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Editorial

I am editing this issue from Keswick where I am on holiday. This will delay appearance by a few days, and also means that I am out of communication with many of my reporters, and having to submit most of the copy handwritten. I apologise in advance for errors and omissions.

Enclosures with this Newsletter:

BGA Price List (Clubs only),

Draft Press Release/British Go Week Letter (One each per envelope),

Birmingham Go Tournament (Multiple copies).

European Go Congress

About 120 players attended the European Go Congress in Edinburgh. Also in attendance were no fewer than six Japanese and Korean professional players. Your editor attended only the Weekend Tournament, but this was long enough to appreciate the splendid setting at the foot of Arthur's Seat. It was also time enough to see the hard work being put in by the organisers Andrew Grant and Richard Granville.

There were some good results for Britain : in the Main Tournament (9-round Macmahon) the top results were 1st : J. Kraszek (Poland) with 9 wins; 2nd: Terry Stacey (GB) with 7; and 3rd equal P. Colmez (France) and Matthew Macfadyen (GB) with 6. Kraszek is the first Polish European Champion, and the first under the new rules, whereby all players play in a single Macmahon Tournament.

Other good results were M. Mueller (3 kyu, Austria) with 8 wins and J. Coak (9 kyu, GB) with 7. British players with 6 wins were H. Lee (2 dan), P. Shepperson (2 dan), I. Meiklejohn (1 dan), and J. Owen (3 kyu).

Both of the evening Lightning Tournaments were won by Robert Rehm (5 dan, Netherlands). The Handicap Tournament winners were both British : J. Owen (best percentage, 80%) and T.M. Hall (greatest number of wins, 18).

The Weekend Tournament (5-round Macmahon) was won by Yoon (5 dan, Korea) with 5 wins; 2nd equal were Gerald Westhoff (3 dan, Netherlands) and our own Terry Stacey with 4. Some good British results were: H. Hessler (13 kyu) and D. Hellam (14 kyu) both with 5 wins and P. McKendrick (9 kyu) with 4½.

The bad news is that the Congress has made a fairly substantial loss. A fuller report will appear in the BGJ.

Other News

The results of the 1982/3 Midland Go League were as follows, the first number quoted being the number of games (out of 20) and the second the number of matches won: Malvern 16,5; Warwick 13,3; Nottingham A 10,2; Coventry 8,0; Nottingham B 7,0; Leicester 6,0. Entries for the 1983/4 League to Stewart Hinsley, 8 Gaveston Rd., Coundon, Coventry CV6 1GZ by 31st October.

Bradford area Go players should contact Graham Telfer at 29 Quaker Lane, Little Horton, Bradford BD5 9JL. His embryonic club meets on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm in the University Link Bar.

South London Go Club's last Tuesday meeting will be on the 9th August. It will re-start on Wednesdays from 31st August. Wanstead and East London Club will not meet during August.

Leicester Go Tournament (3rd July) attracted 48 players. Quentin Mills (2 dan, Monmouth) won the event with 3/3 for the second year running. Other prizes for three wins went to P. Frogatt (3 kyu, Sheffield), T. O'Brien (5 kyu, Bracknell), and A. Thompson (15 kyu, Monmouth), Qualifiers for the 1984 Candidates Tournament were R. Thompson and R. Mills, the latter by three-way nigiri. If there had been a team competition it would have been won comfortably by Monmouth with 78%.

The 8-player Challengers League, played in London over two week-ends in July, restored Terry Stacey to his former regular position as Challenger for the British Go Championship, with a clean sweep of 7/7. 2nd was Jim Barty with 6/7, and the other two places in next year's League were retained by Jim Bates and John Rickard. Judging by Terry's recent results, Matthew Macfadyen had better look to his laurels.

31 mostly Northern players took part in the 2nd Fathers' Day Go Tournament at York. 1st place went to Terry Barker (1 dan, Bolton) with 3/3. A.J. Atkins (5 kyu, Nottingham), A. Credd (6 kyu, Hull), C. Rasbash (10 kyu, Hull), and J. Ridgeway (18 kyu, Leeds) all won prizes for three wins, and J.H. Smith (2 dan, Manchester) for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

David Artus (NW London) has been promoted to Shodan and John Rickard (Cambridge) to 3 dan.

Forthcoming Events

September 3rd - 4th: 1983 Northern Go Congress, Ashbourne Hall, Manchester University. Contact Andy Benyon, 28 Reddish Crescent, Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 9PT.

October 1st: Birmingham Go Tournament. Entry £4 to Stephanie Perks, 63A Russell Road, Mosely, Birmingham B13 8RH. (021-449 3143).

October 23rd: 14th Wessex Tournament, Marlborough Town Hall, Four Round Macmahon tournament.

October 22-29th: British Go Week. All members and clubs who have not yet made their plans for this important event are asked to study the enclosed details and to contact Richard Granville (address below) with their plans before September 15th.

November 12th: Nottingham Go Tournament. Four round Macmahon tournament, time limits 45 minutes plus 15 seconds byo yomi, at Portland Building, Nottingham University. Candidates Tournament places available. Start time 9.50 am. Entries £2-50 including coffee/tea etc. to Mike Harvey, Devonshire House, 289 Derby Road, Nottingham NG7 2DP.

This is a new event in the tournament calendar.

December 11th: Black Bull Tournament, Leigh Sinton, Malvern, Worcestershire. Four round Handicap Tournament, time limits 50 minutes plus 10 secs. byo-yomi. Contact Richard Newton, 14 Tamhouse Lane, Malvern, Worcestershire. This tournament is especially suitable for the weaker player.

December 30th - January 2nd: London Open Go Congress. Contact Toby Manning, 110 Moselle Avenue, London, N22. (Tel. 01-889-5247).

April 13th-15th: 1984 Go Congress, Manchester.

Late July/Early August 1984: European Go Congress, Porrentruy, Switzerland.

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