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HEISING, SARKISIAN SHARE

1986 CHALLENGE CUP TITLE

Paul Heising of Millbury scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ to place first in the 1986 Framingham Challenge Cup. However, with two of his points by forfeiture, Heising magnanimously insisted on sharing the title with runner-up Drew Sarkisian of Oxford, who had to play all seven games for his 5-2 finish. Heising lost only to Calvin Rickman of Sudbury, who finished third at 4-3, while Sarkisian missed his chance for clear first when he lost to Rob Huntington of Wayland in the final round. Sarkisian had won the inaugural of this event in 1984. The tournament, played mostly in August, was beset by scheduling problems; the final outcome of the tournament was delayed over a month as games rescheduled from players' vacations were made up. Six of the club's Experts originally invited could not play (including club champion David Drumm and 1985 Challenge Cup champion Craig Presson) while Mike Lauziere (the runner-up in this event the previous two years) and James Todhunter could not complete their playing schedules.

THREE SHARE FIRST IN AUTUMN SECTIONAL

A tighter finish in the Autumn Sectional Swiss could hardly have been imagined, as only one point separated the top eleven players in the open section. Joe Pineau of Natick, Jack Martin of Wayland, and Mike LeBlanc of Westboro shared first at 3-1, with Ed Marcus of Waltham, Michael Bienenstock of Newton, and Calvin Rickman of Sudbury equal fourth with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Martin downed Pineau in the final round to pull into the tie for first, while LeBlanc coasted home with a forfeit win after losing to Bienenstock. Bon Engels of Framingham top-

<u>CALENDAR</u>
November 18, 25; December 2, 9, 16, 23 (Tuesdays): MARK BOND CLASSIC. New England's first weeknight Grand-Prix tournament. 6-SS, TL 40/90, 15/30. EF: FCC members \$10; others \$15. Over \$400 prizes guaranteed: \$150-\$100-\$50; \$35 each to 1st Under 2000/Under 1750/Under 1500. 5 Grand Prix points available. Don't miss this major event!
December 2 (Tuesday): UNRATED INTRODUCTORY TOURNAMENT. 3-SS, TL SD/30. Entry restricted to rated under 1200 or unrated. EF: FCC members \$3; others \$4. Plaque or USCF membership to first.
December 27 (Saturday): FRAMINGHAM NEW YEAR'S SWISS. 4-SS, TL 40/1, 20/30, SD/30. EF: FCC members \$12; others \$15; all \$3 more at door. Prizes: \$75-\$45-\$20 (b/25); class prizes based on entries. Reg. 9-9:30AM; Rd 1 at 10AM.
December 30 (Tuesday): WILD CARD SWISS. 3-SS, TL SD/30. Players will select openings randomly from a deck of cards. EF: \$2; all entries returned as prizes.

ped the Under-1700 section with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, with Paul McClanahan of Wrentham, David Palmer of Sudbury, and Syd Michael of Natick sharing second a half-point back. Palmer led going into the final round but lost to Engels, who lost to Kurt Esser of Nashua NH in the first round. Robert Avalone of Cambridge, one of five unrated players in the field, finished fifth with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

1986 FRAMINGHAM CHALLENGE CUP

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T
1 Paul Heising	2057	X	½	0	1	1	1	1*	1*	5½
2 Drew Sarkisian	2056	½	X	1	0	½	1	1	1	5
3 Calvin Rickman	1934	1	0	X	½	0	½	1	1	4
4 Rob Huntington	2014	0	1	½	X	0	0	1*	1*	3½
5 Michael Bienenstock	1987	0	½	1	1	X	½	0	½	3½
6 Brad Merrill	1968	0	0	½	1	½	X	1*	½	3½
7 Mike Lauziere	2007	0*	0	0	0*	1	0*	X	1	2
8 James Todhunter	2020	0*	0	0	0*	½	½	0	X	1

