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RESULTS

Bratislava GP, 10th – 11th October

A three way tie on 4/5 was resolved with SOS to give 1. Csaba Mero (5 dan HUN), 2. Dmitriy Yatsenko (5 dan UKR) and 3. Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan RUS).

Belgrade GP, 16th – 18th October

Ion Florescu (5 dan Romania) won with 6/6. Second was Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan Russia).

29th Wessex Go Tournament, Sunday 25th October

The 29th Wessex Tournament was held as usual in Marlborough Town Hall on the day the clocks went back. The day was bright which was a lucky change from the wind and rain of the day before. The food and atmosphere was the same as ever, but there were more new faces than old ones this year. Nearly a fifth of the 100 players were from Brakenhale School for instance. This year Matthew Macfadyen was the top player; the previous two winners (Rickard and Goddard) were absent, Alex Rix did not shine, three times winner T. Mark Hall had a good try at beating Macfadyen and it was Cambridge's Song-June Kim who had the honour of playing the final. However the 6 dan from Leamington won the game and got his sixth entry on the Wessex Trophy. The rest of the prizes of ceramic black and white go stone tiles were awarded by division, mostly on very tight tie breaks. Winners with 3/4 were: Ian McAnally (30 kyu Manchester), Shaun Hearn (25 kyu Brakenhale), Richard Court (8 kyu Bristol), Francis Weaver (6 kyu Brakenhale). With 4/4 Paul Clarke (1 kyu High Wycombe) and Nick Mandache (1 dan Bristol). Tied on 3/4 in Division 2 were John Fairbairn (2 dan London) and Alan Thornton (2 dan St. Albans). The Fred Guyatt 13x13 Trophy went Alistair Brooks of Swindon for 14 wins. Portsmouth got the team prize with 70 percent.

Brussels GP, 31st October – 1st November

Another three way tie on 4/5. This time SOS gave the winner Geert Groenen (5 dan NL), but could not separate 2= Vladimir Danek (6 dan CZ) and Franz-Josef Dickhut (6 dan D). T. Mark Hall was 12th and Mark Cumper 18th.

6th Three Peaks Go Tournament, Weekend 7th – 8th November

A record entry of 44 went to the North Yorkshire tournament organised by Toby Manning and Sue Pitchford. The winner was Francis Roads with 5/5 who received the new trophy, a miniature go ban donated by Graham Telfer. Toby Manning was the runner up with 4/5. Alison Ewens (10 kyu) also won 5/5. Other 4/5 prize winners were: Tom Joldersma (4 kyu Lytham St. Annes), Paul Kersay (6 kyu York), and Gary Beman (13 kyu Leamington). Kirsty Healey won a prize for 3/4. The prizes were presented by Colin Elsdon who said that the fund to buy cutting equipment for the fire service had achieved its objective. The Marton Arms continues to raise funds, but now for the Ingleton Ambulance Station. All proceeds from this tournament go to this good cause.

Gothenburg GP, 7th – 8th November

First was Franz-Josef Dickhut (6 dan D) with 5/5 and second was Emil Nijhuis (5 dan NL) with 4/5.

Women's Amateur Go Championship in Japan, 8th – 9th November

The championship was won by the Koreans Park Sung-kyun and Kim Se-sil (the latter being a ten year old girl). The British pair Des Cann and Sue Paterson won 2/4 in the handicap section, which players joined when eliminated from the championship contenders.

Ing Computer Goe Congress, 21st – 22nd November

The congress was held at Hendon College and organised by Nick Wedd, with assistance in dealing with the human element from Francis Roads and Bill Streeten. The places were: 1. Many Faces of Go, 2. Wulu, 3. Go++ (Mick Reiss, UK). The level of the top six programs was fairly similar.

Pair Go World Championship in Japan, 21st – 25th November

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Swindon Go Tournament, Sunday 22nd November

Paul Barnard arrived back from Thailand just in time to attend the tournament, along with 78 other players. The winner was Matthew Macfadyen (6 dan Leamington) with 3/3. Other winners on 3/3 were: Daniel Gilder (2 dan Manchester), Nicolae Mandache (1 dan Bristol), Roger Murphy (20 kyu Bristol), and Phil White (30 kyu Plymouth). On 2 1/3 were Dan Misca (1 dan reading) and David Woodnutt (1 dan OU). The 13 x 13 was won by Shawn Hearn (23 kyu Brakenhale).

