

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS
MANCHESTER

We are trying a new recruitment idea this session. We are holding a raffle (not for a Go ban!) and the only way to get tickets for it is by introducing new members to the club, so the more members you introduce, the more chance you have of winning. We'll let you know if it works.

Since our appeal for variations on Go in the last issue, we have come across the following variants in the German Go Magazine:-

- (a) Three Colour Go: Paint a hundred or so Imperial Mints red. Let the paint dry, grab two opponents and off you go. The rules are unaltered except that you only play every third turn. It is certainly an elevating feeling when, as red, you manage to kill black and white stones simultaneously.
- (b) Two-Stone Go: Black plays one stone on his first move. After that each player has two moves at once. Remember, a group needs three eyes to be safe. In another variant, a player has two moves only once in the game.

Our last Buzzer Tournament was won by Michael Clark of Bolton. Buzzers are fairly easy to make for any one with a bit of electronic know-how, and are useful for clubs with a shortage of clocks, who want to hold lightning tournaments, since one buzzer will suffice for an entire room. Ours is set for about seven seconds as we have found this to be the optimum. It is important to be strict that play occurs on and only on the buzz. Playing after the buzz counts as a pass, whilst playing before the buzz makes things very confusing.

BOLTON

Michael Clark's visit to the European Congress was an excuse for an article and photograph in the local rag. There was a good response for JAL leaflets as a result. Where the Observer leads, the Bolton Evening News will follow

SOUTH COTSWOLD

As reported in the last Journal, John Oatley (6 kyu) and Roger Hays (3 kyu) went forward to the semi-final of the Bristol's R.A.F.A. tournament where they played the Bristol semi-finalists Paul Atwell and Bruce Little, respectively. Wins by both John and Roger resulted in an all South Cotswold final with John receiving a 3 stone handicap. The game proved to be a very steady and cautious encounter but the experience of the stronger player won the day with Roger Hays carrying off the Trophy and Tankard for the second time in the Tournament's history.

The Trophy and Tankard will be presented by Mr.C.L.Treeby, President of the R.A.F.A., Filton and North Avon Branch.

HOLLINGS TAKES THE 1976 (ROBNOR) WESSEX TROPHY

The 7th Wessex Go Congress, held at Marlborough Town Hall on October 24th attracted exactly 100 entrants. The top division was won by Mark Hollings (2 dan, Birmingham) with a perfect record (4 out of 4). Other divisions were won by Derek Hunter (1 dan, Reading); Gavin Grant (4 kyu, London); J.Crow (6 kyu, Swale); John Deaton (9 kyu, Birmingham); Susan Barnes (Bedford) and David Cordiner (Birmingham) jointly (both 12 kyu); J.Borland (14 kyu, Bracknell), and Michael Brick (20 kyu, of Dartford).

Thomas Goodey (1 kyu, London) qualified to enter the 1976 Candidate's Tournament, as Derek Hunter was already eligible from the European Congress.

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THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO FRANCE

The 20th European Go Congress was held at St.Catharine's College, Cambridge, during the middle two weeks of August. The main event, the European Championship, was one of the closest in recent years. By the halfway stage, Katscher, Merissert, and Goddard were in front, with Muller close behind. With two rounds to go, Goddard had established 1/2 point lead, and needed to win his remaining games for the Championship. However, in the next round he lost to Merissert, leaving the tournament wide open: before the last round five people were still in with a chance, including Diamond, who had come back strongly after getting only 1/2 point from his first 3 games. After the dust had cleared in the last round, Goddard and Merissert emerged at the top, and the play-off the next day decided Patrick Merissert as European Champion, the first Frenchman to win the title.

The other main tournament was an 8-round MacMahon, played over 2 weeks. This was won by Matthew MacFadyen, who came ahead of Schlemper (Holland), Golja (Yugoslavia), and Walter (Germany) on the tie-break. Matthew gets an automatic place in next year's Championship as a result.

Other events included a 6-round week-end tournament, won by Ronald Schlemper, a lightning tournament won by Robert Rehm, and the European Rengo Championships, won by the Reading Weak Group.

