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JOE FANG WINS 3RD WEST SUBURBAN WINTER GRAND PRIX

New England Co-Champion Joe Fang of Nashua NH scored 3 1/2-1/2 to win the 3rd West Suburban Winter Grand Prix in Natick, MA on February 1-2. Sharing second were IM Jim Rizzitano, Massachusetts Champion John Curdo, and World Under-14 Champion FM Ilya Gurevich. Fang tied for first four weeks earlier at the Newton Open with Gurevich; these two wins give Fang 13 points in the first five weeks of the Church's Fried Chicken Grand Prix, placing him among the early leaders in the year-long contest.

In the Open Section the top half of the field scored 8-0 against the bottom half in round 1, but Gurevich drew with top-seeded Rizzitano in round 2 (surprising the spectators, who thought Gurevich was winning), leaving only Fang, Curdo, and Boris Belopolsky with perfect scores after two rounds. Fang and Curdo drew in round 3, while Rizzitano downed Belopolsky in a theoretically interesting Chigorin Defense to join them at 2 1/2. Gurevich drew again with David Glueck of Harvard University to stay a half-point off the pace. The Gurevich-Glueck game was one of the tournament's most spectacular; in a Guimard French Gurevich sacrificed on e6 to annihilate Glueck's kingside, but Gurevich's assault came to an abrupt halt when Glueck trapped his queen. However, Gurevich contrived a combination forcing a triple repetition of position to salvage the draw.

In the final round Curdo and Rizzitano soon reached a drawish position and began to shift pieces aimlessly, eyeing the Fang-Belopolsky game to see if they would have to play on for a win. Fang went a pawn up early in a symmetrical position, presaging a won endgame, and Belopolsky consumed most of his time trying to generate counter-play. Belopolsky ultimately succeeded in complicating the position, but his flag fell two moves before the time control. Curdo and Rizzitano then tried mightily to infuse life into their game, but ultimately drew and settled for shares of second, while Gurevich defeated Thomas Costigan to join them at 3-1.

George Harris of Quincy won the Premier (Under 2100) Section honors 3 1/2-1/2, a half-point ahead of Ed Marcus, Michael Trice, and Jack Martin. Going into the final round, Martin (3-0) and Harris (2 1/2-1/2) were the leaders and thus had to be paired, but both had had two Blacks, creating the anomaly of top-seeded Harris getting a third straight Black. Martin enlivened the game by playing KexNe5!?? under the hallucination that his queen, rather than his king, stood on the e-file. When the surprised Harris said "You can't do that" and started Martin's clock again, Martin meekly opted for castling instead.

Hamid Dabiri of Belmont won the Classic (Under 1850) Section with a remarkable "Swiss Gambit"; he lost in round 1 to Mark Kaprielian, but won his next three games against players rated in the bottom half of the section, and discovered to his surprise that his rivals had knocked each other out of contention with draws in the final round, making his 3-1 good enough for clear first. Four players shared second with 2 1/2-1 1/2;

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of them Jerry Williams had met the stiffest opposition yet led the field going into the final round, where he lost to Dabiri.

The Amateur (Under 1600) Section attracted the largest number of entries (26), but the Novice (Under 1350) Section the fewest (5); upon hearing this the entire Novice section decided to "play up", with the Novice prize converted into a class prize in the Amateur. Paul Godin of Fitchburg won the combined Amateur-Novice Section with four wins, with Robert Salvas of Cumberland RI clear second at 3 1/2-1/2. The Under 1350 "Novice" prize was shared between David Armstrong, Bruce Babcock, Theodore Williams, and tournament newcomer Robert Ajemian.

The wall of plate-glass windows in the playing room provided a magnificent panoramic view of snow-clad Fiske Pond, though the low-angle rays of the winter sun caused several games to be retreated hastily into the room. A more bizarre problem with lighting occurred during the third round, when the building manager accidentally activated and locked the switch for the rotating, many-faceted mirrored ball over the dance floor, which was designed to reflect colored spotlights in a disco-strobe effect. While this effect was entirely invisible during daylight, the TDs knew that come dusk the entire room would be covered with swirling patterns of colored light. They succeeded in nudging the spotlights off the ball using poles, and none of the players ever noticed the iridescent ball spinning above them. Warren Pinches directed the 80-player field, assisted by Joe Pineau, for the sponsoring Framingham Chess Club.

