

NEWS AROUND THE CLUBS

Hampstead Go Club

On January 30th and February 6th, Hampstead Go Club held its first tournament for members. Emphasis was placed on the weaker ranks, with the beginners getting big prizes (Go sets) and the stronger players getting smaller token prizes (bottles of sake).

The biggest struggle was in Division 1 (20 kyu and below) between David Dackombe and our youngest player, 13 year old Louise O'Callaghan. Their final game, which David won, was commented on the large magnetic board by Jon Diamond and Stuart Dowsey who was so impressed that David was promoted on the spot to 15 kyu and Louise to 17 kyu. Division 2 (15 kyu to 19 kyu) was won by Jonathan Chetwynd who started as 18 kyu but must be more like 15! Competitors in Divisions 1 and 2 all played even games but in Divisions 3 and 4 handicaps were introduced. So it was that Donald Sharpe, 14 kyu, managed to top a field of eight stronger players to take the prize for Division 3 (14 kyu to 5 kyu). However, strength had its say in Division 4 (4 kyu and above) where Akihito Ito, 5 dan, from Golders Green happily took home his bottle of sake.

1st Northern Go Tournament

At last! From that uncharted wilderness north of Watford, from the land of cloth caps and woad comes the 1st Northern Go Tournament. The date to remember is September 6th, the place is Manchester. There is no formal overnight accommodation, but there should be a few floors to sleep on if you let us know in time. Incidentally, the tournament will be a three-round McMahon system. Send for your application forms NOW to:- John Pinder, 9 Somerset Road, Bolton, Lancs.

Reading Go Club

Sincere apologies for the recent disruption of club meetings, particularly to those who have turned up at 310 Kings Road and found it deserted, and to those who can make Monday but not Tuesday, or vice versa.

We have now been able to book again our old room at St. Mary's Church House, St. Mary's Butts, at our old times of 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. on Tuesdays, starting on Tuesday, April 29th. We have so far booked for three months, i.e. up to and including July 29th.

Please note carefully the following exceptions:

Tuesday, June 24th - moved to Wednesday, June 25th

Tuesday, July 15th - moved to Thursday, July 17th.

Bracknell, incidentally, have changed their weekly meeting to Wednesday evening in the 1st Floor Conference Rooms, ICL Bracknell. Intending visitors get in touch with Bob Lyon.

As a result of the Eighth British Go Congress we have two players in the British Challenger League, which will consist of an all-play-all tournament between eight players to be held over Whitsun. Our players are Allan Scarff and Matthew Macfadyen, and further local interest is supplied by Ron Moss of Bracknell. The other five players are Jon Diamond, 5 dan, Tony Goddard, 4 dan, Stuart Dowsey, 3 dan, and Mark Hall, 1 dan, all of London, and Colin Irving, 1 dan, of Manchester. The winner will play Paul Prescott in a three or possibly five game match for the British Championship.

Rumour has it that a Go club is starting in Rolls-Royce, Derby - Rolls-Royce, Bristol watch out!

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Mr. Magari, placing his stone under the critical eye of Mr. Iwamoto, Yoko Iwamoto and Mr. Dowsey

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EDITORIAL

It is with regret we announce the loss of the services of Mike Cumpstey upon the Journal Sub-committee. Mike has left the Bristol area and now is in residence in the Manchester Region.

He was editor of Journals 23 and 27 as well as contributing various articles to other issue. Many thanks are extended for his sterling work.

Mike Cumpstey's position is being taken by the colourful Toby Manning (ex Cambridge Hon. Sec.). With Toby's reputation of outspoken Go views, it is hoped that these ideas and opinions will be reflected in the Journal.

Toby's first planned Journal will appear in Spring 1976.

The constant appeal for technical material, games, etc. is having some effect and we must thank those who have helped to date. There is a shortage of recorded middle kyu games; as a large percentage of our readers are about this standard, we would appreciate recorded games and your commentary.

