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RESULTS

Prague GP, 6th – 7th February A four way tie on 4/5 was resolved with SOS to give 1. Radek Nechanicky (6 dan Czech Republic), 2. Adrian Passow (4 dan Germany), 3. Leszek Soldan (6 dan Poland), and 4. Christoph Gerlach (5 dan Germany). 134 players.

Oxford Go Tournament, Saturday 13th February 98 players attended the Oxford Tournament held as last year in St. Edmund Hall. The time limits for the last round were cut, thanks to a late start. Main organiser Henry Segerman was rewarded by being one of the players to receive his shodan diploma after the prize giving. Prizes were partly sponsored by Oxford Heritage, the nearby games shop, who had a sales stand present. Winner for the second time running was Matthew Macfadyen (6d Leamington). Those also on 3/3 were Niculae Mandache (2d Bristol), Matthew Woodcraft (1k Cambridge), Barry Chandler (2k Reading), Bill Rivers (2k Oxford), Malcolm Hagan (7k Portsmouth), Neil Moffatt (10k Portsmouth), Keith Osborne (11k Norwich), Jimmy Mao (14k Bristol), Nicola Hurden (15k Brakenhale), Shawn Hearn (20k Brakenhale), Lucie Elliott (24k Brakenhale), Ian McAnally (26k Manchester).

Barcelona GP, 13th – 14th February 7 dans took the first five places.

1. Xing Ming, Kong (7 dan China), 2. JuJo (7 dan China), 3. Yoshioka (7 dan Japan), 4. Nai Wei, Rui (7 dan China), 5. Kim (7 dan Korea). 71 players.

European Youth Championship @ Cannes, Under 18s, 19th – 21st February

In the Under 18 section, the top places went to: 1. Andrei Kulkov (2 dan Russia) 6/6, 2. Diana Koszegi (5 dan Hungary) 5/6, 3. Merlijn Kuin (3 dan Netherlands) 5/6. Tom Blockley (5 kyu Worcester) was 26th with 4/6. 69 players.

In the Under 12 section, the winner was Natalia Kovaleva (3 kyu Russia) with 6/6, and second was Timour Dougine (1 kyu Russia) with 5/6. 21 players.

European Pair Go Championship @ Cannes, 20th – 21st February

The British pair Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan) and Kirsty Healey (1 dan) with 4 wins from 5, came second to the German pair Britta Trepczik (1 dan) and Cristoph Gerlach (5 dan) with 5/5. The French pair Marie-Claire Chaine (2 dan) and Farid BenMalek (6 dan) came third, also on 4/5. 15 countries.

Cambridge 23rd Trigantius Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi, Sunday 7th March

This year's tournament attracted 95 players, and was won by Seong-June Kim (6 dan Cambridge) with 3 wins from 3. There was then a 4 way tie for second place between: Des Cann (4 dan Leamington), T Mark Hall (4 dan Bristol), Y K Kim (5 dan London), and Piers Shepperson (5 dan CLGC), all with 2/3. Other players with 3/3 were: Nick Wedd (1 kyu Oxford City), Jonathan Chin (1 kyu Cambridge), Edward Blockley (2 kyu Worcester), Frank Visser (4 kyu Cambridge), Mark Dalgarno (5 kyu Cambridge), Michael Thomas (9 kyu Cambridge), Shawn Hearn (18 kyu B'hale), and Daniel Calvelo (29 kyu B'hale). The Team competition was won by Brakenhale B team with 80%. They were Emma Marchant, Shawn Hearn, Emma Fairbrother and Daniel Calvelo.

Candidates' Tournament, Weekend 13th – 14th March The joint winners of the tournament were Toby Manning and John Rickard, both with 4 wins from 4.

There were nine players with 3/4 who were separated by SOS to give: 3rd = Simon Bexfield, Harry Fearnley, Alison M Jones; 6th = Andrew Grant, Robert Salkeld; 8th John Fairbairn; 9th Bob Bagot, 10th = Paul Margetts, Alex Rix. 34 Players.

Ing Cup, 14th March The winner was Catalin Taranu, second was Lee Hyuk and third was Guo Juan. Matthew Cocke was 23rd.

European Team Go Championship @ Belgrade, 12th – 14th March This event was finally held with a somewhat limited selection of teams. From the 8 countries represented, the Russians (Alexei Lazarev, Viktor Bogdanov, Roman Gataouline and Sergei Ouspenski) won with 16/20. 2nd Romania with 15/20.

Dublin GP, 20th – 21st March 32 players from 14 countries attended the 10th Irish Open. The winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) with 5/5.

Second was Eduardo Herrero (6 dan Argentina) with 3/5 and third was Andrew Grant (2 dan OU) with 3/5. There were many side events too. The Handicap competition was contested by 12 players and won by Ruud Stoelma (1 dan NL), and Ruud also won the Rapid Play contest from 22 players.

