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GUREVICH AND CURDO WIN WEST SUBURBAN WINTER GRAND PRIX

FM Ilya Gurevich of Worcester and John Curdo of North Billerica each scored three wins and a final-round draw against each other to tie for first in the 5th West Suburban Winter Grand Prix, held January 30-31 at the club. Senior Master Joe Fang of Nashua NH took clear third place with 3-0, with FM Charles Hertan of Cambridge, Ed Boudrot of Cambridge, Richard Gutman of Somerville, and Ed Marcus of Arlington equal fourth at 2.5-1.5. Gutman and Marcus also shared the first under-2200 prize. The turnout of 90 players from eight states, including all six New England states, though not a record nonetheless exceeded expectations sufficiently to permit a 20% increase in the prize fund.

Third-seeded Hertan (the winner of this event in 1985) was upset in the first round by Richard Rush of Newport RI; in extreme time-trouble Hertan let Rush queen a pawn. Former club champion David Drumm of Framingham was the talk of the tournament on Saturday; in the first round he upended Boudrot, and in the second, Gary Nute of Lowell, setting up a third-round matchup against Curdo, who downed David Dymond of Roxbury round two. Curdo did not take Drumm lightly; only six weeks earlier Curdo had barely salvaged a draw against Drumm to stay in contention in the Mark Bond Classic, and Curdo rated Drumm and Rush as the two most dangerous non-Masters in the tournament. Also at two points Saturday night were Gurevich, who defeated Gutman, and

CALENDAR

March 1 (Tuesday): 1) ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP. 7 p.m. Announcement of club election results; discussion of club program and policies. 2) MARCH SPEED TOURNAMENT. RR-format, 5-minute games. EF \$2; all entries returned as prizes. Est. 8:30 start.

March 8, 15, 22, 29 (Tuesdays): MARCH TRISECTIONAL SWISS. 4-SS in Open, Under-1850, and Under-1500 sections. EF: FCC members \$8; others \$12. 1st-2nd \$50-\$25 each section.

March 12-13 (Saturday-Sunday): NEW ENGLAND AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP. 4-SS team tournament, four-player teams with average rating under 2200. EF: \$40/team advance, \$50 at site. Trophies to players on 1st, 2nd, 1st under-1900 teams, top scorers each board, more per entries. Reg. 9:30-10 a.m. Sat., Rds 10:30-4 Sat; 10-3:30 Sun. Adv ent to Warren Pinches, 115 Bay State Rd #7, Boston MA 02215.

Fang, who scored against Rush.

In round three Gurevich crushed Fang, while Curdo snapped Drumm's upset streak; and exhausted Drumm then withdrew, though the Under-2200 prize was almost in his grasp. Hertan barely saved a draw against former club member Dan Bartley of Hyannis; with both players in time-trouble Hertan went for a perpetual check just as Bartley posted a queen, rook, and passed pawn on the seventh rank. Boudrot was held to a draw by Dennis Seawald of Needham, while Ed Marcus, also a

former club member, stayed in contention with a third straight draw, against Gutman.

A full point ahead of their rivals, Gurevich and Curdo decided to take the money and run, agreeing to a draw after only eight moves. Fang beat Dymond, which turned out to be good enough for clear third, as Hertan stayed in the prize money by defeating Nute, the only other player who could catch Fang. Marcus handed Rush a third straight loss, while Boudrot downed Bartley and Gutman rounded out the prizewinners by beating Seawald. The tournament was the third time Gurevich had tied for first in a club Grand Prix event, and the fourth time for Curdo; Gurevich had tied for first with Curdo and Rizzitano in the 1984 Summer Grand Prix, and with Hertan (and ahead of GM Shamkovich) in the 1985 Framingham Open, while Curdo had also tied for first in the 1986 Mark Bond Classic (with Alan Shaw) and the 1987 Mark Bond Classic (with Edward Epp).

The other three sections each had clear winners. Top-seeded Gary Field of Hudson NH scored 3.5-0.5 to win the Premier (Under 2100) section, a half-point ahead of a seven-way logjam at second: Jeff Quirke of Worcester, Mike Lauziere of Sturbridge, Kenneth Kemp of Cambridge, Stephen Gradijan of Needham, Brian DeSousa of Wakefield, Sam Lyles of Canton, and unrated Christian Kloss of Orange.