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OPEN SECTION		Seed	USCF	FIDE	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Score
1	Joe Fang Nashua NH	3	2403	2340	W9	W5	D3	W6	3 1/2
2	IM Jim Rizzitano Worcester	1	2513	2420	W11	D4	W6	D3	3
3	John Curdo No. Billerica	2	2415	2265	W12	W7	D1	D2	3
4	FM Ilya Gurevich Worcester	6	2351	2295	W10	D2	D7	W8	3
5	Alan Shaw Somerville	8	2238		W15	L1	W12	D7	2 1/2
6	Boris Belopolsky Brookline	4	2393	2280	W13	W8	L2	L1	2
7	David Glueck Cambridge	5	2380	2295	W16	L3	D4	D5	2
8	Thomas Costigan Quincy	7	2341	2240	W14	L6	W11	L4	2
9	Edward Boudrot Cambridge	11	2133		L1	W15	L10	W11	2
10	David McKee Wellesley	14	1975		L4	L11	W9	W14	2
11	Chris Fang Belmont	9	2203		L1	W10	L8	L9	1
12	Jim Anderson No. Quincy	10	2198		L3	W16	L5	---	1
13	Lawrence Dean Medford	12	2045		L6	W14	---	---	1
14	John Laird Pocasset	15	1899		L8	L13	W15	L10	1
15	Joe Pineau Natick	16	1892		L5	L9	L14	Bye	1
16	Raymond Freeman Arlington	13	1993		L7	L12	---	---	0

PREMIER (UNDER 2100) SECTION		Seed	USCF						
1	George Harris Quincy	1	2058		W7	D5	W9	W4	3 1/2
2	Ed Marcus Cambridge	5	1943		L12	W13	W5	W9	3
3	Michael Trice Boston	6	1907		W15	L4	W7	W6	3
4	Jack Martin Wayland	11	1857		W11	W3	W6	L1	3
5	Larry Pratt Natick	8	1893		W16	D1	L2	W8	2 1/2
6	Sharon Burtman Stoughton	7	1894		W13	W12	L4	L3	2
7	Bruce Bell Belmont	9	1877		L1	W16	L3	W13	2
8	Eric Gonzales Cambridge	10	1862		L10	W14	W15	L5	2
9	Jorge Godoy Framingham	11	1857		W14	W10	L1	L2	2
10	Gary Cote Norwich CT	2	2051		W8	L9	---	---	1
11	Harold Dondis Belmont	4	1964		L4	W15	---	---	1

PREMIER SECTION (CONTINUED)

12	Arnold Giles	Peabody	13	1852	W2	L6	---	---	1
13	Robert Seltzer	West Roxbury	15	1769	L6	L2	WF	L7	1
14	Kenneth Kemp	Cambridge	3	2036	L9	L8	---	---	0
15	Walter Winarski	Fall River	14	1819	L3	L11	L8	---	0
16	Vincent Cammarano	Revere	16	1491	L5	L7	---	---	0

CLASSIC (UNDER 1850) SECTION

1	Hamid Dabiri	Belmont	4	1747	L8	W15	W9	W5	3
2	Al Ward	Framingham	2	1787	L5	W8	W13	D4	2 1/2
3	John Drogo	Chelsea	3	1749	L14	D16	W15	W8	2 1/2
4	Ross Eldridge	West Newton	6	1717	W15	---	W14	D2	2 1/2
5	Jerry Williams	Woonsocket RI	10	1588	W2	D11	W6	L1	2 1/2
6	Gary Sackrider	Boxford	1	1845	W13	W12	L5	---	2
7	Frank Frazier	Belmont	7	1682	W9	W14	---	---	2
8	Mark Kaprielian	Natick	12	1486	W1	L2	W12	L3	2
9	Peter Schay	Andover	15	1111	L7	Bye	L1	W12	2
10	Istvan Nagypal	Waltham	16	UNR	L12	L13	W16	W14	2
11	Paul Rubin	Lexington	5	1746	W16	D5	---	---	1 1/2
12	Paul DeCoursey	So. Hamilton	8	1611	W10	L6	L8	L9	1
13	Carl Larson	Framingham	9	1590	L6	W10	L2	---	1
14	Matthew Warnick	Framingham	11	1562	W3	L7	L4	L10	1
15	Michael Dathe	Newton	14	1378	L4	L1	L3	W16	1
16	Jeffrey Wright	Boston	13	1465	L11	D3	L10	L15	1/2

