Mind Sports Olympiad, Alexandra Palace, London 18-28 August

Lightning 24 players took part. The winner was Lee Hyuk with 7/7. Seong June Kim was second on 6/7. Xingwen Liao and Tim Hunt both finished on 4/7 with Xingwen taking the bronze medal on tie break. Other prizes went to Simon Bexfield with 6/7 in the McMahon section, Shawn Hearn (10 kyu) 5/7, Alistair Brooks (22 kyu, youth and 4.5/7), Chuck Smith (30 kyu) 6/7 and Mark Stretch (30 kyu) 4/7 (beginners’ prize).

Youth Tournament had 13 kids from 3 dan to 30 kyu and 6 to 17. Ordering was full board result followed by 9x9 percentage result. It was won by Liao Xingwen (aged 6), second Jimmy Mao (1 kyu) and third Tom Blockley (3 kyu). U14 was Adam Ekersley-Watler (10 kyu), U12 was Williams (8 kyu) and U11 was Paul Blockley (25 kyu).

Main Event (40 players): Gold - Guo Juan (6/6), Silver - Zhang Shutai (4/6), Bronze - Lee Hyuk (4/6). Others on 4/6: fourth Du Jingyu (7 dan), fifth Geert Groenen (6 dan NL), sixth Chen Zhixing (5 dan). Prizes for 4 points to Paul Margetts (1 dan), Andrew Morris (1 kyu), Tom Cooper (15 kyu)

Rapid (42 players) Gold - Moon Il Do (8/6), Silver - Du Jingyu (5/6), Bronze - Lu Jingqiang on tie from Guo Juan (both 4/6) also on 4/6 Wang Xang Dong and Zhang Shutai. Prizes for 4/6 to Jim Clare (3 dan), Alison Bexfield (2 dan), Tristan Cazenove (1 kyu France), Sue Paterson (2 kyu), Alexei Nemoloskii (2 kyu Ukraine), Frank Prager (8 kyu, Youth) and Nicola Hurden (12 kyu)

Pair Go (12 Pairs): Gold - Guo Juan & Du Jingyu (7 dan), Silver - Sylvia Kalisch & Lee Hyuk (4.5 dan), Bronze - Alison Bexfield & Simon Bexfield (1.5 dan), Fourth Liu Yajie & Liao Xingwen (after half point play-off), 2/3: Anna Griffiths & Tony Atkins (3.5 kyu), Nicola Hurden & Shawn Hearn (10 kyu).


Computer Go: First with 10/10 was Professor Chen Zhixing’s GoMete. Dr. Michael Reiss’s Go4++ was second, its only losses were to GoeMete, one of them by only a half a point. Go4++ is sold as Go Professional 3. Yasumita Hiroshi’s Aya was third, losing its games to GoeMete and to Go4++ and losing one game to Bruno Bouzy’s Indigo.

British Championship Final Held at the MSc: Matthew Macfadyen beat Des Cann 3-0.

Northern 2-3 September

The 28th Northern was as usual held at Allen Hall in South Manchester. 48 players entered. Winner was T. Mark Hall (4 dan) on 5.5/6, second Y. Wang (4 dan Bradford) on 4.5/6. Prize for 5/6 - Milly Seggerman (20 kyu Manchester), and lowest graded 4/6s: Jill Seggerman (10 kyu Manchester) and Philip Ward-Ackland (15 kyu Barmouth).

Cornwall 9-10 September

On the Saturday afternoon 18 players took part in a 5-round Lightning Handicap. The winner, with 5/5 was John Rickard (4 dan Cambridge). Runners-up, with 4/5 were Mike Harvey (2 dan Winchester) and Dirk Henker (14 kyu Leipzig).

The Main Tournament on the Sunday was a 3-round McMahon, with 24 players. 1st (retaining the Devon Go Stone trophy) was Tony Atkins (2 dan Bracknell). Also on 3/3 were Mike Davies (11 kyu Rotherham), and Dirk Henker (14 kyu Leipzig). Jake Finnis (18 kyu West Cornwall) won the Youth prize.

Milton Keynes Sunday 17th September

The winner was John Rickard (4 dan Cambridge) on 2/3. Prizes for 3/3 wins went to: Matthew Woodcraft (1 kyu Cambridge), Konrad Scheffer (1 kyu Cambridge), Damir Nola (2 kyu Central London), Bill Streelen (3 kyu Wanstead), Richard Thompson (5 kyu Leicester) and Nicola Hurden (12 kyu Berks Youth).