*unplayed game

FRAMINGHAM AUTUMN SECTIONAL SWISS

		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	T
1 Joe Pineau	1953	W10	W13	W5	L2	3
2 Jack Martin	1900	D7	½B	WF	W1	3
3 Mike LeBlanc	1829	W16	L5	W11	WF	3
4 Ed Marcus	2048	W9	D6	W8	---	2½
5 Michael Bienenstock	1987	W12	W3	L1	D6	2½
6 Calvin Rickman	1929	W14	D4	D7	D5	2½
7 Drew Sarkisian	2096	D2	W17	D6	---	2
8 Brad Merrill	1945	W11	½B	L4	D9	2
9 Bob Jordan	1883	L4	D14	W17	D8	2
10 Jorge Godoy	1833	L1	W8	W13	---	2
11 Alex Sadowsky	1761	L8	W12	L3	W17	2
12 Alyn Miller	1865	L5	L11	Bye	D13	1½
13 Carl Larson	1776	W15	L1	L10	D12	1½
14 Herb Weisberg	1728	L6	D9	L15	Bye	1½
15 Rob Huntington	1950	L13	---	W14	---	1
16 Menno Koning	1697	L3	Bye	---	---	1
17 David Ferreira	1936	½B	L7	L9	L11	½
1 Bob Engels	1633	D7	W9	W12	W3	3½
2 Paul McClanahan	1678	W14	W4	L3	W6	3
3 David Palmer	1569	W15	W8	W2	L1	3
4 Syd Michael	1568	W16	L2	W8	W7	3
5 Robert Avalone	UNR	½B	L12	W13	W11	2½
6 Henry Blackwell	1585	L9	W16	W14	L2	2
7 Kurt Esser	1452	D1	W13	D11	L4	2
8 Mark Steinberg	1348	W11	L3	L4	W15	2
9 John Richard	UNR	W6	L1	D10	D12	2
10 William Powers	UNR	½B	L11	D9	W14	2
11 Robert Matheson	1606	L8	W10	D7	L5	1½
12 Stanley Crowe	1345	½B	D5	L1	D9	1½
13 William McAllister	UNR	½B	L7	L5	W16	1½
14 Michael Becker	1496	L2	W15	L6	L10	1
15 Marty Shulman	UNR	L3	L14	W16	L8	1
16 Francis Litterio	UNR	L4	L6	L15	L13	0

GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS HIGHLIGHT

1987 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

The club has finalized its schedule of weekend tournaments for 1987, with 10 events on the agenda. After a 10-month hiatus the club will resume its schedule of major regional Grand-Prix tournaments with the 4th West Suburban Winter Grand Prix on January 31-February 1. The West Suburban Summer Grand Prix will move from its usual June date to July 18-19, with the Framingham Open on September 19-20. The club will also sponsor for a third straight year the New England Amateur Team Championship, on March 21-22. One-day tournaments are planned for March 1 (Sun), April 26 (Sun), May 30 (Sat), August 16 (Sun), November 8 (Sun), and December 26 (Sat). All events will be held at the club site at the American Legion. Details of the club's calendar of Tuesday nights events for 1987 are nearing completion.

CLUB LAUNCHES "CHESSWATCH";

REVIVAL OF "PAWN STORM" CONSIDERED

To keep in touch better with its members, the club has launched this newsletter, Chesswatch, which will be mailed to all members monthly with tournament results, club news, and calendar announcements. Note that Chesswatch is mailed at bulk rate and is not forwarded by the Post Office--if you change addresses, you must let us know to stay on our mailing list. The club last had a publication in 1983-84, with its highly regarded magazine, The Pawn Storm, which monthly ran 20-25 pages of feature articles, columns on openings, endgames, problems, postal chess, and tournament rules, as well as news and games from the club. While that effort was too costly for the club in time and money as a monthly, many members long to see that magazine revived, and this is under consideration--but as a feature quarterly, with the more timely news and games to be run in the monthly Chesswatch. Your feedback on this idea would be appreciated, so the club officers can make a decision on this by year's end.