Copy date for next Journal 3.8.75 Editor: Roger Hays

LATE NEWS

British National Championship Challenge League

The results of a seven round tournament played during the Spring Bank Holiday were as follows:-

J. Diamond	7 wins
T. Goddard	5 wins
S. Dowsey	5 wins
M. Macfadyen	4 wins
T. M. Hall	3 wins
A. Scarff	2 wins
R. Moss	1 win
C. D. Irving	1 win

Therefore J. Diamond, Hampstead, 1975 British Open Go Champion will now challenge P. G. Prescott (Imperial College) for the 1975 British National Championship.

A REMINDER TO NEWLY-FORMED CLUBS

The B.G.A. subsidises beginners' instructional meetings by registered clubs. Applications should be sent to B.G.A. Secretary, R. Hitchens or T.M. Hall, London, or R. Huyshe, Manchester, who will make the necessary arrangements.

GO BOARDS

Folding Board at £10	Flat Board (with good wood) at £7.50
	Flat Board (with ordinary good wood) at £6.00
Box corners optional ..	All plus post and packing from:
	D. Gostelow, 17 Meredith Road, Leicester.

WESSEX 1975

Sunday, 19th October, Marlborough. Details to be announced.

MATCH PLAYED AT THE OPENING OF THE LONDON GO CENTRE

To celebrate the opening of the L.G.C., a demonstration match was played between Kaoru Iwamoto, 9 Dan, and Paul Prescott, 3 Dan, (4 stones). The notes are based on that of Mr. Magari, 9 Dan, whose verbal comments were translated by Stuart Dowsey.

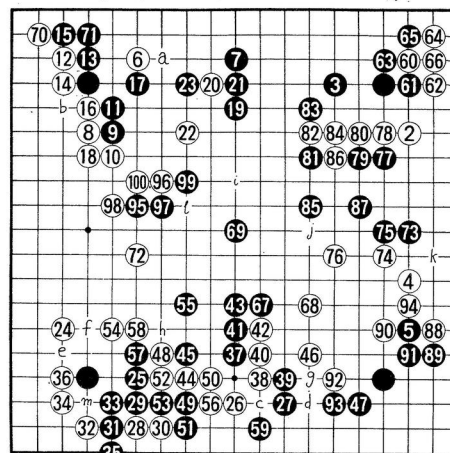


Fig.1 (1-100)

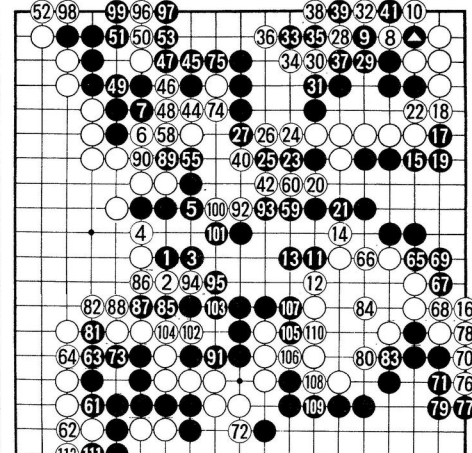


Fig.2 (101-212)

Fig.1 (1-100)

The first move is White 2, this is dictated by our diagramming equipment. 143 at 108
154 at 132
156 at 132
157 at 128

White 4 - This is a typical Iwamoto move in a handicap game. It usually is at R8.

6 to 18 - A well-known joseki; Black has obviously done his homework!

Black 19 - A good move but there are other possibilities. Paul's move left White 6 a lot of freedom, particularly as White has not played the 70-71 exchange. For example, Diagram 1 shows only one of the possibilities if Black errs in answering White 1 at 2. Paul could have played at 'a' or 23 instead. These moves leave White 6 with little aji but the move played is best for territory.

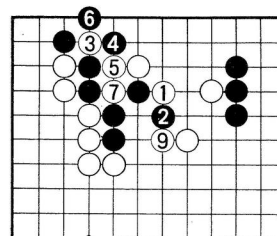


Diagram 1
8 at 3

Paul pointed out that he chose not to play 15 at 'b' which leads to severe complications. Two years ago Manfred Winner, 5 Dan, played it against Honinbo-Meijin Ishida and was given a move back to avert total disaster when Ishida invented a new line! Don't try new joseki on professionals!

