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## RESULTS

**BRITISH GO CHAMPIONSHIP** This year Matthew Macfadyen, British Champion 2010, won all seven games in the Challengers' League to earn the right to defend his title. Hui Wang and Alistair Wall just missed out on playing for the title by one win each. Nick Krempel (3 dan London), won five games in the League, and is now playing Matthew in a best-of-3 final. The first round was played on Sunday 3rd July at Matthew's house in Barford, Warwickshire; Matthew won by resignation. Round 2 was played on Sunday 17th July at Nick Wedd's house near Oxford; Nick Krempel won by a narrow 2.5 points after an epic 6hr30 (plus lunchtime) battle. Round 3, winner-takes-all, will take place in London on a date to be determined. Players who are interested can see the game record, with kibitzers' comments, courtesy the KGS Archives: <http://files.gokgs.com/games/2011/7/17/BGAadmin-2.sgf>

**MILTON KEYNES, 2 July 2011** Andrew Simons, 3 dan from Cambridge, increased the territory of his titles by adding Milton Keynes to Oxford, Maidenhead and the Small Board. The only other player out of the 26 at this year's MK to win all three was local player Richard Scholefield, 9 kyu. The team prize was rather inhospiably won by the 'Concrete Cows' team with 7/9, and Alex Selby won the MK Go competition with a modest, though perfect, 2/2.

**WELSH OPEN, BARMOUTH, 25 June 2011 - 26 June 2011** For the first time ever the Welsh Open was tied. Winners with 4 out of 5 were Durham 2 dans Alex Kent and Sandy Taylor, continuing Durham's dominance of recent tournaments. David Phillips (1 dan) from the Isle of Man also finished on 4, but had a lower SoS, so was third. Others winning prizes were: for 4 wins Edward Blockley (5 kyu Worcester) and Peter Timmins (9 kyu Shrewsbury) and for 3 wins and a Jigo, Roger Daniel (5 kyu London). 30 players took part and enjoyed the foul weather on Saturday and the usual brilliant Barmouth standard on Sunday. In between 20 people (players and partners) enjoyed a meal at the Min-y-Mor Hotel (the venue) on Saturday night

## NEWS

**SHODAN CHALLENGE 2011-12** The Shodan Challenge This year's Shodan Challenge is now underway, with around 20 challengers hoping to achieve their goals over the next year. Although the challenge has now officially started, people are still more than welcome to sign-up. However, do bear in mind that mentors have now been assigned, so it may not be possible to assign a mentor to you if you have not already registered. We have a shortage of dan-level mentors, so in the case that more strong kyu players sign up, it would be very useful to have a couple more dan-level mentors available. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone dan-level who is willing to commit to being a mentor would email the organiser (Chris Bryant). Best of luck to everyone - may the next twelve months bring success for all challengers.

**PANDANET GO EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - PLAYERS WANTED FOR UK TEAM** We performed adequately in Division 2 last year and, although this year's schedule of this Internet Team Championship hasn't formally been announced, we expect the season will start sometime in the Autumn. We are hoping to field a stronger team than last year's, which was put together at short notice with the weakest players being 2 dan. We shall probably need a team of 9 players, of whom four will play in each match. If you are interested in being part of the our UK team please contact Jon Diamond ([president@britgo.org](mailto:president@britgo.org)). Our players must have UK citizenship, and we'll probably be using European ratings to select the team. For further information see <http://pandanet-igs.com/communities/euroteamchamps> and <http://www.britgo.org/events/euroteams.html> Finally, just a reminder: it's played on Pandanet-IGS, not KGS.

**STACEY GRAND PRIX 2010-11** Current placings (after Milton Keynes): 1 Alex Kent, 2 = Sandy Taylor and Alan Thornton, 4 David Phillips, 5 Andrew Kay, 6 Andrew Simons, 7 = Yuhan Jin, Ian Marsh, Helen Harvey and Toby Manning.

