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SARKISIAN AND BELTRAN TIE FOR 1985 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Drew Sarkisian of Oxford and Alejandro Beltran of Wayland each scored an undefeated 5-1 in the Framingham Chess Club annual championship ending May 14, and were declared 1985 Co-Champions. Sarkisian received the championship trophy on tiebreak points. The two players drew with each other in the final round to each clinch a share of the title. Beltran had previously drawn Mike Johnson of Framingham, while Sarkisian had taken a half-point bye. Sarkisian, the second-seeded player in the field and a nationally-rated Expert, was a strong pre-tournament favorite. He had won three previous tournaments at the club including the prestigious Framingham Challenge Cup last August, and had tied for second in the 1984 Championship. Beltran, however, was a dark-horse, seeded tenth in the field; however his results had been improving by leaps and bounds thus far in 1985, having advanced him more than a full class in the rating system since January.

Tied for third with 4½-1½ were Bob Jordan of Upton, Craig Presson of Ashland, and Paul Heising of Ashland. Jordan, who won the first-under-1800 prize, was a huge surprise; his pre-tournament rating of 1594 ranked him only 17th in the field. His only loss was to Sarkisian. Presson had played impressively during the preceding six months, having won and tied for second in the two club tournaments in which he had played during that period. Heising, who had won five club tournaments in the preceding two years, had amassed enough cumulative tournament points in 1984 to be declared Player of the Year. Sharing sixth-seventh places with four points were top-seeded Expert Mike Lauziere of Oxford and Archie Woods of Natick. Roger Hecht of Brighton won the top-under-1600 award, with Larry Beatrice of Framingham top-under-1400.

Upsets abounded in the first round, four of them by more than four hundred rating points: Jonathan Warren of Framingham upended top-seed Lauziere, Heising fell to Syd Michael of Natick, Bob Engels of Framingham went down before the King's Gambit of John Gibbons of Upton, and John Vik of Maynard could only draw with Bob Matheson of Natick. The ranks of the leaders were thinned further in the second round when Presson drew with Joe Pineau of Natick and Sarkisian took a half-point bye. After three rounds only three players still had perfect scores: Beltran, Johnson, and Alyn Miller of Medway, who was returning to tournament play after a long absence. Beltran and Johnson drew in Round Four while Sarkisian beat Miller to join them at 3½; Sarkisian pushed Johnson out of contention in Round Five while Beltran stunned Lauziere for a second time in the tournament. Beltran and Sarkisian were left a full point ahead of their pursuers going into the final round, and drew to share the title.

The 31-player field contained only two of the club's six experts, and regrettably defending 1984 champion Larry Williams of Worcester was unable to play. Warren Pinches directed.

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		Rating	Seed	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score	Tiebreak	
1	Drew Sarkisian	Oxford	2012	2	W3	½Bye	W12	W11	W8	D2	5	20.5
2	Alejandro Beltran	Wayland	1789	10	W20	W30	W17	D8	W6	D1	5	18.5
3	Bob Jordan	Upton	1594	17	L1	W21	W30	W10	D11	W8	4½	19
4	Craig Presson	Ashland	1977	3	W29	D12	L11	W22	W17	W9	4½	16.5
5	Paul Heising	Ashland	1957	4	L19	W14	W25	½Bye	W12	W11	4½	14.5
6	Mike Lauziere	Oxford	2116	1	L23	W9	W24	W7	L2	W15	4	
7	Archie Woods	Natick	1649	15	W31	L8	W15	L6	W16	W19	4	
8	Mike Johnson	Framingham	1917	5	W24	W7	W10	D2	L1	L3	3½	
9	John Vik	Maynard	1894	6	D14	L6	W27	W20	W19	L4	3½	
10	Tom Zuppa	Watertown	1867	8	W15	W19	L8	L3	D20	W21	3½	
11	Alyn Miller	Medway	1780	11	W16	W27	W4	L1	D3	L5	3½	
12	Joe Pineau	Natick	1715	13	W13	D4	L1	W18	L5	W20	3½	
13	Roger Hecht	Brighton	1320	27	L12	L15	½Bye	W31	W23	W24	3½	
14	Bob Matheson	Natick	1491	21	D9	L5	D28	W30	L15	WF	3	
15	Robert Seltzer	West Roxbury	1431	23	L10	W13	L7	W27	W14	L6	3	
16	Rod Steinbeiser	Marlboro	1404	25	L11	L24	W31	W23	L7	W29	3	
17	Alex Sadowsky	Framingham	1878	7	W25	W23	L2	D19	L4	---	2½	
18	Menno Koning	Dover	1751	12	W21	½Bye	---	L12	W29	---	2½	
19	Syd Michael	Natick	1530	19	W5	L10	W26	D17	L9	L7	2½	
20	David Palmer	Natick	1416	24	L2	W28	W23	L9	D10	L12	2½	
21	Lawrence Beatrice	Framingham	1329	26	L18	L3	Bye	W24	D22	L10	2½	
22	Bart Nuboer	Newton	1844	9	½Bye	---	W29	L4	D21	---	2	
23	Jonathan Warren	Framingham	1636	16	W6	L17	L20	L16	L13	W31	2	
24	Richard Seltzer	West Roxbury	1492	20	L8	W16	L6	L21	W26	L13	2	
25	Dick Reil	Ashland	1490	22	L17	W31	L5	W26	---	---	2	
26	Hal Brown	Framingham	1137	29	L27	Bye	L19	L25	L24	WF	2	
27	Win Dinion	Natick	1035	30	W26	L11	L9	L15	L28	WF	2	
28	Bob Engels	Framingham	1652	14	L30	L20	D14	L29	W27	---	1½	
29	Herb Weisberg	Natick	1541	18	L4	½Bye	L22	W28	L18	L16	1½	
30	John Gibbons	Upton	1241	28	W28	L2	L3	L14	---	---	1	
31	Ven Thangaraj	Framingham	UNR	31	L7	L25	L16	L13	Bye	L23	1	

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