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TAL DAZZLES CAPACITY CROWD IN FRAMINGHAM

Former World Champion Mikhail Tal took on 30 players in a simultaneous exhibition on Tuesday night, March 8, at the Framingham Chess Club. Watched by almost 100 paying spectators and numerous chess columnists and photographers, the legendary Grandmaster took just under three hours to score 26 wins, two draws, and two losses. Winning against Tal were 12-year-old Bobby Seltzer of West Roxbury, the former New England Junior Champion, and Bob Salvas of Cumberland RI. Nicking Tal for draws were Drew Sarkisian of Oxford and Michael Perlmutter of Sherborn. Tal preceded his seance with an hour-long lecture and Q&A period, enchanting the overflow crowd with his anecdotes and dry wit.

The preceding evening Tal played a disappointing turnout of 18 boards at the Boylston Chess Club in Boston, winning 16 and drawing against Bob Norton and Mark Dynna. After Framingham Tal continues on to New York, southern New Jersey, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Milwaukee. Coordinator of Tal's New England stopover was William Lukowiak of the Boylston Chess Club; coordinating Tal's American tour is Richard Verber of Chicago.