**YOUTH GRAND PRIX** After Milton Keynes, the top ten are: 1 Adan Mordcovich 1d Wanstead with 530 points, 2 Roella Smith 11k Milton School 406, 3 Owen Walker 12k Cambridge 312, 4 Tom Meehan 18k Solihull 256, 5 Adam Ratcliffe 24k Aston 256, 6 Mazhar Warraich 1k Aston 256, 7 Anthony Ghica 25k Newmarket 238, 8 Matei Mandache 6k Loughborough 236, 9 Arjun Rai 17k Aston and Abdul Aziz 24k Aston both with 212

### BRITS INTERNATIONAL:

**WORLD YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIP, BUCHAREST, ROMANIA** In the World Youth Go Championships, 12 - 18 August, Vanessa Wong came 7th out of 12 with 2 wins out of 5. She defeated players from Singapore (4 dan) and USA (6 dan), losing to Poland (5 dan), Korea (4 dan) and China (2 dan professional). With the first 4 places being taken by China, Korea, Taiwan, Japan; this was a very creditable result. China also won the under-12.

**EUROPEAN GO CONGRESS, BORDEAUX.** Russian 7 dan Ilya Shikshin retained the European Championship by beating Catalin Taranu in the final. This year the top 8 placed Europeans played knockout after round 7 which gave rise to an exciting final on the last day. Winning the play-off for third was Ukraine's Artem Kachanovskiy, who beat Alexandr Dinerchtein. Top British player was Vanessa Wong who won seven games to place 22nd, including beating Israeli 6 dan Ali Jabarin in the last round. Michael Webster (1 kyu) and Patrick Ridley (10 kyu) both won 6 games out of 10. Korea's Young-Sam Kim was the Open champion. 757 players took part.

## FORTHCOMING

**CORNWALL TOURNAMENTS, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September.**

Location The Queens Hotel, The Promenade, Penzance, TR18 4HG, tel. 01736 362371.

Event Teaching Event Saturday morning, 10:00 to 12:30.

Handicap Tournament on Saturday afternoon. Registration by 13:30.

Open Tournament Sunday. 3-round McMahon. Registration by 09:45. Buffet lunch. Prize giving by 18:45.

Contact [johnculmer@btinternet.com](mailto:johnculmer@btinternet.com) 01326 573167

NORTHERN TOURNAMENT, STOCKPORT, Sunday 11th September. Registration 09:45 to 10:00. Prize giving 18:00.  
Location Stockport Masonic Guildhall, 169 Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK1 3UA. Large car park at rear, good public transport links.  
Event 3-round McMahon. Registration 09:45 to 10:00. Prize giving 18:00.  
Contact Chris Kirkham [chris@cs.man.ac.uk](mailto:chris@cs.man.ac.uk) 0161 9039023

SWINDON, Sunday 18th September, Registration by 10:15. Prize giving 18:15.  
Location Even Swindon Community Centre, Old School, Jennings Street, Swindon, SN2 BG.  
Event 3-round McMahon Tournament. 60 minutes time limit + overtime.  
Contact Preferably by email or mail to Paul Barnard [paul@psaa.me.uk](mailto:paul@psaa.me.uk) 16 Braemar Close, Swindon, SN3 1HY. Phone entries will also be accepted on 01793 692408, evenings before 21:30.ro

SHREWSBURY, Sunday 2nd October. Registration by 10:25; prize giving by 19:00.  
Location The Gateway Centre, Chester Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB.  
Event 3 Round McMahon. Time limit 60 minutes, with progressive overtime (10/20/30).  
Contact [roger.huyshe@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.huyshe@btinternet.com) 01952 550361

WESSEX TOURNAMENT, BATH. Sunday 30th October. Registration by 09:45 GMT; prize giving about 18:00.  
Location St. Mark's Community Centre, St. Mark's Road, Bath BA2 4PA.  
Event 3-round McMahon tournament. 60 minutes per round plus overtime.  
Contact [www.bathgo.org/wessextournament.html](http://www.bathgo.org/wessextournament.html) [davidking68@yahoo.com](mailto:davidking68@yahoo.com)  
David King, 75 Locksbrook Road, Bath, BA1 3ES