AMATEUR-NOVICE (UNDER 1600) SECTION

1	Paul Godin	Fitchburg	3	1572	W16	W8	W6	W7	4
2	Robert Salvas	Cumberland RI	2	1579	D11	W29	W21	W9	3 1/2
3	David Palmer	Natick	7	1511	L22	W20	W26	W18	3
4	Sean Lew	Andover	8	1504	W18	W26	L9	W19	3
5	Kirk Companion	Wellesley	9	1473	L26	W17	W27	W20	3
6	Sam Lyles	Canton	10	1456	W19	W27	L1	W12	3
7	Michal Reterski	Boston	11	1456	W29	W28	W14	L1	3
8	Moe Van Dereck	Provincetown	12	1420	W31	L1	W29	W14	3
9	Forrest Norris	Wilbraham	16	1396	W12	W13	W4	L2	3
10	Bill Cloos	No. Providence	5	1556	D21	L11	W24	W22	2 1/2
11	Richard Seltzer	West Roxbury	17	1381	D2	W10	L12	W21	2 1/2
12	Sherif Fam	Cambridge	1	1581	L9	W25	W11	L6	2
13	Syd Michael	Natick	4	1556	W25	L9	L19	W27	2
14	Bob Engels	Framingham	6	1536	W17	W22	L7	L8	2
15	Mark Dionne	No. Truro	13	1414	L28	L23	W25	W26	2
16	Ron Robertson	Randolph	18	1379	L1	W31	L20	W29	2
17	David Armstrong	Ashland	21	1340	L14	L5	Bye	W23	2
18	Bruce Babcock	Attleboro	23	1256	L4	W24	W28	L3	2
19	Theodore Williams	Stow	25	1206	L6	Bye	W13	L4	2
20	Robert Ajemian	Dover	27	UNR	W30	L3	W16	L5	2
21	Kurt Esser	Nashua NH	20	1346	D10	W30	L2	L11	1 1/2
22	Gerald Vaccaro	Coventry RI	22	1337	W3	L14	D23	L10	1 1/2
23	Philip Lindsay	Boston	30	UNR	L7	W15	D22	L17	1 1/2
24	David Cutler	Peterboro NH	14	1406	L29	L18	L10	W28	1
25	Slawomir Luczak	Worcester	19	1355	L13	L12	L15	Bye	1
26	Gary Hanley	Worcester	24	1227	W5	L4	L3	L15	1
27	Lawrence LaRoche	Lunenburg	26	1107	Bye	L6	L5	L13	1

AMATEUR-NOVICE SECTION (CONTINUED)

28 Stanley Crowe	Newton	28	UNR	W15	L7	L18	L24	1
29 Robert Egan	Winthrop	29	UNR	W24	L2	L8	L16	1
30 Robert Hopkins	Newton	15	1404	L20	L21	---	---	0
31 Edward Palumbo	Warwick RI	31	UNR	L8	L16	---	---	0

GAMES FROM THE 3RD WEST SUBURBAN WINTER GRAND PRIX

Chris Fang vs. Jim Rizzitano, Round 1--Closed Sicilian

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 d6 6 f4 e5 7 Nf3 Nge7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Nd5 Nxd5
10 exd5 Ne7 11 c4 exf4 12 gxf4 Nf5 13 Rb1 Bd7 14 b4 b6 15 Ng5 Re8 16 bxc5 bxc5 17
Rb7 Qc8 18 Qb3 Nd4 19 Qb1 Ne2+ 20 Kh1 Nc3 0-1

John Curdo vs. Jim Anderson, Round 1--Four Knight's

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bb5 Nd4 5 Nxe5 Nxb5 6 Nxb5 d6 7 Nf3 Qe7 8 0-0 Bg4 9
h3 h5 10 d3 Qd7 11 c4 c6 12 Nbd4 c5 13 Nb5 a6 14 Nc3 0-0-0 15 hxg4 hxg4 16 Bg5 Be7
17 Bxf6 Bxf6 18 Nd5 Qe6 19 Nf4 Qe7 20 Nh2 Be5 21 Qxg4+ Kb8 22 g3 Qf6 23 Kg2 Qh6
24 Nf3 Bxf4 25 Rh1 Qf6 26 Qxf4 1-0