Black 23 - A good move, probably the best.

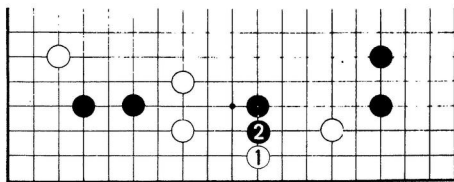


Diagram 2

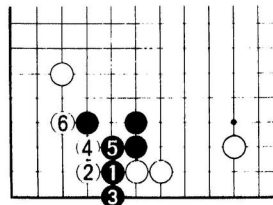


Diagram 3

White 26 - Again a typical Iwamoto move; White can extend in either direction so this invasion is a slow move, waiting to see what Black will do. The aggressive attack is at 49 immediately. If White had played one point to the right at 'c', Black will be happy to play 56, White 93, Black 47 and White 92. Even an innocuous move like 26 needs thought.

Black 27 - During a later discussion, Paul said he didn't like this move. As White has the slide to 28 and an extension to 'd' as miai, there is no hurry to play on the lower side. Perhaps 62 is best, threatening White's thin extension of 2 and 4.

Black 29 - Very bad. The simple direct move at san-san - 34 - is best. This gives Black a base in the corner and threatens White 24 and White's lower position simultaneously. Paul said that he was thinking of the situation when it is good to play 29 - see Diagram 2.

Dia.2 When White plays the slide of 1 to try and join up, Black 2 is good as White will be forced onto the second line.

However, in this game the sagari of 29 is poor as Black is trying to seal off territory open on both sides - which goes against the advice of the Go proverb.

Black 33 - Diagram 3 shows a slightly different sequence, but note the difference; in the game Black could make an eye by playing at m, in diag. 3 he cannot.

After the game, Iwamoto said that Black must play 'e', which leaves the points of 'f' and 33 or 35 miai. If White 'f', Black will play the sagari of 35, which apparently kills the corner.

White 36 - White has made up a lot of ground in the lower left corner.

Black 37 - Magari smiled when Paul played here; this boshi is a professional move. He said he wanted to buy a bowler hat in London, but wasn't sure what to do with it! Similarly how to follow Black 37. (Boshi means a capping play.)

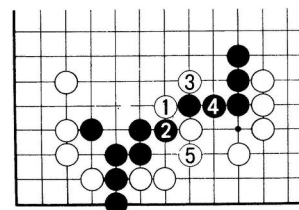


Diagram 4

Black 39 - Iwamoto said that this move was a fundamental misconception. Paul's mistake at 29 was just a hamete error, this push of 39 was a misunderstanding of a basic principle of Go and was the key point to this game.

The sequence to 43 must now follow and the White stones 38, 40 and 42 are strong. Black's stones 27 and 39 are left clinging to a strong wall. Remember the Go Proverb "Don't approach strength". Therefore Black 39 is a misplaced stone and Paul should have played it at 93 or 'g'.

White 44 - Not only are Black 27 and 39 weak, but this move splits Black's other group into two separate weak parts.

White 48 - Black cannot next cut at 52, See Diagram 4. The result there is very bad for him.

Black 55 - A poor move. Paul confessed that he knew the game was lost at this point and his Go was feeling rather low. However, he struggled on as well as he could under the circumstances.

This move had to be a jump out to 69 to help his weak central stones, or one point lower.

When we discussed the game, Paul was astounded that he had played 55!

Black 59 - 'c' is also playable as it aims at the cut to help the lower left Black group.

Black 67 - The Black cut of 'h' doesn't work as the Black central group is weaker than the White one.

Black 73 - Paul knew that this was a dubious move when he played it, but it didn't deter him! Magari criticised this move on the grounds of it being a deep invasion in a strong White position, while Black still has other unsettled floating stones. He must strengthen these first with the jump to 'i'. Note White 4 is a strong stone as it can connect out to 68 and the upper right White corner is also stable.