Club member Stanley Crowe had one of only two perfect scores during the weekend, sweeping the Amateur (Under 1800) 4-0, despite being only the sixteenth-seed. Clear second went to Richard Mooney of Cambridge at 3.5-0.5, while Richard Seltzer of West Roxbury, Ray Glaser of Londonderry NH, William McAllister of Framingham, and unrated Marc Fogel of Newton shared third. In the Reserve (Under 1500) section, twelfth-seeded David Wallace of Weston scored a 4-0 sweep, with Robert Hopkins of Newton and Andrei Poonen of Winchester equal second. Warren Pinches directed.

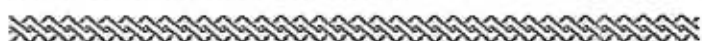
EPP AND ENGELS SCORE SWEEPS IN JANUARY SECTIONAL

Dr. Edward Epp of Weston scored 4-0 to win the Open Section of the 50-player January Sectional Swiss, ending January 26. Epp moved down the tough schedule of Mark Fins of Newton, Joe Pineau of Natick, Rob Huntington of Wayland, and Dave Ferreira of Watertown to clinch first; Huntington, Ferreira and Pineau shared second at 3-0. Top Under-1900 players were Michael Dreese of Allston, Mike LeBlanc of Westboro (who upset Drew Sarkisian of Oxford), and David Faramarzpour of Sudbury (who upset Brad Merrill of Westboro). The tournament was not kind to the Experts: Sarkisian finished with a minus score for the first time in the history of the club, Bruce Downing of Foxboro was for a second straight tournament upset in the first round (this time by John Fanning of Scituate), and Merrill and Michael Bienenstock of Newton could finish no higher than 2.5-1.5.

Bob Engels showed flashes of his 1984-85 form as he crushed the Under-1750 Section, 4-0. Equal second were Svein Abrahamsen of Natick, William McAllister of Framingham, Mark Steinberg of Framingham, and Archie Woods of Natick, all at 3-1. Top honors Under-1500 were split five ways, among Bruce Biewald of Wayland, Dick Reil of Sutton, John Gibbons of Upton, Frank Magdits of Mendon, and unrated David McGilvray of Southboro. The tournament was the fifth out of the last seven to reach to 50-player mark.

GREENBERG SHOCKS FIELD IN TIME-HANDICAP

David Greenberg of Brighton exploited his 1635 rating to the hilt to score an amazing 4-1 in the championship finals of the February 2 Time-Handicap Speed Tournament. The format of the round-robin event gave five minutes to the lower-rated player and one minute less to the higher-rated player for every hundred points of rating differential down to a minimum of one minute. Alan Shaw of Somerville (2267)



took second with 3.5-1.5 in the finals, with Drew Sarkisian of Oxford (2145) third with 3-2, club champion Jack Young of Acton (2197) fourth with 2.5-2.5, Mark Fins of Newton (1962) fifth with 2-3, and Michael Becker of Marlboro (1483) happy to make the finals, at 0-5.

The 33-player field was divided into three 11-player ratings-balanced preliminary sections, with the top two advancing from each to the finals. Shaw won the first with 9-1; Fins drew a replay of a disputed game with Dick Reil of Sutton (successfully offering a draw after his flag fell) and then won a playoff with David Langlois of Newton, the second-seed in the section, to squeeze into the finals. Becker astonished the second section, blasting the field 9-1, with Young scoring 8-2 for the second slot. Sarkisian went 9-1 in the third section, with Greenberg at 7.5-2.5 edging out top-seeded Edward Epp of Weston for the remaining qualifying berth. Several notable speed players had off nights; the "king of junk chess", David Ferriera of Watertown, fell two points short of a playoff berth, while Middlesex News columnist Tom Zuppa of Billerica displayed his rust with a horrid 1-9 finish.

NEW MEMBERS IN JANUARY

Bob Curley (Milford)
 John Poirier (Worcester)
 Don Bossio (Brighton)
 Raymond Jaeger (Framingham)
 Brian Jaeger (Framingham)
 Christopher Jaeger (Framingham)

SELECTED GAMES FROM THE WEST SUBURBAN WINTER GRAND PRIX

DREW SARKISIAN (2142) - ILYA GUREVICH (2498) QUEENS' INDIAN DEFENSE 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 b6 3. g3 Bb7 4. Bg2 c5 5. c3 g6 6. O-O Bg7 7. Re1 O-O 8. Nbd2 d5 9. Ne5 Nbd7 10. Ndf3 Ne4 11. Nxd7 Qxd7 12. Ne5 Qe6

