RESULTS

FUJITSU CUP AMSTERDAM 06/12/01-08/12/01
Winner was Rob van Zeijst (Netherlands), Second was Alexandr Dinechevich (Russia). Losing semifinalists were Guo Juan (Netherlands) and Svetlana Shikshina (Russia). Britain’s Mathew Macfadyen lost to Svetlana in the quarter-finals. He beat F-J. Dickuth (Germany) in the previous round.

LONDON OPEN 20/12/01-31/12/01
107 names appeared on the result list for the London Open. This year it was at new location of International Student House near Regents Park. It was part of the European Toyota Go Tour again. Winner with 7/8 was Gabor Szabics (5 dan Hungary), his only loss was to Matthew Cocke. Second with 6/8 was Pal Sanne (4 dan Norway) on SOS from Seong-June Kim (6 dan London). Next with 5/8 were Taiko Nakamura (5 dan Epson), Matthew Cocke (6 dan Norway), Young Kim (5 dan London), and Jens Vigen (4 dan Germany). Winning 7/8 was Stephen Streater (14 kyuu Epsom). Winning 6/8 were Wolfgang Behnke (1 dan Germany), Arnaud Knippel (1 dan France), Mike Cockburn (1 kyu St Albans), Fabien Letouze (5 kyuu France), Jil Segerman (8 kyu Manchester), Patrick Donovan (10 kyu Eastbourne) and Lasse Jakobsen (14 kyu Denmark). All on 5/8 got a certificate. Other winners got wooden go stones. 9x9 winner was Roger Daniel with 22/22.

Lightning winner was Filip van der Steppen (5 dan Netherlands). Second was Seong-June Kim (6 dan). Third equal were Mogens and Lasse Jakobsen (father and son from Denmark).

KISEI YOUTH TOURNAMENT 13/01/02
Thanks to Kisei match sponsors Yomiuri Shimbun and Japan 2001 generous prizes and travel expenses were available to the young players at this event. Also unique was the chance to play professionals Michael Redmond and Yuki Shigeno. Michael beat Tom Blockley and Jimmy Mao. Yuki won 5, lost 1, 1 jigo.
Winner of the tournament was Jimmy Mao (1 dan Bristol), second was Tom Blockley (York) and third William Brooks (Cambridge). Paul Blockley (18 kyu) and Tom Robinson (35 kyu) won all their games in the handicap section.

PURZE PLATT MAIDENHEAD 18/01/02
78 players attended the HQ of HITACHI Europe Ltd. for the 11th Furze Platt. Winner was Seong-June Kim (6 dan London) for the third year running. Winning 3/3 were second placed Des Canny (4 dan Leamington), Tim Hunt (2 dan Open University), Jason Smith (6 kyuu Reading), Ivan Walling (6 kyuu Bradford), Randall Hallwell (9 kyuu Epson) and Matthew Clappington (15 kyuu Reading). Shawn Hean (8 kyuu Berkshire Youth) won 2.5. Thanks to generous sponsorship from HITACHI all on 2/3 got prizes too. Team winners were Milton Keynes, Shawn Hean won the 9x9 and Richard Mullens won a free entry to Paris in a draw run by the London Open organizer.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX 2001 AND 2002
The final results of the 2001 Youth Grand Prix are: 1 Paul Blockley 18-kyuu Worcester, 2 Lasse Jakobsen 14-kyuu Epson Downs, 3 Ian Mcaanally 8-kyuu Manchester, 4 Shawn Hean 8-kyuu Berkshire Youth, 5 Jimmy Mao 1-dan Bristol, 6 Oscar John 24-kyuu Cambridge. The contest for 2nd place went right to the wire, Lasse and Ian being tied for 2nd place before the London Open. But Lasse got ahead in the end by attending the London Open.

The scores in the 2002 Grand Prix, up to and including the Furze Platt tournament, are: 1= Shawn Hean 8-kyuu Berkshire Youth and Jimmy Mao 1-dan Bristol, 2= Paul Blockley 18-kyuu Worcester and Tom Robinson 34-kyuu unattached, 3= Tom Blockley 4-kyuu Worcester and William Brooks 8-kyuu Cambridge. Paul Blockley and Tom Robinson stormed into an early lead with 100% results in the Yomiuri Shimbun youth tournament and Jimmy and Shawn managed to steal a joint lead by going to Furze Platt as well.