White 74 - Iwamoto is a gentle player, a younger professional would play at 'j' to separate the weak Black stones. (This would be a karami attack, a simultaneous attack on two weak groups.)

Black 81 - The hane at 84 is correct.

White 88 - A high level move, preventing Black from playing 'k' in sente. This could be very useful for Black to settle his weak group of 73, etc.

116 Players (including 21 Dans) took part at Alsager College. As these were all residents in the British Isles, it testifies to the upsurge in British Go as well as to the suitability of the Midlands as a venue. The playing strength was well spread over the range and the median strength at entry was 7 Kyu. This was a 6 round event.

Leading results in McMahon order:

			Wins	Final McMahon	S.O.M.*
1.	Diamond	5 Dan	5	-6	28
2.	Ito	5	5	-6	27
3.	Goddard	4	5	-6	27
4.	Moss	1	5	-5	22
5.	Nagayama	4	3	-4	29
6.	Dowsey	3	3	-4	25
7.	Bates	3	3	-4	24
8.	Prescott	3	3	-4	23
9.	Hall, T.M.	1	4	-4	21
10.	Yoshi	2	3	-4	20
11.	Irving	1	4	-4	19
12.	Scarff	1 Kyu	5	-4	16

*S.O.M. Score of opponent's Final McMahon scores

British Open Champion ... Jon Diamond
 Runnersup A.Ito, A.Goddard
 J.A.L. trip to Japan ... A.Goddard

British Championship League Qualifiers ... R.Moss, C.Irving, A.Scarff

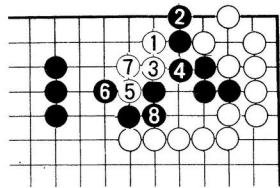
Section Winners

2.	Shodan	Moss	8.	8-10	Williams (9)
3.	1 kyu	Scarff	9.	11-13	O'Driscoll (13)
4.	2	Parker	10.	14, 15	Phillips (15)
5.	3 and 4	Harté (3)	11.	16-18	Walton (18)
6.	5 and 6	Hobson (5)	12.	19, 20	Wood (20)
7.	7	Hurst	13.	Below 20	Bardwell

Lightning Knockout (10 minutes + 10 seconds/move Bi)

The lightning attracted 94 entries and was split into 3 sections by entry grade. It was a handicap event, handicaps in excess of 9 stones were rated at 10 komi per stone.

Div.1	Winner	L.Hamilton	3 kyu	Runner up	M.Wells	3 kyu
Div.2	Winner	R.Thompson	7 kyu	Runner up	A.Warburton	10 kyu
Div.3	Winner	R.Walton	20 kyu	Runner up	B.Shaw	12 kyu



Black 95 - Another deep invasion, with several weak groups floating around this move is just not on. If Iwamoto had played 'I', the game would have ended quickly, but Mr.Iwamoto is satisfied with 96.

Fig.2 (101 to 212)

White 1 - The game enters o-yose. White has 50 points on the left and 10 on the right. Black has about 70.

Diagram 5

Black 11 - Although Black has a weak spot at 28, the sequence of Diagram 5 doesn't work, due to the presence of Black 83 of Fig.1. Paul actually played 83 to protect his territory, but not, he admitted, with exactly the sequence of Diagram 5 in mind.

Black 23 - This is the end for Black. Black's single stone is worthless, why save it? There are many large moves - 98 for example.

White now developed strength with 24 and 26 which allowed him to play 36, which led to ko. There was no need for White to fight ko at 39 as he was comfortably ahead; Iwamoto was happy with the gentle ko threat of 40 and 42.

After White 58, he was ahead by 10 points.

<u>Black</u>		<u>White</u>	
Top	- 24	Left	- 55
Lower right	- 20	Upper right	- 12
Centre	- 16	Lower right	- 8
Lower left	- 5		
	<u>65</u>		<u>75</u>

Black 61 was best at 63, leaving the yose tesuji of 62.