Coventry Go Tournament, Sunday 28th March

The Coventry Tournament returned this year and attracted 54 entrants. The winner on his home turf was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) with 3/3. In second place was Seong-June Kim (6 dan Cambridge) with 2/3. Prize winners with 3/3 were: John Lowe (3 kyu Leamington), Thomas Erker (5 kyu Germany), Malcolm Walker (10 kyu Worcester), Nicola Hurden (14 kyu Brakenhale), and Ian McAnally (25 kyu Manchester).

Velden GP, Austria, 27th – 28th March The joint winners were Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan Russia) and Gabor Szabics (5 dan Hungary), both on 4/5. 68 players.

Paris GP, 3rd – 5th April A four way tie on 5/6 was resolved with SOS to give 1. Guo, Juan (7 dan Netherlands), 2. Christoph Gerlach (6 dan Germany),

3. Pierre Colmez (5 dan France), and 4. Farid BenMalek (6 dan France). Piers Shepperson (5 dan) was 12th with 3/5. 210 players.

32nd British Go Congress at Abingdon, Friday 9th - Sunday 11th April

The 32nd British Go Congress was held at Abingdon School and organised by the 'old boy' Steve Bailey. The first event was the British Lightning run by Tony Atkins and his exciting playing card draw system. The 38 players all vied to get the Ace of Hearts and the player with this lucky card at the end of five rounds was Seong June Kim (6 dan Cambridge) with 5/5. Piers Shepperson (5 dan London) was second with 4/5. Others with the cards for four wins were: T. Mark Hall (4 dan Bristol), Des Cann (4 dan Leamington), Simon Goss (2 dan Bracknell), and Chris Dawson (1 dan Maidenhead). In the special section, Ian McAnally (23 kyu Manchester) won 5/5 and Daniel Calvelo (25 kyu Brakenhale) won 4/5. 80 players took part in the British Open. Seong June Kim followed his success in the lightning by winning all six games to take the British Open title. Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) won five to hold second place. The third and fourth places both won 4/5 and were decided by SOS as 3rd T. Mark Hall (4 dan Bristol) and 4th Young K Kim (5 dan CLGC). Other players with a creditable 5/6 were: Tim Hunt (1 kyu Cambridge), Edward Blockley (2 kyu Worcester), Philip Beck (3 kyu Cambridge), Konrad Scheffler (4 kyu Cambridge), Theo Elliott (16 kyu Brakenhale), and Roger Peck (20 kyu). The Nippon Club Team Cup went to Cambridge who won 63% of their games. The winner in the continuous 13x13 was Nicola Hurden (13 kyu Brakenhale) and second was Daniel Calvelo (25 kyu Brakenhale). Winner of the Terry Stacey Grand Prix for the most games won "above the bar" in the year was Matthew Macfadyen. Runner up was Francis Roads, thus reversing last year's position. Winner of the WKD title (most losses by a 2 dan) despite keen competition, was Alan Thornton.

NEWS

- **BGA Officers.** At the AGM in Abingdon, Alex Rix announced his retirement as BGA President after 7 years. I am sure that all BGA members would want to thank him for the tremendous contribution that he has made to British Go. Alison Jones was elected unopposed as the new BGA President. T. Mark Hall and Tony Atkins were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.
- **Championship Organiser.** Alex Rix is now the Championship Organiser. This covers the Candidates', the Challenger's and the title matches.
- **Publicity Officer.** There is currently a vacancy for this position. Anyone who is interested should contact Tony Atkins.
- **Promotions :-)** The Council has approved the promotion of David Woodnutt to 2 dan.
- **2000 British Open.** Any clubs interested in organising the British Open in 2000 should contact a member of Council asap. Expressions of interest in subsequent years are also welcome.

FORTHCOMING

- **Strong players teaching event.** The BGA is organising a strong players teaching weekend on 19-20 June in London led by Guo Juan. Cost will be £16 which includes teaching, lunch and a follow up booklet. Invitations are being sent to all paid up members 3 dan and above. Places are limited to keep the group reasonably small (maximum 20) and will be allocated on first come basis on receipt of the fee. Any spare places available as at 1 June will be offered to interested 2 dans. Contact Alison Jones for more information (see BGA addresses below).

Challenger's Tournament at Cambridge, Saturday 1st – Monday 3rd May

Bar-Low Go Tournament at Cambridge, Sunday 2nd May

Location: University Centre, Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration by 10. 5 rounds of 35 minutes.
Event: The Bar-Low tournament is designed to appeal to kyu players—in fact dan players are strictly forbidden.
Contact: Matthew Woodcraft. ☎ 01223-565537. Email: mwoodcraft@pearson.co.uk

Budapest GP, 8th – 9th May Contact: Tibor Rapai RapaiTibor@posta.hu

Bracknell Go Tournament, Saturday 15th May

**** Please Note that the date is the 15th not the 8th as reported previously ****

Location: Woosehill Community Hall. Registration by 10:00. 3 rounds of 60 minutes + overtime. Also a 13x13 competition.
Contact: Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Avenue, Bracknell, Berks. RG12 0WD. ☎ 01344 422296

Amsterdam GP, 13th – 16th May Contact: EGCC ☎ 00-31-20-6455555, fax 00-31-20-6473981, egcc@xs4all.nl

Pair Go Tournament, Sunday 23rd May

Location: Stokenchurch near High Wycombe. The venue is about ½ mile from junction 5 of the M40.
Event: As this is a special (3²) anniversary the organisers are seeking a minimum of 50 pairs. To make this easier to achieve, unpaired players should contact the organisers and they will attempt to arrange partners for them (on a first-come first-served basis).
Contact: France Ellul ☎ 01494 452047 or Elinor Brooks.