13. f3 Nd6 14. Ng4 h5 15. Nf2 cxd4 16. cxd4 Qf6 17. e3 e5 18. e4 Rfd8 19. dxe5 Qxe5 20. f4 Qe8 21. e5 Nf5 22. b3 Rac8 23. Bb2 Qd7 24. Qe2 d4 25. Bxb7 Qxb7 26. Rac1 Qd5 27. Nd3 Ne3 28. Rxc8 Rxc8 29. Rc1 Rd8 30. Ba3 a5 31. Bd6 Re8 32. Ne1 Nf5 33. Bc7 Re6 34. Qg2 Qb5 35. Qf1 Qd7 36. Qf3 Bf8 37. Nd3 Ba3 38. Rc4 Ne3 39. Ra4 Qxc7 40. Rxa3 Qc2 41. Ne1 Qc1 0-1

DAVID DRUMM (2026) - EDWARD BOUDROT (2202) FRENCH DEFENSE

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nf6 5. Ng3 a6 6. Nf3 b5 7. Bd3 Bb7 8. O-O c5 9. c4 cxd4 10. cxb5 Qd5 11. bxa6 Nxa6 12. Qa4+ Bc6 13. Qxd4 Nb4 14. Bc4 Qa5 15. Ne5 Bb7 16. Be3 Rd8 17. Qb6 Qxe5 18. Qxb7 Bd6 19. Qb5+ Nd7 20. Qxe5 Bxe5 21. Rfd1 O-O 22. Bg5 Nf6 23. Rab1 Rxd1+ 24. Rxd1 h6 25. Bc1 Rc8 26. Bb3 Nc6 27. Ne2 Na5 28. Ba4 Nd5 29. a3 Nb6 30. Bb5 Nb3 31. Be3 Nd5 32. Bd4 Nxd4 33. Nxd4 Kf8 34. g3 Bxd4 35. Rxd4 Rc2 36. b4 Rc1+ 37. Kg2 Ra1 38. Rd3 f5 39. Bc4 f4 40. Bxd5 exd5 41. gxf4 Ke7 42. Rxd5 Rxa3 43. f5 Rb3 44. b5 Kf6 45. h4 Ra3 46. f3 Rb3 47. Kg3 Rb4 48. Kf2 Rb3 49. Rc5 Rd3 50. Rc8 Rb3 51. Rb8 Kxf5 52. b6 Ke6 53. b7 Kd7 54. Rg8 Kc7 55. b8=Q+ Rxb8 56. Rxb8 Kxb8 57. Ke3 Kc7 58. Kf4 Kd7 59. Kf5 Ke7 60. Kg6 Ke6 61. Kxg7 Kf5 62. Kxh6 Kf4 63. Kg6 Kxf3 64. h5 1-0

GARY NUTE (2223) - DAVID DRUMM (2026)

TORRE ATTACK 1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bg5 h6 4. Bxf6 exf6 5. Nbd2 Bd6 6. e3 O-O 7. Bd3 Re8 8. h3 f5 9. O-O g6 10. c4 c6 11. Qb3 Qa5 12. Rfc1 Nd7 13. cxd5 cxd5 14. Bb5 Bb4 15. Qd3 a6 16. Bxd7 Bxd7 17. Nb3 Qb6 18. Ne5 Bb5 19. Qd1 Bd6 20. Nd3 Bxd3 21. Qxd3 f4 22. exf4 Bxf4 23. Rc5 Qe6 24. g3 Bd6 25. Rcc1 Qxh3 26. Nc5 Rab8 27. Qf3 Re7 28. Re1 Rbe8 29. Rxe7 Rxe7 30. Nd3 Re4 31. Re1 Qe6 32. Qd1 h5 33. Rxe4 Qxe4 34. Nc1 h4 35. Qe2 hxg3 36. fxg3 Bxg3 37. Qxe4 dxe4 38. Nb3 b6 39. Kf1 f5 40. a4 a5 41. Nd2 Kf7 42. Nc4 Bc7 43. d5 Kf6 44. d6 Bd8 45. Ke2 f4 46. b3 Ke6 47. Kf2 g5 48. Kg2 g4 49. Kf1 g3 50. Kg2 Bh4 51. Nd2 f3+ 52. Kf1 Kf5 53. d7 Kf4 54. Kg1 e3 0-1



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