RATINGS OF CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS

1 R. Martin	2175	41 Schinzel	1766	81 Gibson	1405
2 Young	2124	42 Sadowsky	1761	82 Thangaraj	1396
3 Sarkisian	2096	43 Maguire	1752	83 Cooper	1394
4 Williams	2072	44 Leff	1736	83 Crowe	1394
5 Bartley	2064	45 McClanahan	1732	85 Chan	1387
6 Heising	2052	46 T. Hirsch	1730	86 Steinberg	1369
7 Marcus	2048	47 Champion	1705	87 Richard	1346
8 Presson	2020	48 R. Eldridge	1702	88 Whitney	1345
9 Huntington	2014	49 Warren	1702	89 Armstrong	1329
10 Kaden	2013	50 Garcia	1684	90 Beatrice	1319
11 J. Martin	2012	51 Nuboer	1679	91 Avalone	1299
12 Lauziere	2007	52 Koning	1666	92 H. Seltzer	1264
13 Beltran	2006	53 Matheson	1658	93 Coldwell	1192
14 Todhunter	2003	54 Harvey	1656	94 Flaherty	1181
15 Pollitz	1999	55 Woods	1653	95 Mehlman	1162
16 Bienenstock	1988	56 Engels	1630	96 Jacobs	1158
17 Pineau	1977	57 Gates	1615	97 Brown	1101
18 Drumm	1963	58 Madsen	1609	98 W. Dinion	1037
19 Merrill	1945	59 Palmer	1603	99 C. Dinion	1031
20 Ferreira	1942	60 Warnick	1573	100 Rex Wright	1099
21 Rickman	1925	61 Ri. Seltzer	1572	101 Bebeau	994
22 Ro. Selter	1925	62 Hecht	1560	102 Romero	954
23 Mlynarczyk	1921	63 Blackwell	1563	103 M. Seltzer	833
24 Zuppa	1914	64 Pacy	1557	Bagley	UNR
25 Vik	1902	65 Davidoff	1552	Bangston	UNR
26 K. Wright	1901	66 Michael	1543	Fitzpatrick	UNR
27 L. Eldridge	1895	67 Kaprielian	1542	Gener	UNR
28 Courtney	1890	68 Fortier	1542	Hoyt	UNR
29 Jordan	1883	69 Steinbeiser	1539	McAllister	UNR
30 PenaLora	1878	70 Becker	1520	McKittrick	UNR
31 A. Miller	1865	71 Elliot	1464	Medd	UNR
32 Pinches	1856	72 Oakley	1462	Mixon	UNR
33 LeBlanc	1853	73 Reil	1455	Powers	UNR
34 Fins	1854	74 Morin	1451	Praglin	UNR
35 Johnson	1853	75 Esser	1450	J. Tanzawa	UNR
36 Godoy	1844	76 Oshidari	1448	L. Tanzawa	UNR
37 Rothschild	1835	77 Ben-Maor	1436	M. Tanzawa	UNR
38 Devoe	1832	78 P. Hirsch	1432	Shulman	UNR
39 Larson	1784	79 Gibbons	1428	Willsmer	UNR
40 Weisberg	1780	80 O'Connell	1426		

Chesswatch, each month it will show your current membership date on the top line. Beat the dues increase and renew now!

PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR RACE TIGHTENS

As of November 4, Jack Martin was holding on to a shrinking lead in the year long Player-of-the-Year competition, based on cumulative points in rated weeknight tournaments. Martin at 21½ leads Joe Pineau and Drew Sarkisian, both at 19, and David Palmer at 15. Despite having his lead cut in half in October, Martin, who has led since mid-spring, remains confident that he can fend off these late challengers, with only six tournament rounds to go in the year.

RESHEVSKY TO GIVE FRAMINGHAM

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

Six-time US Champion GM Sammy Reshevsky, one of the ten highest-rated players of all time, will give a simultaneous exhibition on Sunday, November 16 at 2PM at the Efficacy Research Institute, 569 Salem End Road. The simul is sponsored as a fund-raiser by the Friends of the New England Center for Autism, Inc. (the club is not involved). The board fee of \$35 is tax-deductible. At press time there was a possibility that the simul would be cancelled because of low turnout. Reshevsky last appeared in Framingham in June 1984, when he played 29 boards and reminisced about his legendary career.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS SOUGHT

