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FOUR TIE ATOP THE FRAMINGHAM OPEN

Four Senior Masters--FM Ilya Gurevich of Worcester MA, John Curdo of North Billerica MA, David Griego of Providence RI, and Rick Bauer of Farmington CT--shared first through fourth places at 3-1 in the 4th Framingham Open, held September 19-20 in Framingham MA. A half-point out of the prize money at 2½-1½ were Lou Mercuri of Newton MA and Alan Shaw of Somerville MA, though Bijan Haririan of Maynard MA, also at 2½-1½, won top Under-2200 honors.

The four eventual prizewinners all started strongly with wins in the first round against high-rated Experts, though Bill Kelleher of Boston MA, the fifth-seed, uncharacteristically lost the thread of an endgame and was upset by Drew Sarkisian of Oxford MA, despite being up the exchange earlier. Mercuri, the sixth-seed, yielded a draw to George Winsor of Attleboro; it was to be Winsor's only score of the tournament.

In round two Bauer upset Gurevich after Gurevich blundered away the exchange in the early middlegame. Accepting Gurevich's resignation, Bauer commented that he couldn't recall the last time he had seen Gurevich lose a game. Curdo was held to a draw by Shaw, and Griego yielded a draw to Gary Nute, now of Lowell MA, so Bauer became the sole leader after only two rounds.

Bauer and Curdo battled to a draw in the third round, allowing Griego to join Bauer in the lead with a win over Shaw. Mercuri later made it a three-way tie for the lead, puncturing Nute's Caro-Kann Defense and systematically stripping Nute's king of defenders. Gurevich defeated Jim Anderson of North Quincy MA to move within a half-point of the lead; Anderson essayed one of the sharpest lines of the Ruy Lopez, hoping to turn Gurevich's own weapons against him, without success.

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In the finale Bauer and Griego launched into the sharp Meran Defense, suggesting that each was bidding for clear first, but then unexpectedly agreed to a draw after ten moves. Mercuri's fate was thus left in his own hands: he could take clear first with a win over Gurevich. However, despite an early advantage in space, Mercuri handicapped himself with several weak pawns, and Gurevich methodically mopped him up to join the prizewinners. Curdo meanwhile handed Nute a second straight loss to make it a four-way deadlock.

In other sections, John Loyte of Maynard and Stephen Gradijan of Needham MA, the ninth- and tenth-seeds in the Premier (under-2100) section, each scored three wins and drew with each other in the final round to finish equal first with $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Jonathan Crutchley and Mike Grant, both of Boston MA, finished a half-point back. Jerry Williams of Woonsocket RI was the only clear section winner in the tournament, finishing $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ to top the Amateur (under-1800) section. Greg Levey of Hadley MA, Steven McDaniel of Worcester MA, and Matthew Rothman of Randolph MA shared second through fourth with 3-1. There was a three-way tie for first in the Reserve (under-1500) section, including Stephen S. Britten of Lexington MA, Ralph Sneiderman of Lynn MA, and Bill Maynard of Charlton MA, all at 3-1. Warren Pinches directed for the sponsoring Framingham Chess Club.

(The attached game scores were produced and computer-proofed using the Merrill chess database software.)

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4TH FRAMINGHAM OPEN--SEPTEMBER 19-20, 1987--FRAMINGHAM MA

OPEN SECTION

1	FM Ilya Gurevich	Worcester MA	2476	1	W9	L4	W13	W5	3
2	John Curdo	No. Billerica MA	2462	2	W13	D6	D4	W10	3
3	David Griego	Providence RI	2415	3	W11	D10	W6	D4	3
4	Rick Bauer	Farmington CT	2410	4	W12	W1	D2	D3	3
5	Lou Mercuri	Newton MA	2304	6	D16	W8	W10	L1	2½
6	Alan Shaw	Somerville MA	2281	7	W14	D2	L3	W12	2½
7	Bijan Haririan	Maynard MA	2196	9	L1	D12	W8	W11	2½
8	Drew Sarkisian	Oxford MA	2089	13	W9	L5	L7	W14	2
9	Bill Kelleher	Boston MA	2368	5	L8	W16	D11	---	1½
10	Gary Nute	Lowell MA	2242	8	W16	D3	L5	L2	1½
11	Eric Rosen	Sudbury MA	2163	11	L3	W15	D9	L7	1½
12	Gabriel Schoenfeld	Cambridge MA	2136	12	L4	D7	W16	L6	1½
13	Jim Anderson	No. Quincy MA	2177	10	L2	W14	L1	---	1
14	Joe Pineau	Natick MA	1998	15	L6	L13	W15	L8	1
15	John Fanning	Scituate MA	1584	16	L10	L11	L14	W16	1
16	George Winsor	Attleboro MA	2086	14	D5	L9	L12	L15	½