The recording stops at 212. White won by 9 points.

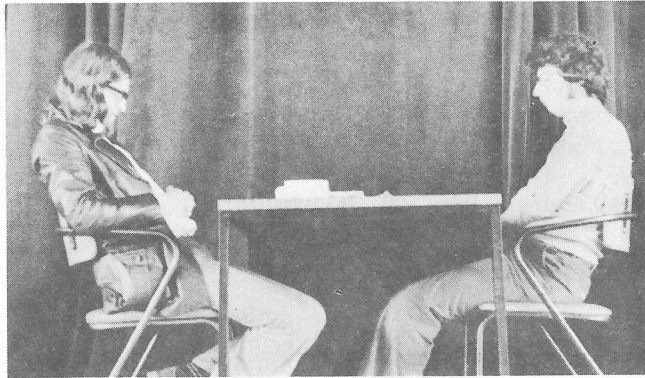
This is an instructive game, played under difficult conditions for Paul. A pity he did not have more time and a quiet room. The mistakes of 29 in Fig.1 and 23 in Fig.2 are not as important as the basic error of 39 in Fig.1.



M. Ito opposing S. Dowsey

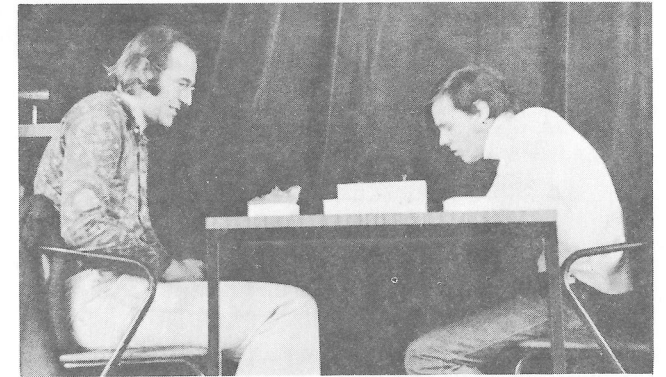


Mr. Parc (Korean Embassy) observing battle royal between F. Roads and R. Huyshe

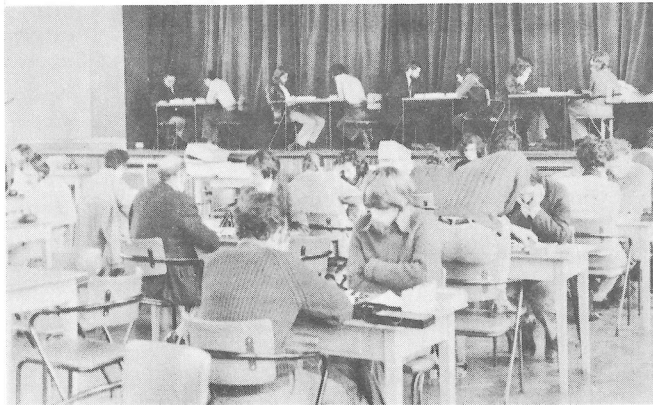


Concentration: P. Prescott versus J. Diamond

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A. Scarff straining to win



Games in progress



T. Nagayama opposing T. Yoshi

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1974

1973			
	Clocks - not for resale	122.26	
110	less depreciation to date	<u>28.03</u>	94.23
521	Stock of Go books and equipment		<u>933.49</u>
	Current Assets:		<u>1,027.72</u>
41	Sundry Debtors	375.00	
1411	Bank Accounts	1,157.10	
12	Cash in Hand	<u>100.20</u>	
	Less Current Liabilities:	<u>1,632.30</u>	
71	Subscriptions paid in advance	171.37	
172	Sundry Creditors	67.66	
-	Corporation Tax for 1974 reserved	<u>38.00</u>	
	Net Current Assets	<u>277.03</u>	
	Represented by:		<u>1,355.27</u>
			<u>£2,382.99</u>
1510	Fund account as at 1.1.74		1,852.43
342	Surplus for year		<u>530.56</u>
			<u>£2,382.99</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1974

