

## CLUB NEWS

### Southern Go League

On Thursday, 1st November, West London (BEA) Go Club played their first match in the league at Woodford. Woodford won three games to two.

Woodford		W.London	
F.Roads	lost to	A.Cooper	
D.Mitchell	beat	T.Butfield	
J.Hawdon	beat	J.Quinn	
W.Walters	lost to	N.Tobin	
J.Calmus	beat	K.Rapley	

On Sunday, December 2nd, four clubs, Reading, Bristol, Bracknell and Woodford, met at the I.C.L. club in Reading to play four of the league matches.

Woodford (3)	v	Reading (1)	Bristol (0)	v	Bracknell (4)
F.Roads	beat	A.Daly	T.M.Hall	lost to	R.Moss
D.Mitchell	lost to	D.Sutton	P.Langley	lost to	D.Wycherley
J.Hawdon	beat	D.Hunter	M.Cumpstey	lost to	R.Thompson
M.Wells	beat	D.Cornes	A.Somerville	lost to	N.Edmunds
Woodford (2)	v	Bracknell (2)	Bristol (4)	v	Reading (1)
F.Roads	lost to	T.Parker	M.Roberts	beat	A.Daly
D.Mitchell	beat	D.Wycherley	T.M.Hall	beat	D.Sutton
J.Hawdon	lost to	R.Thompson	P.Langley	lost to	D.Hunter
M.Wells	beat	N.Edmunds	M.Cumpstey	beat	J.Clare
			A.Sommerville	beat	D.Cornes

### Oxford

Last November the Oxford club sent a team of nine players for a match against Cambridge. Oxford won the match by ten games to six. A novel feature was the inclusion of three boards for beginners.

### Leicester

In a recent match against Corby, Leicester managed to draw 2-2. This improvement over the result of their last match is perhaps due to the much appreciated efforts of Roger Huyshe of Corby who has been acting as coach to the Leicester club.

### Bristol

At the Annual General meeting in February, a new Club Secretary was elected. He is R.D.Hays, 2 Mallard Close, Chipping Sodbury, Bristol B17 6JA. Mrs. N.Thomas was also elected on to the committee, the other committee members being unchanged.

### London

On February 8th, a team of six led by Jim Bates and Mark Hall visited Paris for a weekend session. A beginners' evening was staged at the Roebuck Hotel, Tottenham Court Road on February 28th. Details of this event will be published in the Summer issue.

## B.G.A. NEWS

The B.G.A. committee decided that, since the challenge match for the 1973 British Championship had not taken place, John Diamond remained British National Champion.

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## EDITORIAL

Once again there has been a change in the editorial committee. Ron Stone, a founder member of Bristol Go Club, has taken the place of Gerald Bayliss, whose past work has been much appreciated.

I wish to thank those who have contributed articles, both published and unpublished. Please keep up the good work. A few of the articles received, however, require considerable modifications and it would help the editors if the authors, particularly those new to the field, were to get a member of their club to cast a critical eye over their work before sending it for publication.



## NOTES FROM THE B.G.A. SECRETARY

1. Glass stones are no longer available, but 6 mm plastic stones are in stock for £2.20.
2. "In the Beginning" is available for £1.25. It is an elementary guide for beginners on the early stages of the game. It illustrates very well the basic principles that underlie the opening phase, and is concluded with ten problems. It is strongly recommended for readers of "Go for Beginners" before advancing to "38 Basic Joseki".
3. Please continue to send details of all B.G.A. members 10th kyu or stronger for additions or corrections to the grading list.
4. The B.G.A. has large stocks of a number of books and other material, but the availability of any one item varies from month to month. Please write to me to enquire the latest situation, rather than send a cheque out of the blue based on an old price list.

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# 21ST ANNUAL NIHON KIIN CHAMPIONSHIP

1st game. Played December 25 and 26, 1973

Black: Eio Sakata, 10-dan, (title-holder)

White: Masao Kato, 8-dan, (challenger)

188 moves in all. Black resigns.

This game was kindly sent to us by the Ishi Press.

