

The 13 x 13 go set in the photograph was constructed in response to interest in go expressed by a blind American friend of mine. It was made from 1/4" square wooden rod and two sizes of dowel, 7/8" and 1/8" in diameter. The only tools required were a hacksaw and a 1/8" power drill, however access to a band saw facilitated slicing up the 7/8" dowel into stones. All the stones are drilled through the centre; the white stones have flat surfaces, the black stones are slightly thicker and have studs of 1/8" dowel pressed into them. Similarly, studs are glued into the intersections of the board; the stones push onto them reasonably tightly.

A modification made since the photograph was taken has been to label the 4-4 points by inlaying the surrounding recesses with triangular blocks.

NEWS

Since going to press, news has been received of the newly formed Merseyside Club. (Reference to the Editorial). Hon Sec Brian Wilson, 17 Verdala Towers, Allerton Road, Liverpool L18 3LB, Ron Learoyd becoming the President. The threat from the new Club is to show their flag at the Northern Congress at Manchester and enter the Northern League.

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FRONTISPIECE

David Mitchell ended his non-stop lightning go marathon at 9 o'clock in the early hours of Saturday morning on March 12th, having established a new world record of 46 hours non-stop lightning go.

During this time he played 152 games against 40 different opponents from the London Go Centre and the general public. He scored 119 wins, 31 losses and 2 jigo (drawn games), his longest unbeaten spell of 28 wins lasted 8 hours from 5.30 Friday morning until 1.30 Friday afternoon. It is estimated that David played nearly ¼ million moves and and shifted ¼ ton of go stones.

David played according to Guinness Book of Records conditions. A log was kept of all games with details of the opponent, the handicap, the result, time elapsed and the rest periods.

This event is sponsored jointly by the London Go Centre and Knight Games.

The London Go Centre now challenges the rest of the go world to beat this record.

EDITORIAL

The news with this issue is most encouraging. With the flow of material coming from our friends John Pinder, Francis Roads and John Fairbairn, to name a few, we now have permission from David Sutton, Editor of the most excellent Reading News Letter, to use any of their published material. This gives us access to an additional regular supply of news and technical articles.

Also a promise has been received from the North West London Club for recorded games, we eagerly await their first contribution.

The most pleasing news of all is from John Fairbairn, he has indicated his intention of writing three articles in serialization form over 5 or 6 Journals. These will be three separate articles, for dan, high and low kyu ratings.

Past experience has shown that John Fairbairns translations and writings are worthy of study by dan and kyu players alike, therefore we look forward to receiving the first of his schedules.

News is drifting through of New Clubs being or about to be formed, one is at **Cranfield**, who meet every Tuesday in **Mitchel Hall Lounge**, for further details contact **Brian Cook** or **Alan Oxley, Maths Dept, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Cranfield, Beds.**

Another is our very good friend **Ron Learoyd**, he has started a group **Birkenhead** and can be contacted Tel: 051-652-1649. Knowing Ron Learoyds devotion to Go, members are urged to give him support. Could this be the making of a second British Go Centre?

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JUBILEE CHALLENGE TROPHY

The maiden match has been played, the Tournament is well and truly launched.

The first match was between South Cotswold and Bristol, over 5 boards, the victorious club being South Cotswold.

Challenges for the new Trophy should be addressed to:—

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Copy and fee of 50 PENCE to ALAN SMITH, see Journal No. 36.

GAMES BY THE NOT SO WELL KNOWN by J Fairbairn

Black: Katsuji Kada 9-dan White: Masao Sugiuchi 9-dan

Honinbo Preliminaries 1975

4½ points komi, 6 hours each Comments by Y Matsushima, from Yomiuri Shinbun

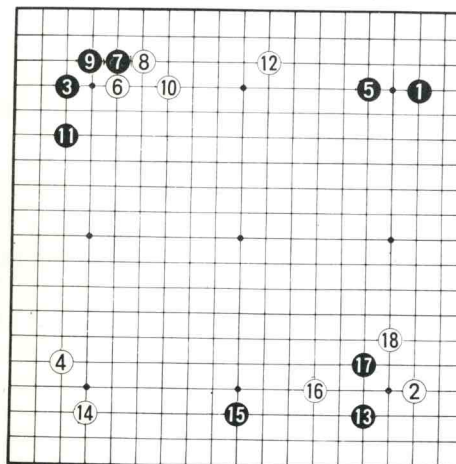
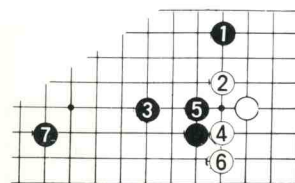


Diagram 1 1-18



Ref Diagram 1

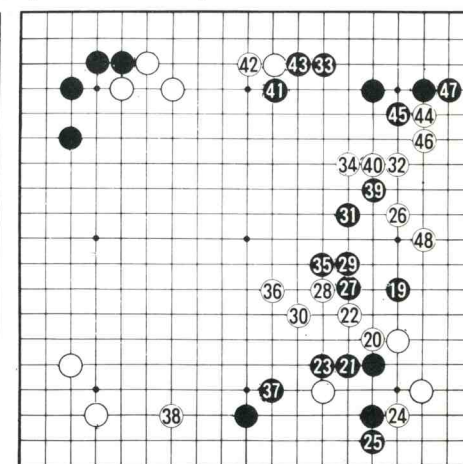


Diagram 2 19-48

In the old style

Sugiuchi beat Hisai 8-dan in the previous round of the preliminaries, and Kada beat Shinohara 9-dan. Both victors have a quiet, solid style, so this meeting is likely to be a leisurely affair.

As stipulated the game took place at the Kiin but the game began later than agreed because Kada was a little late.

Kada is a notoriously slow player and in every game he gets into byoyomi before a hundred moves have been played, so that any reduction in his available time is a cause for concern. For all that he calmly accepts having to speed up once his time is used up.

In fact Kada has been in good form lately, getting into the Meijin league and aiming to get into the Honinbo league too.

On the other hand Sugiuchi was in both leagues last year but dropped out of both and he wants to get back into at least the Honinbo league.

After nigiri Kada got Black and chose as his fuseki the opposed komoku pattern. Sugiuchi, with White, chose Komoku and moku hazushi so that the result was an old fashioned fuseki with not a single stone on hoshi or san-san.

After White 14 the lunch recess was taken because Kada had already sunk into long deliberation. In the old days there would have been no hesitation about Black 15 but in modern times the splitting attack at White 16 has become popular and the joseki in the reference diagram 1 was developed to avoid this. Kada was probably thinking so long because he expected White 16.

Time used after White 18: Black 2 hr 1 min White 0 hr 31 min