FOR CLUB EVENTS

Tournament directors interested in directing forthcoming club events, or players interested in becoming TDs, should contact Warren Pinches. Directing is easy! TDs may play in the weeknight events they direct; their primary responsibility is in making the pairings each round and submitting the tournament report to the USCF. The club periodically holds TD seminars for interested members. Current club TDs include Senior TDs Warren Pinches and Jack Martin (pending), Accredited TDs Tom Zuppa, James Todhunter, and Joe Pineau (pen-

DUES INCREASE EFFECTIVE IN NEW YEAR

Effective January 1, annual club dues will go to \$25 adult, and \$12 for ages 18 and under or 65 and over. The club has not had a dues increase since its founding in 1983, during which time our site rental has increased 250%, and many other clubs have gone to \$25. Club members receive discounts on entry fees on all club tournaments, discounts that total over \$50 in the course of the year, and a \$4 discount on regular USCF membership (\$2 on juniors) through the club. Check your mailing label on

ding), and Club TDs including Alejandro Beltran, David Palmer, Paul McClanahan, Larry Eldridge, Richard Seltzer, and Liza Tanzawa, among others. Warren Pinches, who has just been nominated by USCF President Doyle for the TD Certification Committee, can answer questions on the subject.

"OVERDUE NOTICE"

Please remember to return club library books on time so that your fellow members may also use them. Books are supposed to be out a maximum of two weeks, but lately nearly half our collection (now over 100 titles) has not only been out but overdue. Also remember that donations to the club library are always welcomed.

NEWSNOTES: 22 players showed up for an impromptu 30/SD tournament on October 7, when a team match against another club had to be cancelled. Alejandro Beltran won with a 3-0 score, with Warren Pinches and Jorge Godoy equal second at 2½-½... Paul Heising scored two more wins in Problem-solving competitions in September and October; he has now won more than the rest of the club put together... Mark Steinberg was a big winner at the Cambridge Open October 31-November 2; Mark won the Class D section of this largest tournament in New England this year, scoring 4½-½....

GAMES FROM THE CHALLENGE CUP

Paul Heising vs. Drew Sarkisian
Round One--Bogo-Indian Defense

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 Bb4+ 4 Bd2 Qe7 5 Bg2 O-O 6 Qb3 Nc6 7 e3 a5 8 a3 Bxd2+ 9 Nxd2 d6 10 Ne2 Bd7 11 O-O e5 12 d5 a4 13 Qc2 Na5 14 Nc3 b6 15 Nce4 Nxe4 16 Bxe4 f5 17 Bg2 Nb7 18 b4 axb3 19 Nxb3 Ba4 20 Qb2 Bxb3 21 Qxb3 Nc5 22 Qc3 Na4 23 Qc2 Qf6 24 e4 f4 25 f3 Qb6 26 g4 Qh4 27 Qf2 Qxf2+ 28 Rxf2 g5 29 Bf1 Ra5 30 Rc2 Rfa8 31 Be2 Kg7 32 Bd1 Nc5 33 Rc3 Kg6 34 Kg2 b5 35 cxb5 Rxb5 36 a4 Rba5 37 ½-½

Calvin Rickman vs. Paul Heising
Round Seven--Caro-Kann Defense

1 P-K4 P-QB3 2 N-QB3 P-Q4 3 Q-B3 PxP 4 NxP N-Q2 5 P-Q4 KN-B3 6 B-KN5 Q-R4ch 7 B-Q2 Q-Q4 8 B-Q3 QxQP 9 B-B3 Q-N3 10 N-K2 NxN 11 BxN N-B3 12 BxN KPxB 13 O-O O B-K3 14 N-B4 BxRP 15 KR-K1 B-K3 16 B-B5 Q-R4 17 NxN PxN 18 RxPch B-K2 19

Q-R5ch K-B1 20 R-Q7 Q-R8ch 21 K-Q2 Q-R4ch 22 P-QB3 R-K1 23 Q-K2 QxB 24 KRxB QxR 25 RxQ RxQ 26 KxR K-K1 27 RxQNP R-B1 28 RxRP R-B2 29 RxR KxR 30 K-Q3 K-K3 31 K-B4 K-Q3 32 P-QN4 P-R4 33 K-Q4 P-N4 34 K-K4 K-K3 35 P-QB4 P-KB4 36 K-Q4 P-B5 37 P-QN5 1-0