EAST MIDLANDS, Saturday 5th November. Registration by 09:45. Prize giving by 18:15.  
Location The National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester, LE4 5NS.  
Event 3-round McMahon Tournament. Time limit 60 minutes with 40/5 overtime.  
Contact Peter Fisher 0116 2871362 [eastmidlandsgo2011@gmail.com](mailto:eastmidlandsgo2011@gmail.com)

THREE PEAKS TOURNAMENT, Grange-over-Sands, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November. Registration by 10.45 Saturday.  
Location Commodore Inn, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 6DY Tel 015395 32381  
Event 5-round McMahon tournament. Time limits 50 minutes with increasing overtime (20/5, 30/5, 40/5, 40/5 etc).  
Contact Bob Bagot; email preferred: [lesbag@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:lesbag@tiscali.co.uk) 01539 532678. 35, Kirkhead Road, Grange over sands, LA11 7DB

COVENTRY, Saturday 19th November. Registration by 10:30. Prize-giving by 19:00.  
Location Science Concourse, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL  
Event 3 round McMahon tournament. Registration by 10:30. Prize-giving by 19:00.  
Contact [B.T.Akperi@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:B.T.Akperi@warwick.ac.uk) 07816478250 169 Fletchamstead Highway Coventry, CV4 7BA

WEST SURREY HANDICAP and EDINBURGH CHRISTMAS, both in December.

LONDON OPEN, Tuesday 28th–Friday 31st December. Registration Wednesday 28th December, 12:00 – 14:00.  
Location International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5PN. Well furnished playing facilities are provided, as well as low cost accommodation in a variety of formats. The congress takes place mainly in their very large Theatre. Players (and even their family!) are able to stay on site and enjoy all the facilities provided including bar, internet access and restaurant.  
Event On Tuesday 27, you can play Go in the Cyber-Cafe.  
Main Tournament: 7 rounds McMahon, 90 minutes if either player is 19 kyu or stronger, 60 minutes otherwise. Canadian Overtime 20 moves in 5 minutes. Side events: Pair Go, Lightning, Rengo.  
Contact On-line entry preferred, via <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2011/logc#entry>  
David Cantrell, Flat 2, 11 Beulah Road, Thornton Heath, London CR7 8JH, United Kingdom

MAIDENHEAD-HITACHI, January 2012.

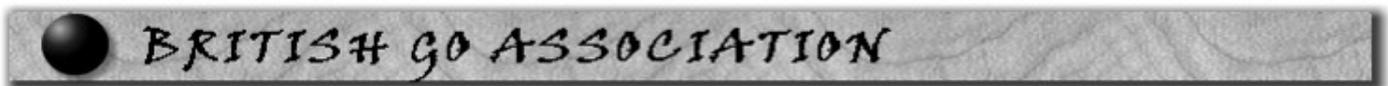
CHESHIRE TOURNAMENT, FRODSHAM, Saturday 11th February 2012. Registration by 10:30. Prize-giving by 18:30.  
Location Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7QN.  
Event 3-round open (top 8 players) and 5-round handicap. Time limits 60 mins and 30 mins, with 40/5 overtime.  
Contact Tony Atkins 0118-9268143 [cheshire@kisekigo.com](mailto:cheshire@kisekigo.com).

Also in February 2012: LONDON CITY, Saturday 4th (provisional); OXFORD, Saturday 18th; NOTTINGHAM.

ISLE OF SKYE TOURNAMENT, Saturday 17th March–Sunday 18th March 2012.  
Location Tongadale Hotel, Wentworth Street, Portree, Isle of Skye IV51 9EJ.  
Event 6 round McMahon. (Possibly a small board event Friday evening.)  
Contact John MacDonald 01478 611207 or Carel Goodheir 01478 612909 [carelgoodheir@gmail.com](mailto:carelgoodheir@gmail.com)

Also in March 2012: CAMBRIDGE TRIGANTIUS; BRITISH YOUTH, BLOXHAM, Sunday 18th (provisional).

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, DURHAM, Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd April 2012.



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