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FITCHBURG EDGES FRAMINGHAM IN TEAM MATCH, 15-13

In a 14-board home-and-home match played April 2-3, the Wachusett Chess Club of Fitchburg defeated the Framingham Chess Club by a total score of 15-13. The victory avenged Fitchburg's 12-8 loss to Framingham in April 1984. Framingham won the first round in Framingham on Tuesday, April 2, by only an $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ margin, despite a ratings advantage averaging 116 points on each board. The margin of victory for Fitchburg was supplied by two games forfeited by Framingham in the second round, giving the Fitchburg club a home-night edge of $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$. In games actually played, the match was a 13-13 deadlock. High scorer for Fitchburg was George Putika of Westminster at 2-0, while Alejandro Beltran of Wayland and Rod Steinbeiser of Marlboro both scored 2-0 for the Framingham team.

Wachusett Chess Club

- 1 George Mirijanian (2100)
- 2 Bryant Hopkins (1943)
- 3 Phillip Leasure (1932)
- 4 Michael Gosselin (1919)
- 5 Roland Booker (1895)
- 6 Bill Vass (1838)
- 7 Evert Siiskonen (1742)
- 8 Dean Turra (1674)
- 9 R. T. Russell (1630)
- 10 Gail Lingner (1615)
- 11 George Putika (1587)
- 12 Clifford LePoer (1531)
- 13 Wayne Steadman (1425)
- Henry Lefkowitz (1348)
- 14 Francis Scanlon (830)
- Ed Wheeler (1308)

Framingham Chess Club

- 2-0* Jack Young (2102)
- 1-1 Drew Sarkisian (2012)
- 1-1 Craig Presson (1977)
- 1-1 Paul Heising (1957)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ Tom Zuppa (1867)
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Warren Pinches (1867)
- 1-1 Kenneth Wright (1848)
- 1-1 Jorge Godoy (1844)
- 0-2 Alejandro Beltran (1789)
- 0-1 Menno Koning (1751)
- 1-0 Julius Varga (1813)
- 2-0 Archie Woods (1646)
- 2-0* Doug Archer (1636)
- 0-1 Glenn Gates (1564)
- 1-0
- 0-1 Rod Steinbeiser (1404)
- 0-1

*Includes one forfeited game

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GAMES FROM THE FITCHBURG-FRAMINGHAM TEAM MATCH

Craig Presson vs. Phillip Leasure
Round 2--Grunfeld Defense

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 e3 g6 4 c4 c6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Be2 0-0 7 0-0 Nbd7 8 Ne5 e6 9 f4
Nxe5 10 fxe5 Nd7 11 b4 f6 12 exf6 Nxf6 13 b5 Bd7 14 Ba3 Rf7 15 Rb1 Qe8 16 Bd6!
dxc4 17 Bxc4 Nd5 18 Qd3 Rc8 19 Rxf7 Qxf7 20 Rf1 Qe8 21 Ne4 cxb5 22 Bb3 Qd8 23
Nc5 b6 24 Nb7 Qg5 25 Bf4 Nxf4 26 Rxf4 Kh8? (a) 27 Nd6 Rc1+ 28 Kf2 Qe7 29 Nf7+
Kg8 30 Qe4 Qb4 31 Bxe6 Bxe6 32 Qxe6 Qe1+ 33 Kf3 Qf1+ 34 Kg3 Qe1+ 35 Kh3 h5 36
Ng5+ (b) 1-0

Notes by Presson: (a) Threatening Bc6 but it hastens the end--26...Bc6 27 Be6+
Kh8 28 d5 Bxb7 29 Bxc1 Bxc1 30 Qxb5 or Qe4 threatening Qe8 was still good for
White but better than the text for Black. (b) It's mate in two.

Mike Gosselin vs. Paul Heising
Round 2--Caro-Kann Defense

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Bf5 5 Ng3 Bg6 6 Nf3 Nd7 7 Bd3 Bxd3 8 Qxd3 Qc7
9 0-0 e6 10 c3 0-0-0 11 Ne4 h6 12 Re1 Ngf6 13 Nd2 Bd6 14 Nc4 g5 15 b4 Ng4 16 Nxd6+
Qxd6 17 Qe2 Rde8 18 h3 Ngf6 19 Ne5 Rhf8 20 a4 Nd5 21 b5 Nxe4 22 Ba3 Nf4 23 Bxd6
Nxe2+ 24 Rxe2 Nc4 25 Bxf8 Rxf8 26 bxc6 bxc6 27 a5 Kc7 28 Ra4 Nd6 29 c4 Nf5 30 d5
cxd5 31 cxd5 exd5 32 Re5 Nd6 33 Re7+ Kc6 34 Rxa7 Nc4 35 a6 Nd2 36 Rb7 Re8 37 f3
Ra8 38 Rxf7 Kb5 39 Rd4 1-0