Kiev GP, 27th – 29th November

The winner was Dmitriy Jatsenko (6 dan Ukraine) with 5/5 and second was Dmitriy Bogatskij (6 dan Ukraine) with 4/5.

British 13x13 Go Championship in Cambridge, Sunday 15th November

The 1998 British Small Board Championship had 20 entrants. The winner was Mike Charles (2-dan, St Albans), who won a rapid play-off game against Alan Thornton (also 2-dan, St Albans) after both players had finished on 5/6. There were five other prize winners, all on 4/6: David Ward (3d, Cambridge), Alex Selby (3d, Cambridge), Hermann Tittel (16k, Cambridge), Aaron Dixon (22k, Brakenhale) and Shawn Hearn (24k, Brakenhale).

The competition was held as part of the Cambridge Junior Chess and Go Club 2nd Annual Congress, which also included junior and adult chess sections. The event as a whole attracted 114 competitors. There was a 9x9 Go competition as a side event between rounds. This was very popular - 40 children and 2 adults entered, many of them chess players who had not played Go before. The top placings were determined by number of wins. These were Hereward Mills (Bedford) 10 wins; Alexander Foster (Cambridge) 7 wins; Kristopher Gray (Ely), Aaron Dixon (Brakenhale) and William Brooks (Cambridge) 6 wins; Hannah Edwards (Finborough) and Daniel Rowson (Cambridge) 5 wins.

Teams Day in Cambridge, Saturday 28th November

The Sonoyama League didn't operate this year. Instead a Teams Day was run in Cambridge on 28 November with games on the traditional basis of full handicap. On the day it was Cambridge v. St. Albans, who brought the stronger team, over four rounds. Cambridge emerged winners 11-5, with Phil Beck (3 kyu) scoring a perfect 4/4. So the trophy, still dusty from that famous Wanstead cabinet, stays in Cambridge for another year.

Stacy Competition points at 2nd December

The current leaders are: 1. Francis Roads (24 pts), 2. Matthew Macfadyen (23), 3. Michael Zhang (16).

West Surrey Teach-in, Saturday 5th December

31 players attended the teaching day where they studied topics such as openings, tesuji, life & death and professional games. The teachers were headed by Yajie Liu the visiting Chinese professional. Also teaching were Tony Atkins, Tom Blockley, Des Cann, Simon Goss, and Paul Margetts.

West Surrey Handicap Go Tournament, Sunday 6th December

Yajie Liu attended the tournament as an observer and analyser, and also presented the prizes at the end. The overall winner was Tony Atkins (2 dan Reading) with 4/4, but there were many other winners also. On 4/4 were: France Ellul (3 kyu High Wycombe), Graham Horsley (12 kyu West Surrey), and Elizabeth Wayte (32 kyu Brakenhale). On 3/4 were: Marcus Bennett, Paul Margetts, Kevin Drake, Geoff Kaniuk, Eddie Blockley, David Pemberton, Tom Blockley, Roger Daniel, Neil Cleverley, David Cohen, Philip Tedder, Roland Halliwell, Shawn Hearn, Lucie Elliott, and Nigel Peters. There were multiple winners in the small board competition also: Steve Ashing of West Surrey for the most wins (12), Theo Elliott of Brakenhale for the highest % (5/5), and Aaron Dixon of Brakenhale for the most games played. Finally, the code break puzzle was won jointly by A Bruckner and AJAx (aka Tony Atkins who thus becomes the first and last prize winner in this report).

NEWS

- **Promotions :-)** The Council has approved the following promotions: Niculae Mandache to 2 dan. Simon Bexfield, Paul Clarke, Kirsty Healey, Christian Scarff and Henry Segerman to 1 dan.
- **Women professionals at the London Open:** Liu Yajie (2p China) and Nam Chi-Hyoung (1p Korea) are expected to be present and will undertake teaching and analysis.