1973		1973	
	Postage and telephone	210.78	144
194	Stationery	92.95	Subscriptions
	Sundry expenses	64.86	270.45
	Purchases:		512
	Addressing machine	31.13	Surplus on sale of literature and equipment
-	John Barrs' collection of books	100.00	1,104.20
	Advertising material - film	74.53	44
189	British Go Journal	282.97	Interest on deposit account
3	E.G.F. affiliation 1974/5	3.40	90.12
12	Depreciation of clocks	15.59	50
	Corporation Tax:		Japan Air Lines donation
10	re 1973	20.00	-
-	re 1974 (reserved -		
		38.00	
342	Surplus for year to date	<u>530.56</u>	
<u>£750</u>		<u>£1,464.77</u>	<u>£750</u>
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BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1975

86 Members attended the AGM at 8.00 p.m. on Saturday, 12th April, at Alsager College. The Hon. Secretary's apologies for absence were presented whereupon the meeting adopted by acclamation a resolution congratulating him on the birth of a daughter - Miriam Susan - on April 1st.

Francis Roads, Bob Hitchens, and Derek Hunter were elected, unopposed, as Hon. President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively. John Allen, Paul Prescott, Mark Hall, Jim Bates, and Alison Cross were elected as ordinary Committee members, the unsuccessful candidates being Jon Diamond, John Pusey, Alan Stout, and Jeremy Hawdon. A vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee members was passed.

President's Report for 1975

In order to keep this report reasonably brief, I shall assume that members have read the last four British Go Journals.

1974-75 has been yet another year of increased membership and activity. The increased membership has resulted mainly from the unprecedented level of Go publicity, chief items among which were the Open Door BBC Television programme and the continued sponsorship of Japan Air Lines. The latter is to continue this year, but on a reduced budget.

There has also been reorganisation in the administration of the Association, John Allen having undertaken the onerous task of stock holding and distribution, and Mark Hall having volunteered to supply club secretaries with details of initial enquirers to the BGA.

The British Go Journal remains in the capable hands of the Bristol Go Club's Journal sub-committee, and members are urged to show their appreciation of the editors' excellent work by keeping up a constant flow of club news and technical material, especially games for comment, to the Journal.

Future BGA activities include the 1976 British and European Congresses which are hoped to take place in London and Cambridge respectively. The outstanding event of the year has been the opening of the London Go Centre. The BGA wholeheartedly supports this venture, and Stuart Dowsey has made it clear that he intends to support the BGA by using the Centre to develop Go throughout Britain.

My personal appeal to all members for the coming year is to support the London Go Centre in any way you can.

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Team Competition

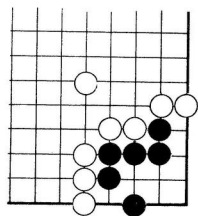
The trophy was won by Bracknell 'B' 84%, 2nd London Weakies 60%. Who were the DAN weakies kidding? Bracknell kidded no one! They just won by a staggering margin, 84% is an average of 5 wins per team member.

We were again indebted to Japan Air Lines for their support and to the Korean Embassy for the team trophy. The Korean Ambassador was represented by Mr. Parc who attended the Congress for some time and took many photographs. He assures us that the Embassy staff intend to take part in more British Go in the future.

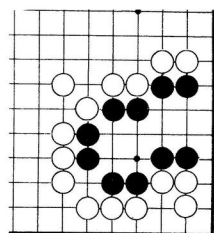
EIGHT TSUME GO PROBLEMS by Tong B. Tang

These problems have been adapted from an early Chinese Go book, and should be of interest to strong kyu players. The arrangement and both the hints and comments are mine; I have used Japanese Go terms as they seem to be more widely known. The second of each pair is more difficult to solve, but in essential the idea is the same as the first.