All the grand prix scores can be seen at http://www.gosoft.demon.co.uk/gpprix.htm

The grades of all currently-known youth players are at http://www.gosoft.demon.co.uk/grades.htm

STACEY POINTS AFTER THREE PEAKS (Trophy awarded annually for most games above the bar in British tournaments)
The state of the Stacey Tournament (after Furze Platt) is:- Francis Roads 21 points, 2= Seong-June Kim and David Ward both with 17 points.

NEWS

PROMOTION Council approved the promotion of Mike Cockburn (St. Albans) to 1-dan.

KISEI TITLE MATCH
The first game in the Kisei Title Match was played in London on 10/01/02 and 11/01/02. An audience about 50 strong watched by video link in the Montcalm Hotel. Professionals Kato, Kudo and Redmond analyzed the game for locals and for Japanese TV. Various BGA members were also interviewed on Japanese TV. In the match game O Rissel (defending Champion) beat Ryu Shikun after a long and interesting game. Six professionals also attended the Central London Go Club on Saturday 12th and Michael Redmond and Yuki Shigeno attended the Kisei Youth Tournament on 13th at the Nippon Club.

The Kisei Title is the most prestigious go tournament in Japan and hence one of the most important in the world. It is an annual tournament culminating in a best-of-seven games final between the reigning Kisei and the challenger, who has had to battle his way through a rigorous series of preliminaries and qualifying tournaments.

Registered people can download a game record from Jan van der Steen’s site http://gobase.org/games/japan/titles/kisei/26/index (if you are not registered (which is free) then you can only view the game online.)

Ryu Shikun won the second game on 25/01/02 at Kiyomizu Hotel, Aku Hot Spring, Sendai City by half a point

PAIR GO The UK Pairing for Euro Pairs 2002 will be Matthew Cocke (5 dan) and Natasha Regan (1 dan), runners up in Brit Pairs 2001.

BGA WEBSITE The BGA website has been having some difficulties, but now is up and working properly. Its temporary address is http://66.39.78.200/
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The Notice for the next AGM is included with this Newsletter. The meeting will be held during the British Go Congress in Edinburgh, 22-24 March.

NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL
Steve Bailey and I have been working up an e-mail version of this Newsletter, with the intention of offering BGA members a choice of how they receive it. The e-mail version will have the exact same text as the printed version (without the pretty title-pictures of course). It will be set in Plain Text and without attachments, to be suitable for all Internet computers, and to avoid the risk of viruses. The main advantage will be the click-able web addresses. Also it should arrive a week earlier, as that is the time it takes for printing and mailing. It will be distributed by "blind copy" to keep your address confidential.

The Paper version will continue to be available for those who want it. The BGA Council has agreed that this is absolutely vital, as it is the only way for people without internet to keep in touch.

If you would like to receive your Newsletters by e-mail instead of the paper version, send an e-mail to Steve Bailey on SGBailey@iie.org If you change your e-mail address or wish to go back to receiving paper Newsletters, tell Steve. (Note, if your postal address changes, you should inform the Membership Secretary, not Steve.)

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OXFORD, Saturday 16th February
Location St. Edmund Hall, Queen's Lane, Oxford.
Event 3 round McMahon, 50 minutes. Registration 9:00 to 9:45, (9:00 to 9:15 if turning up on the day.)
Contacts Niall Cardin, Corpus Christi College, Oxford. OX1 4JF. 0870 120 0870 ext. 26714 mobile 07861 769892
Niall.Cardin@ccc.ox.ac.uk Edward Laird 0870 120 0870 ext. 27048
Website http://users.ox.ac.uk/~corp0527/tournament.html

TRIANGULUS, CAMBRIDGE, Sunday 3rd March
Location University Centre, Grants Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge.
Event 3-round McMahon. 1 hour then 30 stones in 5 minutes overtime. Continuous 13x13 tournament. Beginners’ tournament.
Contact: Alex Selby, 67 Woodhead Drive, Cambridge, CB4 1YY. 01223 512013 a.p.selby@pobox.com
Website http://www.cam.ac.uk/societies/cugos/compete/triangulant.htm