Three Japanese professionals, Iwamoto, Hane, and Yamamoto were also in attendance, to give simultaneous games and other teaching.

		dan rating	P.M.	T.G.	J.D.	M.K.	C.M.	H.H.	R.R.	W.I.	I.B.	Total	Position
F.	Patrick Merissert	4		1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	6	1
G.B.	Tony Goddard	4	0		1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6	2
G.B.	Jon Diamond	5	1	0		1	1/2	0	1	1	1	5 1/2	3
D.	Michael Katscher	5	1	0	0		1	0	1	1	1	5	4
N.L.	Cas Muller	3	0	1	1/2	0		1	0	1	1	4 1/2	5
A.	Helmut Hasibeder	4	0	0	1	1	0		0	1	1	4	6
N.L.	Robert Rehm	4	0	0	0	0	1	1		0	0	2	7=
D.	Wolfgang Isele	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1	2	7=
Yu.	Igor Bizjak	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1	9

Merissert beat Goddard in a play-off

Remainder of results given on page 15

EDITORIAL

How situations change! At the copy date of the last Journal just four pages were complete, material was not available, due to many reasons, hence the copy date was delayed for approximately one month and Journals up till the end of 1977 re-scheduled.

Subsequent to an emergency meeting between members of the BGA Committee and the Editors Four at Bristol, a certain amount of material was promised and some obtained.

With this issue the complete Journal was planned with many features and articles included. Within a period of five days a wealth of Technical material was received from various sources. Upon reading these newly acquired articles, the whole content was changed, and no apologies are given for taking up a great deal of space with one game.

This does not mean that we do not need further supplies of material. The file is now of reasonable size, enough for two Journals. If there is a reasonable game or such, please send it, long or short, it makes the Editor's function more interesting and satisfying when there is a selection.

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These are payable from 1.10.76, and it would help if you do not all wait to renew your subscription until 1st January or later.

1977	Club member reduced rate (full-time education)	45p
	Club member full rate	75p
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If there are any current members who are intending to let their subscription lapse, then I should be grateful if they could see their way to letting me know why; otherwise the BGA Committee remains in the dark and any fault that could be corrected goes unknown.

GAME FROM THE 1975 AUCKLAND GO CONGRESS

Comments by B.Castledine

Black: Kurt Flatow, 2 kyu

White: Bob Talbot, 1 kyu

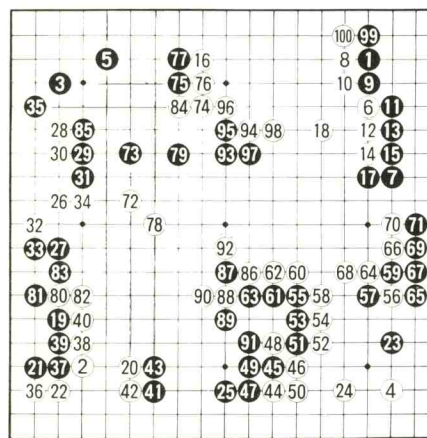


Fig. 1 (1 - 100)

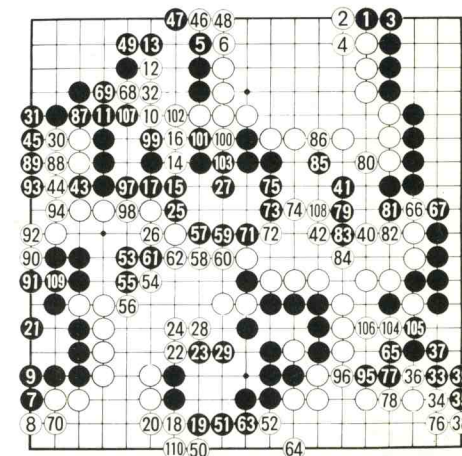


Fig. 2 (101 - 210)

- B5 It is usual to make a shimari at 6 or 11 with this move.
- W8 The tsuke at san-san is another reply to this rather unusual hasami.
- W12 Nidan-bane at 13 is better: W will either capture two stones in the corner, or get a thicker wall than in the game.
- B15 Nobi to 166 is better here.
- B23 The extension to 27 is a must in this position.
- W26 This pincer isn't severe enough: a play at 83 would be more to the point.
- B29- This attack is ill-timed. White's group cannot be attacked successfully at this stage.
- 35 The lower side should be the focus of attention at this moment.
- B37 Ikken tobi to 153 is the vital move.
- B39 Horrible! 153 is the vital point for both.
- W40 Too slow. 44 straight away attacks B severely.
- B43 Better at 50.
- B47 Hiki to 49 or nobi at 48 are required here.
- B51 Not the right time to cut: a better idea would be to build up territory on the right side. B eventually secures this territory at the cost of allowing the enormous hane of W60.
- B61 One point below 63 is of course correct.
- W72 A move around here is big now: 153 or 207 are also plausible.
- B73 Bad! These stones are not connected to the corner, and B may well find himself with a heavy group. How about boshi at 74?
- W76 77 here seems to get more territory.
- W78 Much too slow. W should be thinking of expanding his upper side territory.
- B83 Looks dangerous
- B85 207 is a better shape.
- B87 Has to be at 88.
- B93 Very important point.
- B99 Big yase, but hane at 100 is also sente.

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