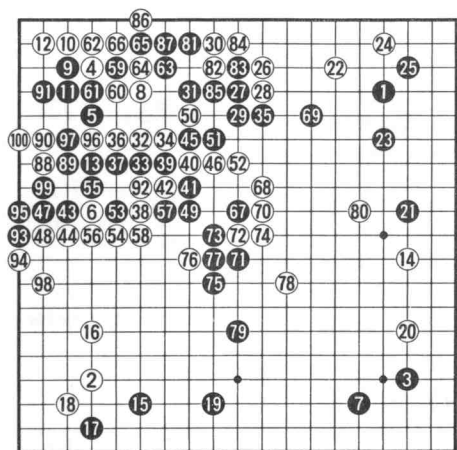


Figure 1

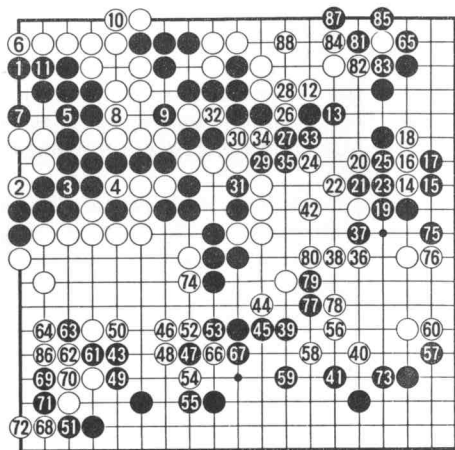


Figure 2

## Figure 1

The highlight of this game appeared early when Kato tried out an unusual move, the long-range squeeze play at 6. Sakata decided to deal with it by ignoring it and closed the lower right corner with 7. The rest of the opening went smoothly. White attacked the stone Black had left in the upper left corner with 8, and Black defended with 9 to 13. White now had sente to establish a foothold on the right side with 14. Black 15 to 19, a common joseki, kept White from making a double-wing formation around the lower left corner. Similarly, White 20 kept Black from making a double-wing formation around the lower right corner, and after Black's extension to 21, White 22 to 26 kept Black from making a double-wing formation around the upper right corner.

Black 27 started the middle game, and soon a pitched battle was raging in the upper left, with several weak groups manoeuvring against each other at once. Both Sakata and Kato are good at this kind of go.

Kato opened up a full-scale offensive with White 38, 40, and 42. Opinion among the professional spectators was divided on these moves; some felt that White was going too far, but others felt that his stones were falling into place perfectly.

Black 53 is a splitting tesuji that all good players know. White 56 was correct; White could not possibly capture the black group, so he strengthened his territory on the left side instead.

"When Black played 89 and I got sente to go to the right side, I felt I was going to win," said Kato after the game. Sakata thought that Black 91 was the losing move; it should have been 92.

## Figure 2

Even though White had to make two moves, 6 and 10, to live, he emerged from the upper left corner with sente to strike the decisive blow at 14 on the right. In the sequence up to 35 Kato managed a neat exchange of three white stones for thirteen black ones, then coasted the rest of the way until Sakata resigned at White 88.

# NEWS FROM JAPAN by The Ishi Press

**IWAMOTO IN THE MEIJIN LEAGUE** By scoring four straight victories in the preliminary rounds last year, Kaoru Iwamoto, 9-dan, has won his way into the Meijin League. This is his first entry into the league, and it comes at the age of 71. He has lost his first league game, to Hosai Fujisawa, but his fans throughout the world can look forward to his taking on such young powers as Otake, 9-dan, and Ishida, Honinbo, and - who knows? - perhaps Rin, Meijin, in the title match.

**UTARO HASHIMOTO IN BOTH LEAGUES** Utaro Hashimoto, 9-dan, former Honinbo, Judan, Oza, etc. and current champion of the Kansai Kiin, is 66 years old and still going strong. By beating Iwata and Otake last November he accomplished the outstanding feat of getting into both the Meijin and Honinbo Leagues.

**KATO LEADS SAKATA** The 21st Annual Nihon Kiin Championship title match began on Christmas Day, 1973, with Eio Sakata, 10-dan, trying to hold off the challenge of Masao Kato, 8-dan, a young man less than half his age. Sakata, perhaps still in a slump after losing his Oza title to Rin Kaiho in the fall, dropped the first two games of this best-of-five series, in both cases playing well on the first day but making fatal mistakes on the second. He came back to win the third game, however, so the match goes on into February.

**HANDICAP TOURNAMENT FOR FOREIGN RESIDENTS** The foreigners in Tokyo held a handicap go tournament on two days during the New Year's vacation. First prize, a set of slate and shell go stones, went to Donald Potter, 2-kyu, an American scholar of Chinese who teaches English at a local university. He finished 6-0.

**LEHWALD VISITS TOKYO** The president of the booming Hamburg Go Club, Dr. Karl Lehwald, 2-dan, was in Tokyo during December and January. He has recently published a German translation of the third volume of the popular Maeda tsume-go books.

**KERWIN ARRIVES** James Kerwin, a promising 27 year-old American 4-dan, arrived in Tokyo with his wife on January 4th. He is planning to stay in Japan for several years of intensive go study under professional teachers.

**ENGLISH TEAM IN TV MATCH** October 10 is Sports and Recreation Day in Japan, so NHK, the Japanese National Broadcasting Corporation, decided to stage a special go match between an English team and a team of Japanese high school girls. The English team consisted of Stuart Dowsey the captain, Alan Stout representing the London Go Club, and Peter Westlake, the Minister at the British Embassy in Tokyo. The teams played renko (relay go), each player having ten moves at a time and 30 seconds per move. Unfortunately the English side allowed a large group of stones to die and the Japanese schoolgirls were triumphant. Looked at philosophically, this result was a contribution to international goodwill. However, it would have been nicer to win.

