

Locals lose to Framingham in meeting of chess powers

FITCHBURG — The St. Joseph Chess Club of Fitchburg encountered heavy opposition this past week in its home-and-away intercity match against the Framingham Chess Club, the second largest and most powerful club in the state.

The St. Joseph CC players, headed by top-rated club champion George Mirijanian of Fitchburg, were handed a 7-3 loss in the opening round in Framingham and succeeded in holding the Framingham players to a 5-5 tie in the second round in Fitchburg.

Star of the local team was John Vik of Leominster, who succeeded in chalking up two wins on fourth board against a higher-rated Framingham adversary.

Losing by a combined score of 12-8, the St.

Joseph CC team performed as follows in each of the two rounds:

ROUND 1

Fram'ham-Fitch.

Sarkisian 1-0 Mirijanian
Chamberlain 1-0 Hopkins
Wolitzer ½-½ Courtemanche
Pratt 0-1 Vik
Heising 0-1 Booker
Johnson ½-½ Picucci
Zuppa 1-0 L. Denis
Wright 1-0 B. Denis
Hochniuk 1-0 Forfeit
Allen 1-0 Veit

ROUND 2

Fitch.-Fram'ham

Mirijanian ½-½ Sarkisian
Hopkins 0-1 Chamberlain
Gladding 1-0 /Forfeit
Vik 1-0 Pratt
Booker ½-½ Heising
B. Denis 1-0 /Forfeit
L. Denis ½-½ Zuppa
Picucci 0-1 Wright
Siiskonen ½-½ Hochniuk
Veit 0-1 Allen

While members of the local team were battling the Framingham players, contenders in the local club championship squared off in Round 3 of the

nationally-rated tourney.

ROUND 3 RESULTS

"B" Division: Cliff LePoer 1-0 Gail Lingner, Hervey Brisson 0-1 Bob Fortier, Mark Wheeler vs. Brian Mottershead and Bruce Denis vs. Jack Clark, games postponed.

"C" Division: Helene Santavirta 1-0 Henry Lefkowitz, Ed Wheeler 1-0 Steve Robillard, Wayne Steadman vs. Peter Veit and Ken Pellecchia vs. Dale Lougee, games postponed.

"D" Division: Scott Thomas 1-0 Dan Gage, Francis Scanlon drew a bye and Don Descarreaux vs. Scott Johnson, game postponed.

ROUND 4 MATCHES

"A" Division: Courtemanche vs. Vik, Gladding vs. Booker, Bedard vs. Hopkins, Picucci vs. Siiskonen and Mirijanian draws a

bye.

"B" Division: Mottershead vs. Lingner, Fortier vs. Wheeler, Denis vs. Brisson and Clark vs. LePoer.

"C" Division: Santavirta vs. Lougee, Robillard vs. Veit, Wheeler vs. Lefkowitz and Steadman vs. Pellecchia.

"D" Division: Johnson vs. Gage, Descarreaux vs. Scanlon and Thomas draws a bye.

TOURNEY LEADERS

A Division	Pt.	Rtg.
S. Courtemanche	1½	1912
Larry Gladding	1½	1852

B Division Pt. Rtg.

Gail Lingner	2	1596
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C Division Pt. Rtg.

Helene Santavirta	3	1381
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D Division Pt. Rtg.

Scott Thomas	3	1284
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