1. 'Knock the arrow before you shoot'



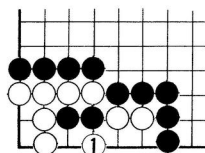
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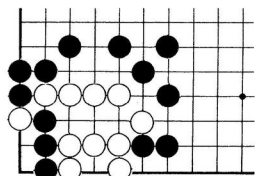
In both cases White to play and kills the Black stones.

2. 'Feed the pig and get it fat before slaughtering it'



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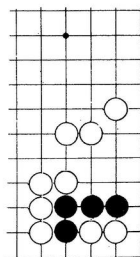
White 1 is a mistake.
Black can now kill the corner.



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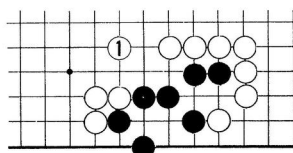
Black to play and kill White.

3. 'Close the door before you unharness the horse'



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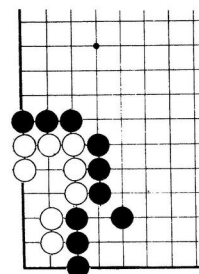
Black to play and live.
Notice that he can make an eye by playing at the 18-5 point.



(b)

White has just played 1.
Can Black make two eyes?

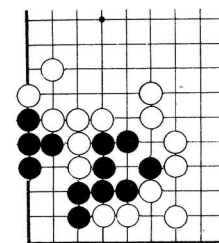
4. 'The blade of a knife has two sides'



(a)

Black to play and kill White.

Remarks: Same tactical techniques (horikomi - uttegaeshi) as in 2(a), though different types of consideration.



(b)

Black to play and live.

Solutions on page 14.

FRENCH GO TOURNAMENT by P.T.Manning

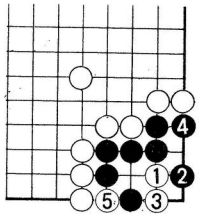
The first French Go Tournament was held in Paris from May 1st to 4th, and attracted an entry of 40, including 8 Britons. Although advertised as a McMahon Tournament, it was run as a handicap Swiss in two divisions. The top division, for dan players, was won by Yasumi Takahashi, a Parisian Japanese. Paul Prescott (London) was the highest-placed Briton, coming 4th. The kyu players' division was won by André Moussa of Paris, with 7 out of 8, while Toby Manning (Bristol) and Ron Learoyd, who does not regularly play at any club, were equal 4th with 5 wins. Ron was promoted from 5 to 4 kyu after the Tournament.

AMSTERDAM GO CONGRESS

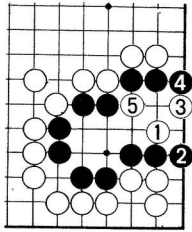
A second four-day, eight round tournament took place in Amsterdam a week later. The entry of 96 was split into 5 divisions, each of which was run as a Swiss with time limits of 1½ hours, 45 seconds byoyomi. Of the British entry of 10, the notable successes were those of Paul Prescott and Frank May in the top section (2 dan and above). Paul came 3rd with 6 wins and earned a provisional promotion to 4 dan. He lost only to Max Rebattu (4 dan, Holland) and M.Ito (5 dan, London), while his most notable victory was the one against Jurgen Mattern (5 dan, Berlin). Frank was narrowly defeated for the prize for the best ni-dan, losing to Robert Van Vulpen (Holland) on the tie-breaker. Amongst his wins was one over Katscher (5 dan, Hamburg). Brian Chandler did well in group 3 (2-5 kyu), coming equal 2nd with 6 wins despite entering at 4 kyu.

The tournament was noteworthy not only for the good organisation in a very pleasant city, but also for the hospitality extended by the Dutch to the many foreign players coming to the tournament.

SOLUTIONS TO EIGHT TSUME GO PROBLEMS

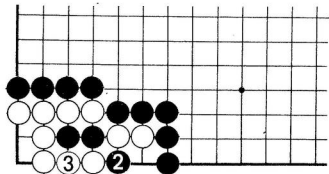


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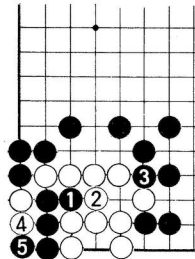
1(b)

In both 1(a) and 1(b) the aji are at 5, but White has to play kikashi 1 and 3 first.



