

1. This has been played many times before. White controls more space, but Black has an extra center pawn and his bishop pressures the a1-h8 diagonal. 11...Nc6 is usually played, but Black first pins White's knight in order to strengthen his grip on the black squares, especially e5 and d4 in the center.
2. Now Black intends to sacrifice his queen for two minor pieces along with a lock on the black squares and attacking chances on the b- and c-files.
3. All of the black queen's escape routes are cut off.
4. White does not accept a defensive posture.
5. Much more forceful than 22...Nfe4 23.Rc2, when White's queen is cut loose on the e-file.
6. The b-file is about to blow up, so White's king heads for higher ground.
7. Black pushes his a-pawn to queen either by this sacrifice or by ...Nc3 and ...Na2.

**SOLUTION:** 1...Bc3 2.Ke2 Qa4! wins (3.Ne1 Qd1-+; 3.Qe4 (or Rd1) Qc2-+).