

# CHESSWATCH

A NEWS UPDATE FROM THE FRAMINGHAM CHESS CLUB

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## YOUNG TAKES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Jack Young of Acton captured the 1987 Framingham Chess Club Championship ending May 19, scoring  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  to top a 45-player field. Young assumed the lead after the third round and rolled on to win five straight before clinching the title with a final-round draw with Mike Berki of Westboro. Berki, James Matthews of Dedham, and Rob Huntington of Wayland shared second at  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Bob Engels of Framingham won first under-1800 with 4-2, while Kurt Esser of Nashua NH and Ron Allen of Boston were first under-1600 and under-1400 respectively, each with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

Young benefitted from the unusual number of draws and upsets that swiftly depleted the ranks of the frontrunners, as well as a freak late-April blizzard that cut attendance by a third in the third round. Second-seeded Drew Sarkisian of Oxford, the 1985 co-champion, had to miss two early rounds, while third-seeded Paul Heising of Millbury, who suffers from a three-year jinx in this event, lost and drew with Class B players in the first and third rounds. Young defeated Experts Alejandro Beltran of Somerville (the other 1985 co-champion) and Jack Martin of Wayland in rounds three and four, though barely against Martin: after a wild tactical melee Martin lost on time in a winning position. Young then held off a late surge by Larry Eldridge of Newton, before clinching the title in the finale. Young had previously been the club's 1984 and 1985 speed champion; his  $5\frac{1}{2}$  points in this tournament are the most ever scored in this tightly-contested event.

## IM WOLFF WINS SUMMER GRAND PRIX

Top-seeded IM Patrick Wolff of Belmont lived up to his name, cruising to an easy win with

$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  at the West Suburban Summer Grand Prix at the club on June 6-7. Senior Master Richard Bauer of Farmington CT took clear second with an undefeated 3-1, while John Curdo and Mansfield's Ken Wheeler shared third. Wheeler also copped the Under-2200 prize; club member Bill McAllister--rated 1561--was in contention for that prize until he lost to Wheeler in the final round.

Wolff defeated Masters Peter Howe of Stoughton and Hal Terrie of Nashua NH in the first two rounds, and then downed Curdo in a wild tactical melee in round three. Both players were in severe time trouble, and Curdo's flag fell after a game in which the spectators kept track by counting how many pieces each player had hanging. Wolff then drew Bauer in the final round to clinch first; Bauer had drawn Curdo in round two.

Jason Fulman of Concord won the Premier (Under-2100) section  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ; club member Bruce Downing of Foxboro tied for second with Harold Stenzel of New Hyde Park NY and Thomas Filipek of Medford. John Watters of Amherst recovered from a first-round draw to win the Amateur (Under-1800) section  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , with club members Alex Sadowsky of Framingham and David Faramarzpour of Sudbury tied for second with Greg Levey of Brookline and Michael Dathe of Newton. Billerica club President Woody Wink tallied the only perfect score in the tournament to win the Reserve (Under-1500) section, with Ted Williams of Stow, Roman Tsvikin of Peabody, and unrated Chris Shea of Melrose equal second.

The club officers were quite gratified by the 58-player turnout, though this was down from the previous 85; when they learned that the Chess Horizons ad would come out only after the tournament they feared a turnout of 20-30. The tournament ran exceptionally smoothly, garnering the club two new members