Jim Rizzitano vs. Ilya Gurevich, Round 2--Schlieman Ruy Lopez

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 d4 fxd4 5 Bxc6 dxc6 6 Nxe5 Qh4 7 Qe2 Be6 8 Nd2 Nf6
9 h3 0-0-0 10 Nb3 Bd6 11 Be3 Nd5 12 g3 Qf6 13 Nc4 Bb4+ 14 Bd2 Bxd2 15 Ncxd2 e3
16 fxe3 Nxe3 17 Qxe3 Bxb3 18 0-0-0 Bd5 19 Rhe1 Qg6 20 b3 Rhe8 21 Qg1 Be6 22 d5
Rxd5 23 Qxg7 Bxh5 24 Nc4 Bg5 25 Rxe8 Qxe8 26 Rf1 Rf5 27 Rf4 Qe1+ 28 Kb2 Qxg3 29
Re4 Bh5 30 Qa8+ Kd7 31 Qxb7 Qf2 32 Re3 Bf7 33 Rd3+ Rd5 34 Ne5+ Ke6 35 Rxd5 cxd5
36 Nd3 Qd2 37 Qa3+ Kd7 38 Qb5+ Kd6 39 Qa4 Qd8 40 Qa8 Ke7 41 Qh8 Qh5 1/2-1/2

Joe Fang vs. Alan Shaw, Round 2--Dutch Defense

1 d4 f5 2 Bg5 g6 3 e3 Bg7 4 Nd2 Nf6 5 h4 h6 6 Bxf6 Bxf6 7 Qf3 d5 8 Ne2 Be6 9 Nf4
Bf7 10 h5 g5 11 Ng6 Bxg6 12 hxg6 e6 13 g4 fxc4 14 Qxg4 Qe7 15 Bh3 Kd7 16 Bg2 c6
17 0-0-0 Kc7 18 e4 Nd7 19 Rhe1 Qg7 20 exd5 exd5 21 Qg3+ Kb6 22 Bxd5 a6 23 Nc4+
Ka7 24 Bf7 Nb6 25 Nd6 Rhd8 26 Nf5 Qh8 27 Re6 Nd5 28 Qa3 Rac8 29 Qc5+ b6 30 Qc4
Nf4 31 Rxc6 Kb7 32 Rxc8 Rxc8 33 Nd6+ 1-0

Boris Belopolsky vs. Jim Rizzitano, Round 3--QGD Chigorin Defense

1 d4 d5 2 c4 Nc6 3 Nc3 dxc4 4 d5 Na5 5 Bg5 Bd7 6 e5 b4 7 Nf3 Nf6 8 e5 b4 9 Bd2 Ng8
10 Ne4 e6 11 Bg5 Qb8 12 Be2 Qb7 13 dxe6 fxe6 14 Ng3 Be7 15 0-0 0-0-0 16 Qc1 Bc6 17
Rd1 Rxd1+ 18 Bxd1 Bd5 19 Nh5 c5 20 Nf4 Nc6 21 Nxd5 exd5 22 Qf4 h6 23 Bxe7 Ngxe7
24 Qg4+ Kb8 25 Qxg7 Qc8 26 Qf6 Kb7 27 Qd6 Qc7 28 Qxc5 Rd8 29 Be2 Qb6 30 Qxb6+ Kxb6
31 Rd1 Kc5 32 g4 Ng6 33 h4 d4 34 Bf1 Ngxe5 35 Nh2 d3 36 f4 Ng6 37 b3 c3 38 Nf3 Nxf4
39 g5 hxg5 40 hxg5 c2 41 Rc1 Nd4 42 Nxd4 Kxd4 0-1

Ilya Gurevich vs. David Glueck, Round 3--Guimard French

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nc6 4 Ngf3 Nf6 5 e5 Nd7 6 Nb3 a5 7 a4 Be7 8 h4 h6 9 Bb5 Ncb8
10 Be3 b6 11 c3 Ba6 12 Bxa6 Nxa6 13 Nc1 c5 14 Nd3 Qc8 15 Rc1 Qb7 16 b3 Rb8 17 0-0
b5 18 axb5 Qxb5 19 c4 dxc4 20 bxc4 Qc6 21 Nf4 cxd4 22 Nxd4 Qe4 23 Ndx6 fxe6 24 Qh5+
Kd8 25 Nxe6+ Kc8 26 Qf7 Bb4 27 c5 Nxe5 28 Qxg7 Re8 29 Nf4 Rb7 30 Qxh6 Nb8 31 c6 Rh7
32 Qg5 Be7 33 Qg3 Rxh4 34 Rfd1 Reh8 35 Kf1 Rg4 36 Nd5 Rxg3 37 Nb6+ Kc7 38 Na8+ 1/2-1/2