PREMIER (UNDER 2100) SECTION

1	John Loyte	Maynard MA	1900	9	W3	W5	W6	D2	3½
2	Stephen Gradijan	Needham MA	1899	10	W7	W13	W12	D1	3½
3	Jonathan Crutchley	Boston MA	2049	1	L1	W15	W14	W5	3
4	Mike Grant	Boston MA	1798	14	L6	W9	W13	W7	3
5	James Fried	Northampton MA	2033	3	W9	L1	W10	L3	2
6	Steven Schaeffer	Saugerties NY	2003	6	W4	W10	L1	---	2
7	Antonio Angel	Miami FL	2048	2	L2	D14	W16	L4	1½
8	Brian DeSousa	Worcester MA	1910	8	W16	D12	---	---	1½
9	Jorge Godoy	Framingham MA	1854	11	L5	L4	Bye	D11	1½
10	Joel Clott	Hartford CT	1852	12	WF	L6	L5	D16	1½
11	Alex Sadowsky	Framingham MA	1834	13	L13	D16	D15	D9	1½
12	Sam Lyles	Canton MA	1636	17	Bye	D8	L2	---	1½
13	Leonard Johnson	Providence RI	2015	5	W11	L2	L4	---	1
14	Mitchell Borden	Albany NY	1910	7	D15	D7	L3	---	1
15	Steve Whelton	Quincy MA	1731	15	D14	L3	D11	---	1
16	Richard Mooney	Cambridge MA	1641	16	L8	D11	L7	D10	1

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AMATEUR (UNDER 1800) SECTION

1	Jerry Williams	Woonsocket RI	1587	13	W9	W5	W2	D4	3½
2	Greg Levey	Hadley MA	1774	1	W14	W13	L1	W11	3
3	Steven McDaniel	Worcester MA	1538	15	L13	Bye	W10	W8	3
4	Matthew Rothman	Randolph MA	1494	16	W17	D8	W12	D1	3
5	Dan Fortier	Framingham MA	1760	2	W15	L1	W13	D6	2½
6	Nicholas McDaniel	No. Providence RI	1605	12	L8	W17	W9	D2	2½
7	Anthony Costa	Randolph MA	1397	17	D16	L11	W14	W12	2½
8	Adam Schulman	Cambridge MA	1752	3	W6	D4	D11	L3	2
9	William McAllister	Framingham MA	1691	4	L1	W15	L6	W13	2
10	Walt Champion	Wellesley MA	1687	5	LXP	W14	L3	W15	2
11	Tom Sifter	Quincy MA	1554	14	D12	W7	D8	L2	2
12	Slawomir Luczak	Worcester MA	1679	6	D11	W16	L4	L7	1½
13	Bob Matheson	Natick MA	1679	7	W3	L2	L5	L9	1
14	Lee Hull	Arlington MA	1628	10	L2	L10	L7	W16	1
15	Henry Blackwell	Framingham MA	1612	11	L5	L9	W16	L10	1
16	Woody Wink	Billerica MA	1633	9	D7	L12	L15	L14	½
17	Roger Seletsky	Brookline MA	1650	8	L4	L6	---	---	0

RESERVE (UNDER 1500) SECTION

1	Stephen S. Britten	Lexington MA	1446	3	L3	W8	W4	W5	3
2	Ralph Sneiderman	Lynn MA	1426	4	L4	W7	W6	W3	3
3	Bill Maynard	Charlton MA	UNR	8	W1	W6	W5	L2	3
4	Robert Duffy	Kensington NH	1483	1	W2	L5	L1	W7	2
5	Jim Shea	No. Billerica MA	1126	7	W8	W4	L3	L1	2
6	Robert Hopkins	Newton	1458	2	W7	L3	L2	---	1
7	Fran Litterio	Sterling MA	1146	6	L6	L2	WF	L4	1
8	Bryan Flaherty	Framingham MA	1149	5	L5	L1	---	---	0