1987 FRAMINGHAM CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1 Jack Young	Acton	2124	W37	W7	W29	W18	W8	D4	5½
2 Rob Huntington	Wayland	1991	W38	L12	W19	W32	D10	W11	4½
3 James Matthews	Dedham	1990	W15	½B	W10	L4	W13	W12	4½
4 Mike Berki	Westboro	1805	W36	W39	½B	W3	D5	D1	4½
5 Michael Bienenstock	Newton	1998	W45	½B	½B	W12	D4	D8	4
6 Bob Jordan	West Upton	1933	W21	W19	½B	L8	D9	W14	4
7 Pat Walker	Newton	1904	W20	L1	W22	L10	W32	W19	4
8 Larry Eldridge	Newton	1866	½B	W24	W26	W6	L1	D5	4
9 Bob Engels	Framingham	1680	L18	W33	D17	W40	D6	W20	4
10 Brad Merrill	Framingham	1919	W33	W13	L3	W7	D2	---	3½
11 Mike LeBlanc	Westborn	1858	W35	L18	½B	W34	W23	L2	3½
12 Ralph Schinzel	Holliston	1766	W27	W2	½B	L5	W16	L3	3½
13 Frank Harvey	Framingham	1748	W43	L10	½B	W15	L3	W26	3½
14 Dan Fortier	Newton	1647	½B	W40	W16	½B	D18	L6	3½
15 Kurt Esser	Nashua NH	1533	L3	D31	W24	L13	W40	W22	3½
16 Ron Allen	Boston	UNR	½B	W20	L14	W41	L12	W23	3½
17 Paul Heising	Millbury	2071	L19	W21	D9	WF	½B	---	3
18 Jack Martin	Wayland	2017	W9	W11	½B	L1	D14	---	3
19 Menno Koning	Dover	1726	W17	L6	L2	W21	W34	L7	3
20 John Fanning	Scituate	1553	L7	L16	W43	W31	W36	L9	3
21 Bill McAllister	Framingham	1525	L6	L17	WF	L19	W41	W34	3
22 Herb Weisberg	Needham	1703	L29	W43	L7	½B	W25	L15	2½
23 Mark Steinberg	Framingham	1614	½B	L30	W25	W26	L11	L16	2½
24 Bob Matheson	Natick	1611	½B	L8	L15	D27	D38	W32	2½
25 Larry Beatrice	Framingham	1314	L41	D37	L23	W33	L22	W39	2½
26 Robert Dean	Framingham	1180	½B	W44	L8	L23	WF	L13	2½
27 Jeff Cohen	Natick	UNR	L12	W38	LF	D24	L31	W40	2½
28 Drew Sarkisian	Oxford	2130	½B	W34	½B	---	---	---	2
29 Alejandro Beltran	Somerville	2028	W22	W41	L1	---	---	---	2
30 Tom Zuppa	Billerica	1913	½B	W23	½B	---	---	---	2
31 Ted Ahern	Wrentham	1886	L34	D15	½B	L20	W27	---	2
32 Henry Blackwell	Newton	1491	½B	½B	WF	L2	L7	L24	2
33 Jeffrey Gibson	Sudbury	1473	L10	L9	LF	L25	Bye	W43	2
34 Stanley Crowe	Newton	1444	W31	L28	WF	L11	L19	L21	2
35 John Farrell	Framingham	1277	L11	L36	LF	Bye	L43	WF	2
36 Mark Limont	Wellesley	1257	L4	W35	½B	½B	L20	---	2
37 Paul McClanahan	Wrentham	1738	L1	D25	½B	½B	---	---	1½
38 Dave Palmer	Sudbury	1573	L2	L27	L40	W43	D24	L25	1½
39 Syd Michael	Natick	1451	½B	L4	WF	---	---	---	1½
40 Dave Berube	Westboro	UNR	½B	L14	W38	L9	L27	1½	1
41 Jorge Godoy	Framingham	1881	W25	L29	LF	L16	L21	LF	1
42 Alyn Miller	Medway	1833	½B	½B	---	---	---	---	1
43 Morgan Brown	Marlboro	UNR	L13	L22	L20	L38	W35	L33	1
44 Francisco Garcia	Framingham	1669	½B	L26	LF	---	---	---	½
45 John Richard	Watertown	1581	L5	---	---	---	---	---	0

and considerable goodwill.

FITCHBURG DEFEATED

The club downed the Wachusett Chess Club of Fitchburg in a home-and-home team match April 7-8, by a total score of 15-5. It was the fourth annual match between the clubs. Framingham blasted Fitchburg in the first round in Framingham 8½-1½, and coasted home with a 6½-3½ tally in Fitchburg. Key to the Framingham win were 2-0 scores by Rob Huntington, Pat Walker, and Dan Fortier.

RECORD DRAW IN JUNE QUADS

Section winners in the June Quads ending June 16 were Bruce Downing of Foxboro (3-0, section 1); Pat Walker of Newton (3-0, section 2); Jorge Godoy of Framingham (2½-½, section 3); Mark Steinberg of Framingham (2½-½, section 4); David Palmer of Sudbury (2½-½, section 5); Syd Michael of Natick (2-1, section 6); while in the section 7-8 Swiss, Stanley Crowe of Newton scored 3-0 for first, with Tom Powers of Sudbury 2-1 for clear second. With several late additions, the field swelled to 36, a record for quads at the club: a comparatively unpopular format, quads usually draw only half as many players as a single-section Swiss.



FRAMINGHAM CHESS CLUB vs. WACHUSETT CHESS CLUB (FITCBURG)

FRAMINGHAM		FITCHBURG	FRAMINGHAM	FITCHBURG
1 Jack Young (2124)	1-1	Phil Leasure (2137)	6 Dave Ferreira (1923)	1-0 Gail Lingner (1701)
2 Drew Sarkisian (2105)	1-0	Arthur Allen (2082)	7 Pat Walker (1904)	2-0 Bernard Gray (1703)
	0-1	Steve Nelson (2046)	8 Brad Merrill (1881)	1-0 Gail Lingner (1701)
3 Paul Heising (2071)	1½-½	George Mirijanian (2004)		½-½ Joe Pasquale (1700)
4 Alejandro Beltran (2028)	½-½	Bryant Hopkins (1926)	9 Mike LeBlanc (1858)	1-0 Ralph D'Anfro (1091)
	½-½	John Dould (1970)	Bob Matheson (1681)	0-1 George Putika (1634)
5 Rob Huntington (1991)	2-0	Dean Turra (1924)	10 Dan Fortier (1647)	1-0 Francis Scanlon (893)
6 James Matthews (1990)	1-0	John Vik (1890)		1-0 Joe Cantlin (1699)