Brad Merrill vs. Drew Sarkisian
Round Six--Caro-Kann Defense

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 c4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Nf3 Bg7 7 Be2 O-O 8 O-O Nbd7 9 Nxd5 Nxd5 10 cxd5 Nb6 11 Bf4 Nxd5 12 Bg3 Qb6 13 Qc1 Be6 14 Be5 Rac8 15 Qd2 Nf6 16 b3 Bd5 17 Rac1 Ne4 18 Qb2 Bh6 19 Rxc8 Rxc8 20 h3 a5 21 Qa3 f6 22 Bg3 Nxd5 23 fxd3 e5 24 Kh1 e4 25 Nh2 Bf8 26 Qb2 f5 27 g4 f4 28 Rxf4 Bd6 29 Rf1 Qc7 30 g3 Bxg3 31 Bd1 Qc3 32 Qe2 Qxd4 33 Bc2 Qe5 34 Bd1 Bf4 35 Re1 Bxh2 36 Qxh2 e3+ 37 Kg1 Qxh2+ 38 Kxh2 Rc1 39 Kg3 e2 40 Rxe2 Rxd1 41 0-1

Paul Heising vs. Brad Merrill
Round Three--Semi-Tarrasch Defense

1 P-Q4 P-QB4 2 P-K3 N-KB3 3 P-QB4 P-K3 4 N-QB3 P-Q4 5 QPxB BxP 6 PxP PxP 7 N-B3 O-O 8 B-K2 N-B3 9 O-O P-Q5 10 N-QR4 B-K2 11 PxP B-KN5 12 B-K3 N-Q4 13 N-B3 B-B3 14 P-KR3 B-K3 15 R-K1 NxN 16 PxN R-K1 17 Q-Q2 Q-Q2 18 QR-Q1 BxRP 19 PxN QxP 20 P-Q5 BxN 21 PxN R-K5 22 N-R2 N-K4 23 B-B1 Q-N6ch 24 K-R1 N-B6 25 NxN QxNch 26 B-N2 R-R5ch 27 K-N1 Q-N6 28 Q-KB2 Q-N4 29 P-Q6 R-KN5 30 R-Q2 P-KR4 31 P-Q7 R-Q1 32 Q-B3 Q-QN4 33 R/1-Q1 Q-K4 34 R-Q5 QxBP 35 RxRP Q-QB5 36 Q-R3 RxNch 37 QxR Q-K3 38 Q-R3 Q-N3ch 39 K-B1 Q-R3ch 40 K-K1 P-B3 41 R-R8ch K-B2 42 Q-R5ch P-N3 43 R-R7ch K-B1 44 Q-R6ch 1-0

Calvin Rickman vs. Drew Sarkisian
Round Five--Caro-Kann Defense

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 Bd3 Bxd3 5 Qxd3 e6 6 Nc3 a6 7 Ne2 c5 8 dxc5 Bxc5 9 Be3 Bxe3 10 Qxe3 Ne7 11 f4 g6 12 O-O Nd7 13 a4 Nf5 14 Qf2 h5 15 Nd4 Nxd4 16 Qxd4 Qb6 17 Qxb6 Nxb6 18 a5 Nd7 19 Ra4 Rc8 20 Rd1 Rc7 21 Rd2 Ke7 22 Rb4 Nb8 23 Ne2 Nc6 24 Ra4 Rbc8 25 c3 Na7 26 Nd4 Rc4 27 Ra3 Nb5 28 Nxb5 axb5 29 a6 bxa6 30 Rxa6 Rxf4 31 Ra7+ Kf8 32 Rb7 b4 33 g3 bxc3 34 bxc3 Rf3 35 Ra2 R8xc3 36 Ra8+ Kg7 37 Ra6 Kh6 38 Rab7 Rce3 39 Rxf7 Rxf7 40 Rxf7 Rxe5 0-1