FORTHCOMING

25th London Open Go Congress (EGP) sponsored by Hitachi, 31st December to 3rd January

Location: Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre, 71 Ronalds Road, London N5. Registration by 10:00 on Thursday 31st.
Event: 8 round McMahon main tournament and lightning tournament. The London Open is Britain's representative in the European Grand Prix.
Contact: Geoff Kaniuk, 35 Clonmore Street, London SW18 5EU. ☎ and fax 0181-874 7362 (that's +44 181 874 7362 from abroad).
E-mail: geoff@kaniuk.demon.co.uk

Furze Platt Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi, Saturday 16th January

Location: (As last year) Hitachi Europe Ltd., Whitebrook Park, Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead. Registration by 10:00.
Event: 3 round McMahon. Also small board and team competitions.
Contact: Vikki Macfarren, 34 Gorse Road, Cookham, Berks. SL6 ☎ 01628-524143. Email: joe.beaton@bigfoot.com

Youth / Schools Go Tournament, Sunday 17th January

Contact: Simon Goss ☎ 01344-777963. Email: simon@gosoft.demon.co.uk

Prague GP, 6th - 7th February

Contact: Jiri Rakosnik ☎ 00-420-2-22090731/771831, ☎ and fax 00-420-2-83882225 (Vladimir Danek), RAKOSNIK@math.cas.cz

Oxford Go Tournament, Saturday 13th February

Location: (As last year) Wolfson Hall, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. The Park and Ride is recommended. Registration by 9:45. 3 rounds.
Contact: Henry Segerman, St. John's College, Oxford OX1 3JP
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Barcelona GP, 20th - 21st February

Contact: Marc Gonzalez ☎ 00-34-93-2683142, bulma@valser.es

Cambridge 23rd Trigantius Go Tournament, Sponsored by Hitachi, Sunday 7th March

Location: (As last year) University Centre, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Registration by 10.
Event: 3 round McMahon. A separate free Beginners' Competition. Side events too.
Contacts: Matthew Woodcraft / Matthew Reid, 1 Leete Road, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge CB1 9HB. ☎ 01223-565537.
Email: matthew@chiark.greenend.org.uk
Or Charles Matthews, ☎ 01223-350096. Email: charles@sabaki.demon.co.uk

Pair Go Tournament, Sunday 23rd May

Location: Stokenchurch near High Wycombe. The venue is about 1/2 mile from junction 5 of the M40.
Event: As this is a special (3²) anniversary the organisers are seeking a minimum of 50 pairs. To make this easier to achieve, unpaired players should contact the organisers and they will attempt to arrange partners for them (on a first-come first-served basis).
Contact: France Ellul ☎ 01494 452047 or Elinor Brooks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

London Open (31 Dec - 3 Jan), Furze Platt (16 Jan), Youth/Schools (17 Jan), Oxford (13 Feb), Cambridge (7 Mar), Candidates (13-14 Mar), Coventry (* 28 Mar), British Go Congress @ Abingdon (9-11 Apr), Challengers (1-3 May), Bar Low (2 May), Bracknell (15 May), Pairs (23 May), Scottish (29-30 May), Leicester (12 Jun), Barmouth (26-27 Jun), Mind Sports Olympiad (21-29 Aug), Isle of Man Go Week (22-27 Aug). * = provisional.

FUJITSU EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS FOR THE 98/99 SEASON

Copenhagen (19-20 Sep), Bucharest (3-4 Oct), Bratislava (10-11 Oct), Belgrade (16-18 Oct), Brussels (31 Oct-1 Nov), Gothenburg (7-8 Nov), Kiev (27-29 Nov), London (31 Dec-3 Jan), Prague (13-14 Feb), Barcelona (20-21 Feb), Dublin (20-21 Mar), Vienna (27-28 Mar), Paris (3-5 Apr), Milan (17-18 Apr), Bled (24-25 Apr), Budapest (8-9 May), Amsterdam (13-16 May), Hamburg (22-23 May), Zagreb (29-30 May), Warsaw (19-20 Jun), Tchelyabinsk (26-27 Jun), Helsinki (3-4 Jul), European Go Congress @ Podbanske, Slovakia (24 Jul-7 Aug).

For European GP events see: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~egcc/egf/gptour.html>

For European Calendar see: <http://www.win.tue.nl/cs/fm/engels/go/tourn.html>

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