

# CHESSWATCH

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## LEADERS BATTERED IN FIRST ROUND OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1988 Framingham Chess Club Championship opened on April 19 with 51 players in a single, open section; six rounds will be played to determine the club's fifth champion. Already four Experts have fallen off the pace: in the first round, Drew Sarkisian of Oxford (the 1985 co-champion, rated 2125) was held to a draw by David Faramarzpour of Sudbury (1676), John Neville of Nashua NH (2017) drew with Matthew Rothman of Randolph (1632), Michael Bienenstock of Newton (2006, he lost a playoff for the 1986 title) drew with Anthony Costa of Randolph (1588), and Brad Merrill of Westboro (2045, the club's 30/30 champion) needed a half-point bye. Top-seeded Alan Shaw of Somerville (2267) won over William McAllister of Framingham (1704), as did Bruce Downing of Foxboro (2122, the 1987 Challenge Cup champion) over Bob Engels of Framingham (1668), James Matthews of Dedham (2028) over Archie Woods of Natick (1653), and David Ferreira of Watertown (2012) over Mark Steinberg of Framingham (1628). 1987 champion Jack Young of Acton is not defending his title due to other commitments.

Remember that players can take up to two half-point byes in any but the final round, so you can enter as late as the third round and still score in every round!

## HUNTINGTON BATTLES TO TOP OF MARCH TRISECTIONAL

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### CALENDAR

April 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24 (Tuesdays): 1988 Framingham Chess Club Championship, 6-SS in one section. EF: FCC members \$10; others \$12. Prizes: \$100-60-40-30; 1st under 2000/1750/1500 \$40 each.

round, Rob Huntington of Wayland scored 3.5-0.5 to take clear first in the Open section of the 56-player March Trisectional Swiss, ending April 5. Going into the final round, Huntington was level at 2.5 points with James Matthews of Dedham, Michael Bienenstock of Newton, and Joe Pineau of Natick; Huntington crushed Pineau in a 16-move brevity when Pineau unsoundly sacrificed a piece in the English Opening, while Matthews and Bienenstock battled to a draw in a 63-move French. Matthews, Bienenstock, and Dave Ferreira of Watertown shared second place at 3-1; Ferreira took two half-point byes and won his final two games, scoring against Larry Eldridge of Newton in the finale.

Bob Matheson of Natick, the club's 1987 Player-of-the-Year, blitzed the Under-1850 section 4-0, with Adam Bemporad of Newton clear second a half-point back, and a four-way tie for third among Ralph Schinzel of Holliston, Michael Dreese of Allston, Walter Graustein of Bolton, and Chris Spellman of Watertown. Matheson defeated Graustein (both 3-0 after three rounds) in the final round to complete his sweep; Bemporad downed Bob Oakley of Newton in the final round. Kenneth Cooper of Millbury and Don Bossio of Lynn tied at 3.5-0.5 atop the Under 1500 section; Frank Magdits of Mendon scored 3-1 for clear third.

### **CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL**

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### **CLUB TO MARK FIFTH ANNIVERSARY IN MAY**

The third round of the club championship, May 3, will mark the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Framingham Chess Club by Warren Pinches and Mark Bond in 1983. Pinches recently presented a plaque to the American Legion as an expression of the club's appreciation of their support and cooperation during our first five years.

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