Hamburg GP, 22nd – 23rd May Contact: Peter Spletstößer ☎ 00-49-40-4914818, fax 00-49-40-40197746, niklas@public.uni-hamburg.de

Scottish Open Go Tournament at Glasgow, Weekend 29th – 30th May

Location: Glasgow University Union, 32 University Avenue, Glasgow. Registration by 10:15 on Saturday. 6 rounds.
Contact: John O'Donnell, Computing Science Department, Glasgow University, Glasgow G12 8QQ. ☎ 0141-330 5458 (work).
Email: jtod@dcs.gla.ac.uk Web: <http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/~jtod/go>

Zagreb GP, 29th – 30th May Contact: Croatian Igo Alliance ☎ +385-1-3841-042, fax +385-1-3840-413, croatia@european-go.org

Leicester Go Tournament, Saturday 12th June

Location: Church Hall, Church of the Martyrs, Shaftesbury Rd, Leicester. Registration by 10:15. 3 rounds.
Contact: Peter Fisher, 8 Belfry Drive, Leicester. ☎ 0116 2871362. Email: peter@fisher2.demon.co.uk
or: Richard Thompson ☎ 0116 2761287. Email: jrt@cix.compulink.co.uk

Warsaw GP, 19th – 20th June Contact: Janusz Kraszek ☎ 00-48-22-8365129, fax 00-48-22-8429561, q3@studio-q.pl (Leszek Soldan)

The 7th Welsh Open Go Tournament @ Barmouth, Weekend 26th - 27th June

Location: Barmouth Youth Centre. Registration by 1:30 on Saturday. 5 rounds (3 on Saturday to about 8:30 and 2 on Sunday to about 3:30).
Accommodation: This is cheap and plentiful in Barmouth. Contact Jo for details. Check with Jo if you wish to arrive earlier.
Contact: Jo Hampton, 1 Glan-y-Don, High St, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1DW. ☎ 01341-281336, jo@barmouthbay.freereserve.co.uk

Tchelyabinsk GP, 26th – 27th June Contact: Eugenii Panyoukov ☎ +7-3512-132258, ponuki@chel.surnet.ru

The 1st Portsmouth Go Tournament, Sunday 4th July

Location: D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, Portsmouth. Registration by 10:00. 3 rounds.
Contact: Neil Moffatt, 28 Lowcay Road, Southsea, Hampshire PO5 2QA. ☎ 01705-643843 (before 10 pm), NMoffat@aol.com

Helsinki GP, 3rd – 4th July Contact: Matti Siivola ☎ 00-358-9-874 4283, fax 00-358-9-191 27533, Matti.Siivola@helsinki.fi

European Go Congress at Podbanske Slovakia, 24th July – 7th August Note: Slovakia has just introduced a visa scheme

Contact: EGC '99 ☎ 00-421-905-273774 (Rudolf Krusina), fax 00-421-7-839917, milian@rasax.sk (Jan Milian)

US Go Congress 1999 @ San Francisco State University, 31st July – 8th August Contact: Bill Camp. go@seattlego.org

Go Isle of Man 1999, Sunday 22nd – Friday 27th August

Location: Orchard Room, Cherry Orchard Hotel, Bridson Street, Port Erin, Isle of Man.
Event: Combine a holiday with go playing. Lots of options for combining them in different proportions. There is a 5 round main tournament, with 1 round a day in the mornings. There is also a 3 afternoons tournament and a 2 afternoons handicap tournament. Also several other special events. More information about options, transport and accommodation is available from the organisers.
Contact: Leo & David Phillips, 4 Ivydene Avenue, Onchan, Isle of Man, IM3 3HD. ☎ 01624 612294. Email: ldphillips@advsys.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Challengers (1-3 May), Bar Low (2 May), Bracknell (15 May), Pairs (23 May), Scottish (29-30 May), Leicester (12 Jun), Barmouth (26-27 Jun), Portsmouth (4 Jul), Mind Sports Olympiad (21-29 Aug), Isle of Man Go Week (22-27 Aug). * = provisional.

FUJITSU EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS FOR THE 98/99 SEASON

Budapest (8-9 May), Amsterdam (13-16 May), Hamburg (22-23 May), Zagreb (29-30 May), Warsaw (19-20 Jun), Tchelyabinsk (26-27 Jun), Helsinki (3-4 Jul), European Go Congress @ Podbanske, Slovakia (24 Jul-7 Aug).

For European Calendar see: <http://www.win.tue.nl/cs/fm/engels/go/tourn.html>

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