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sunday 10th March
Location Blootham School, Blootham, Odiham, Hampshire.
Event British Youth Go Championship, Schools Team Championship, Beginners’ Tournament, Schools Lightning Team Championship, Handicap tournament. This meeting is for children of all strengths. Newcomers to Go are encouraged to come. There will be plenty of opportunity for games with others of similar ages and strengths.
Contact Simon Goss, 4 Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berks RG45 6QY. 01344 777963 simon@gosoft.demon.co.uk
Website http://www.britishgo.org/british.html

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, EDINBURGH, Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th March
Location Halls of Residence (South Hall), University of Edinburgh
Event Main event: 5-round McMahon, 1 hour then 30 stones in 5 minutes overtime. British Lightning, 12 minutes. AGM Saturday evening.
Contact Donald Macleod, 26 Preston Crescent, Inverkeithing, Fife, KY11 1DR. 01383 410405 donald@sandwood.demon.co.uk
Howard Manning, 0131 667 5260 howard@manning2353.freeserve.co.uk
Website http://www.faldara.demon.co.uk/Go/british.html

COVENTRY, Sunday 7th April
Location The Oddfellows Hall, 6 Clarence Terrace (situated at the corner of Warwick St and Portland St.), Leamington Spa.
Event 4 rounds: 30 minutes and sudden death. The Tournament will be held this year alongside the Candidates’ tournament Participants will be able to watch the candidates, and listen to commentaries by Matthew Macfadyen on some of the more interesting games.
Contact Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0JZ. 01675 442753 mikelynn@barston.freeserve.co.uk
Website Mobile (on the day only) 079492 25352

CAMBRIDGE BAR-LOW, DANS’ EVENT and JUNIOR 13 x 13, Sunday 5th and Monday 6th May, in association with MSO CAMBRIDGE
Location Parkside Community College, Parkside, Cambridge
Events 5th May: Bar-Low, kyu-players only, 5 rounds 35 minutes sudden death
6th May: Junior 13 x 13 for under-18’s, Dans’ Event, 5 rounds 35 minutes sudden death; BGA Teaching Day
Contact Charles Matthews, 60 Gilson Road, Cambridge CB1 2HF. 01223 350096 charles@sabaki.demon.co.uk
Website The MSO Cambridge web site is at www.gen.cam.ac.uk/msocam02/index.html

BRACKEll, Sunday 12th May
Location Wossehill Community Centre, off the A329 Wokingham to Bracknell road
Event 3 rounds, 60 minutes with overtime of 30 stones in 5 minutes
Contacts Enquiries to Clive Hendrie 01344 422502 Clive.Hendrie@freenet.co.uk
Entries to Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Ave., Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD. 01344 422296

PAIR GO, BOARS HILL, Sunday 19th May
Location Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill, Oxford
Event For teams of one male and one female, 3 rounds of 45 minutes sudden death
Contact Tony Atkins, 37 Courts Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 7DJ. 0118-9268143 Ajaygo@yahoo.co.uk
Website http://uk.geocities.com/jackson2002a.htm

JULIEST WEEKEND TOURNAMENT, BIRMINGHAM, 1st or 2nd June (provisional), Mike Lynn. 0121 442753 mikelynn@barston.freeserve.co.uk
LEICESTER, Saturday 8th June (provisional) Peter Fisher, 0116 2871 365 peter@fisher2.demon.co.uk
WELSH OPEN Saturday 29th - Sunday 30th June Phillip Ward-Ackland 01344 260612 philip@innet2.demon.co.uk
EPSOM Saturday 10th August http://www.yuhong.demon.co.uk/tourney.html
ISLE OF MAN, Sunday 18th to Friday 23rd August Steve Jones, 9 Eastfield, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 4UR. 01624 626480 info@iomgo.org.uk
Event The Falcon’s Nest Hotel, Port Erin, Isle of Man
Contact Steve Jones, 9 Eastfield, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 4UR. 01624 626480 info@iomgo.org.uk
Website www.iomgo.org.uk/

OVERSEAS
Paris, France 23-31 March, toyotour.paris/european-go.org
All-Summer Go School, Croatia, 1 June - 30 September, provisional, with Adriatic Sea vacation http://croatian-tourism.inforab-maria