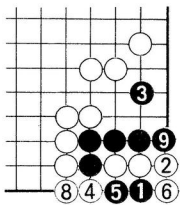
2(a)

4 at the 4-2 point.
1 should have played at 2. White then lives by ishinoshita.



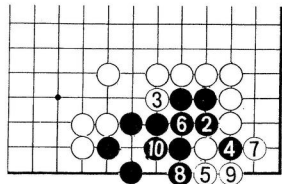
2(b)

6 at 1-3
7 at 4
8 at 1-3
9 at 2-3
1 is necessary to make 3 effective.



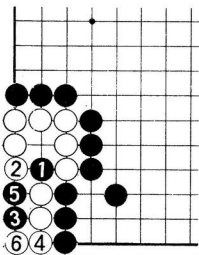
3(a)

7 at 5
Black wants to play 3 to make another eye, but if he does that immediately White will answer by connecting at 4.



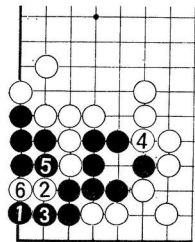
3(b)

If White plays 5 at 6, then Black answers at 5.
If Black simply plays 8 then White at 10 is an obvious but effective response.



4(a)

7 at 5
White 2 defends his upper group; 1 later however turns out to be also a severe attack on his lower two stones.



4(b)

7 at 5
If Black plays at 4 to make one eye, White 2 destroys his other eye at the corner. He has to play 1 and 3 which give him an eye both above and below.

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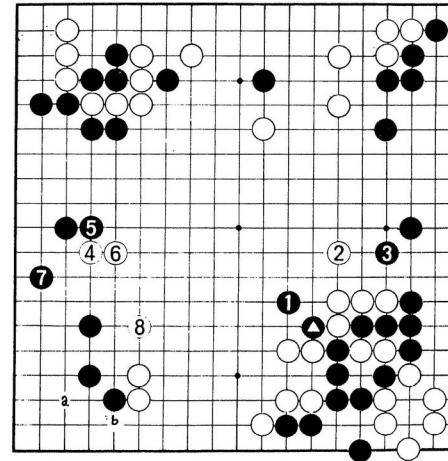


Diagram 2b, a black stone should have been shown on edge of board below 3.

Page 10. Black to Play by P.T.Manning

The error was so large that a re-worked diagram is shown.

The original drafts submitted by the respective authors were correct. The errors occurred in the make up and proof reading.

Sincere apologies are extended to our two valued contributors and hope that they will forgive and continue to submit their excellent work.

GO IN THE SCHOOLS

I am teaching at the Downs School in Dartford, Kent, and as part of its curriculum, one afternoon a week is set aside for activities, including various sports, crafts, academic studies, and social work. Being given the opportunity to choose an activity, I decided to form a Go group. Since last September I have therefore had a group of 24 pupils, aged 11 to 16, who are regularly learning and playing Go, using home made drawing pin boards, and about half of these are now very keen players. The activity afternoon system is such that half-way through the school year, i.e. mid-February, a new group of 24 pupils will start each activity, and so during the next few years a large number of pupils will be introduced to the game. If the demand is great enough from pupils who have been through this introductory course, then a more permanent club will be formed outside school hours to develop their interest and skills.

Already, following enquiries about the game from the new first year pupils, of which I am a tutor, I have started an informal lunch-time club for 11 year-olds to come and enjoy playing the game, and we now have over 30 regular members. Whilst these pupils are playing the game at a very elementary level, and without too much thought, they are developing a keenness and enjoyment for Go which shows great potential for establishing a strong club at the school in the future.

Colin Wells

A group of boys and a master at the Chase School for Boys, Mangotsfield, Bristol, have come together recently to form a club which plays during the lunch break two days a week. It is hoped that if a regular attendance of an adequate number of boys occurs, the club may register with the B.G.A.

Michael Evans

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