Young Kim (5 kyu CLGC) won his first but lost in round three to John Rickard, John had earlier lost to Des Cann but had beaten Xiangdong Wang (4 dan CLGC), who had beaten Seong-June Kim (6 dan Cambridge). In the ensuing tie-break John Rickard was adjudged the winner, by 1 point of SODOS, ahead of Wang, Kim Young and Seong-June Kim.

Thank you to all of the 56 players who managed to be there despite the fuel crisis.

Wanstead Thursday 14th October

44 players attended this 8 round rapid play tournament, which was won by Seong-June Kim 6d from Cambridge with an unbeaten 6/6. T Mark Hall 4d was second on 5/6. Other players on 5 wins included Natasha Regan 2 kyu and Shawn Hearn 10 kyu. Prizes were also awarded to kyu players with 4 wins: Wayne Walters 4 kyu, Philip Bouriez 5 kyu and Guy Footing 6 kyu. Annie Hall, 34 kyu took the prize for the novice section (greater than 20 kyu).

London International Autumn Match, Sunday 15th October

The winners were Cambridge with 18 points, London came second with 12, Wanstead and Reading tied with 11, and Nippon Club had 6 points. Three players gained 4/4 wins: Seong-June Kim, Alan Thornton and David Ward.

Wessex Sunday 29th October

Location: Marlborough Town Hall.
Event: 4 round McMahon. 50 Minutes + 30 then 60/5 overtime.
Contact: Simon Shiu, 2 Barley Croft, Westbury On Trym, Bristol, BS9 3TF. (0117) 9628907 (before 9.30pm please).
Email: simon_shiu@hp.com
Three Peaks  Saturday-Sunday 11th-12th November  
Location: The Marton Arms Hotel, Thornton-in-Lonsdale, North Yorkshire  
Event: A 5 round McMahon starting Saturday lunchtime. On that morning, Toby Manning will be leading a short walk to explore local scenery. 
Contact: Toby Manning, 01929 888739.  
Email: toby@ptmfa.freeserve.co.uk

National Small Board Championship, Sunday 19th November 
Location: Milton Community Centre, Cambridge  
Event: Played on 13×13 boards. Organised by the Cambridge Junior Chess and Go Club.  
Contact: Paul Smith, 01223 563932 (h) 01908 844469 (w)  
Email: andreapaul@andreapaul.freeserve.co.uk

Swindon Sunday 26th November 
Location: The Dunbar Club, Swindon  
Event: 3 round McMahon. A self-paired 13x13 tournament will be held concurrently.  
Contact: Dave King, 21 Windsor Rd, Swindon, SN3 1JP, 01793 521625.  
Email: davidking@enterprise.net

Saturday 2nd December: West Surrey Teach-in and Sunday 3rd December: West Surrey Handicap  
Location: Burpham Village Hall, Guildford  
Event: Saturday: Teach-in for any level from total beginner to 1 kyū; small-group sessions led by dan players; Sunday: 4 round tournament, the draw will aim for 4-stone handicap games.  
Contact: Pauline Bailey, 01483 561027.  
Email: pab27@compuserve.com

Anglo-Japanese Winter Match, London, Sunday 10th December 
By invitation only.  
Contact: Simon Bexfield.  
Email: simon@bexfield.com

London Open  Toyota Tour  29th December 1999 – 1st January 2000 
Location: The Highbury Round House, 71 Ronalds Road, London N5 1BX  
Event: 7 round main tournament. Side events include 9x9 and handicap events. A Go teacher will be on hand to comment on games for players at 10 kyū or below.  
Contact: Geoff Kaniuk. 35 Clonmore St, London SW18 8EL, 020 8087 7362.  
Email: geoff@kaniuk.demon.co.uk

Youth Championships and Beginners’ Tournament, Abingdon, Sunday 21st January  
Location: Fitzharrys School, Abingdon  
Event: Youth Championships, Beginners’ Tournament & self-paired side event  
Contact: Simon Goss, 4 Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berks, RG45 6QY, 01344-777963.  
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EUROPEAN TOURNAMENTS Approximate Dates  
Brussels Toyota Tour (28-29 Oct), Goeteberg Toyota Tour (4-5 Nov), Kiev Fujitsu Qualification (25 Nov), Vienna Austrian Open (1 Dec), Milan Italian Open (8 Dec), Salamanca Spanish Open (8 Dec), Amsterdam Netherlands Fujitsu Finals (9 Dec), European Youth Poland (Mar), European Teams Russia (Mar), Velden (Austria) Toyota Tour (23 – 25 Mar), European Pairs Bosnia (7 Apr), Paris Toyota Tour (14-15 Apr).

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