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### FRAMINGHAM EDGES WORCESTER CLUB IN TEAM MATCH

The Framingham Chess Club downed the Worcester Chess Club in a home-and-home team match on May 21 and 23 by a combined score of  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ . Framingham had defeated Worcester in a previous match in November 1983, but had struggled in recent matches, having lost to both Westford and Fitchburg in recent months.

Each team had problems on its "away" night. Originally arranged for nine boards, the match was scaled down to six when Worcester came up three players short in Framingham. Worcester could get only one win in Framingham, by their 13-year old Master on Board One, Ilya Gurevich. Roger Peterson salvaged another half-point for them in their  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  loss.

Leading by three points with only six games to go, it would have been difficult for Framingham to lose the match, but they tried their best in Worcester. Newly crowned club Co-Champion Alejandro Beltran neutralized Gurevich's feared Schliemann Ruy Lopez and secured a superior rook-and-pawn ending, before he hung his rook. Kenneth and Russell Wright were delayed in reaching Worcester and arrived with 45 minutes gone on their clocks--in a 30 moves/60 minutes time control. Both made heroic efforts to catch up on the clock, but Russell's game went down in the early middlegame, and Kenneth, though securing a drawn ending, overstepped the time limit. On Board Five Archie Woods played a positional masterpiece, pushing his opponent completely to the wall--before stumbling into a mate. However, Alyn Miller and Bob Jordan won for Framingham to clinch the match.

The Framingham Chess Club plans three more team matches in 1985, the next most probably against Billerica in September.

<u>FRAMINGHAM</u>		<u>WORCESTER</u>
1 Alejandro Beltran (1896)	0-2	Ilya Gurevich (2286)
2 Kenneth Wright (1834)	1-1	Arthur Longwell (1704)
3 Russell Wright (1755)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	Roger Peterson (1670)
4 Alyn Miller (1703)	2-0	Mike Kalinowski (1656)
5 Archie Woods (1683)	1-1	Michael Morello (1499)
6 Bob Jordan (1620)	2-0	Malcolm Longwell (1419)
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