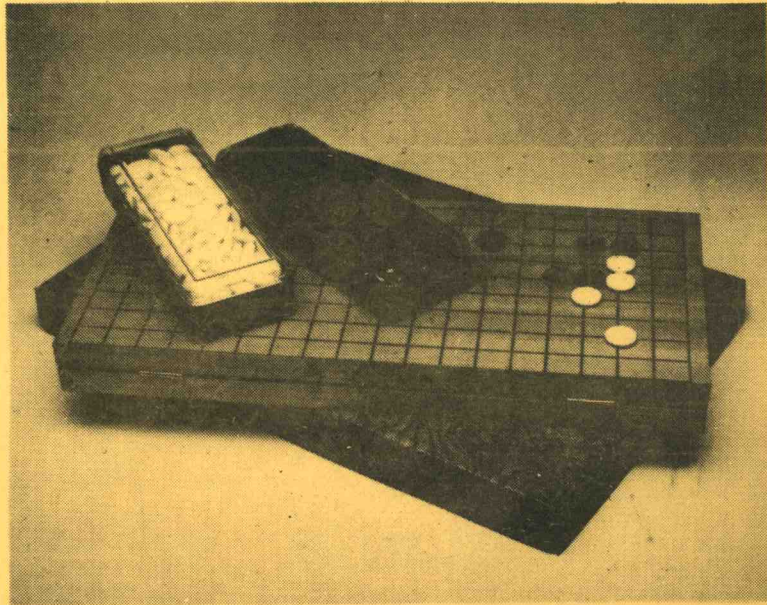


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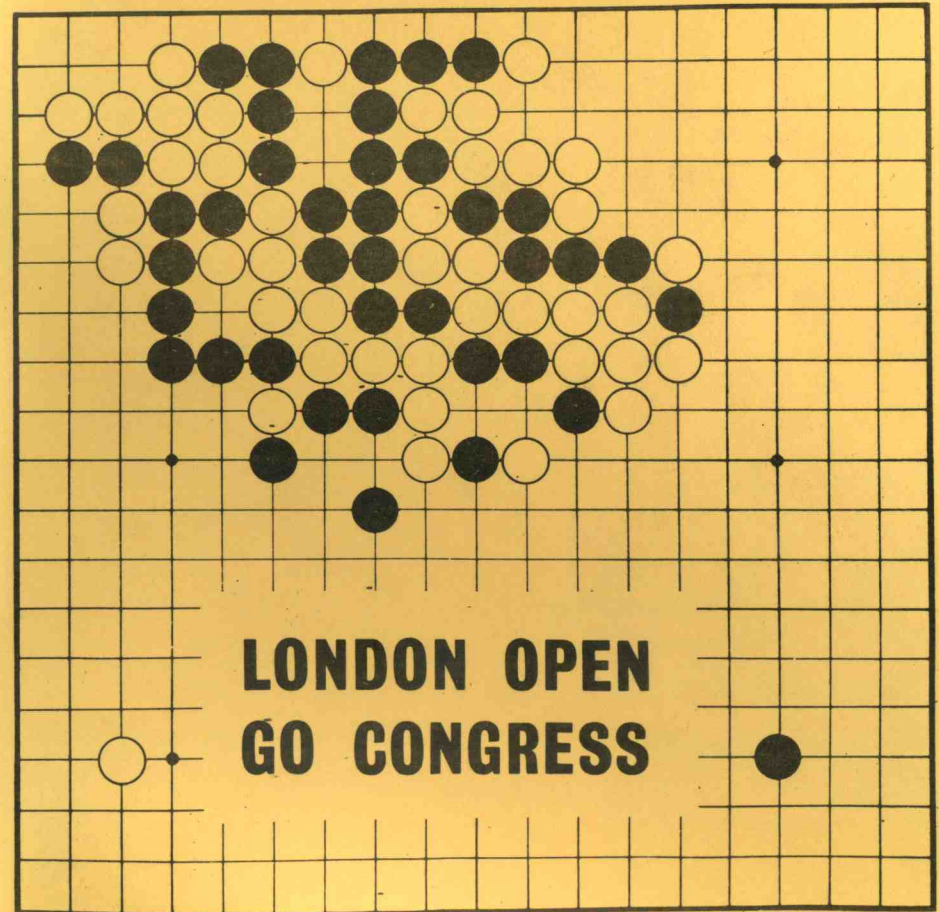
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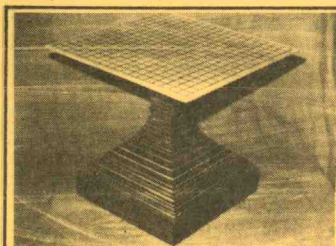
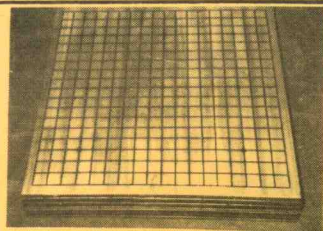


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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue under London management. Every editor has a handful of cliches which he throws at his readers from time to time, and a policy. Our policy will be simple. To provide news and features for all members of the BGA, plus instructional articles and annotated games for the 95% of members who are not of dan strength and for whom little material is available in English.

This may sound a straightforward task, but it will be impossible to accomplish without your cooperation, which is where the cliches come in. This is your magazine, not ours. We can only be as good as you help us to be. (Yawn .) We are only here to serve you. (Yawn, yawn .) You get the idea. We want your news and your contributions, your gossip and your requests. What do you like, what do you hate? Are our annotations to games incomprehensibly verbose, or trivially brief? Is the news topically gripping or space wasted? Do our attempts as humour make you grind your teeth? Tell us, please.

One way to please more readers is to make the BGJ bigger. This issue is 24 pages and the increase is entirely paid for by our advertisers. Every page of advertising pays for itself and another page. We look forward to further expansion in the future both through advertising and heavier retail sales. In the meantime we commend to you the goods and services that our advertisers offer.

There will inevitably be strong feelings against the transfer of the Journal to London, as already expressed in our "Letters" columns on page 4. We hope to prove that these misgivings are unfounded, not least by having one or more representatives at every major British tournament, in order to meet and talk to as many members round the country as possible, (in fact, John's letter was accepted personally at the last Wessex tournament,) and to break down the very feelings of isolation that John refers to. With your help, we are confident we can succeed, and together make an important contribution to Go in Britain.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

You will already have noticed that this is the first issue of the Journal produced under the editorship of David Wells. The Committee are confident that he and his team can make a success of the editorship, and that through the wide range of capabilities they offer, the Journal can give still stronger support to the expansion of Go all over the country.

The BGA and Go in general is, however, greatly indebted to the Bristol Committee, whose editorship thus comes to an end after five years. Over that period they have produced an interesting, competent, and above all regular Journal of steadily improving quality. The four members of the editorial committee, Alan Smith, Ron Stone, Roger Hays and Toby Manning can look back with

