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NEWS

Matthew Macfadyen has secured his seventh successive tenure of the British Championship with a 3-0 victory over Terry Stacey. Terry however wins the trip to Japan next year as Matthew went this year.

France Ellul's dynamic organisation ensured not only a well run U-18 Championship but also a picture on the front page of the Times Educational Supplement. 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the three categories went respectively to Alistair Thompson, Simon Carter and Benedict Pryn (U-18), Sam Perlo-Freeman, Leigh Rutland and Giles Cory (U-16), Nicola Oswald, Peter Diamond and Michael Carr (U-14), and Lee Dixon, Jeff Watts and Rebecca Cox (beginners). Rebecca at 11 was the youngest player present. Overall winner was Sam Perlo-Freeman, who also gains a place in the Candidates Tournament. The Trustees of the Susan Barnes Trust have decided that the performances of Sam and Alistair merit awards from the Trust.

Other news from Furze Platt Comprehensive School: the school beat Bracknell Go Club 7-3 on September 23rd and again by 5-4 on 7th October. Any more gluttons for punishment?

Bracknell report a change of secretary; Geogre Bondar gives way to Simon Goss, tel. 0344-424842 Ext. 2271 during working hours. (This information was received before news of the defeats by Furze Platt - Ed.)

Attendance at the Wessex Tournament was up again this year at 80. Winners of the eight divisions were: P. Shepperson (2-dan), A. Scarff (1-dan), M. Harvey (1-kyu), B. Chandler (3-kyu), P. Hutchinson (6-kyu), D. Killen (9-kyu), H. Roberts (1-kyu), and D. Cooke (18-kyu). Overall winner was Richard Granville (3-dan) who did very well in a field including a 6, a 5, two 4's and three 3-dan players. The tournament was well supported by DFK's. Bristol Go Club provided the efficient organisation that we have come to expect. A. Scarff and M. Harvey qualified for the Candidates Tournament.

32 players turned out for the four round tournament run by Nottingham Go Club on November 10th. Overall winner was J.H. Smith (2-dan, Manchester) with 4/4. 10 players ended with 3/4, namely R.J. Granville (3-dan, Malvern), H. Ellis (1-kyu, Hemel Hempstead), A. Thornton (2-kyu, Hemel Hempstead), A. Thompson (2-kyu, Monmouth), M. Harvey (5-kyu, unattached), R. Cannard (6-kyu, Cheltenham), D. Gilder (7-kyu, Nottingham), J. Coke, (9-kyu, C.L.G.C.), A. Robinson, (11-kyu, Coventry), and M. Willett (13-kyu, Bratby). Candidates places went to W.R. Brakes (1-dan, Ahno) and B. Ellis (1-kyu).

CLGC reports that they have gone back to meeting on Saturday afternoons instead of Sundays at their Covent Garden venue.

The annual Anglo-Japan Friendship Match at the Kiku Restaurant in London was won by the British players 36-33. Our Japanese friends presented the usual lavish array of prizes.

John Hobson has resigned as Publicity Officer. A temporary replacement has been found, but the BGA Committee is seeking to appoint a permanent officer. Someone prepared to put a bit of effort into this job could do much to change the BGA's fortunes. Any offers to the President at his new address (see over).

The Schools Sub-committee also seeks one or two new members. Teachers would be welcome, but anyone interested in getting youngsters interested in Go is invited to offer themselves.

The Committee has now reversed its decision to double the tournament levy for non-members who have played in a tournament before. The other changes will stand. Long live the Committee.

Do summer examinations make the dates of the Candidates and Challengers Tournaments inconvenient for people? There is the possibility of changing them for 1986 - please make your views known if you have any.

Subscription remainder - 1985 subscriptions are payable NOW. Club student - £2, Club member - £4, Unattached - £6, Overseas - £7.

A TOURNAMENT CO-ORDINATOR'S PLEA

Those of you who are certain that you will never organise a Go tournament can skip this, but the rest of you, please read and respond to it.

As Tournament Co-ordinator, I'm responsible for seeing that your tournament gets all the publicity it deserves, in the BGA Newsletter and even in the BGJ, if I'm given details far enough in advance. I can also help to avoid tournaments' being organised on consecutive weekends, or even (God forbid) on the same day. These laudable aims can only be achieved, however, if you send me details of your tournament - as many as possible, but the date and organiser's name and address at the very least--as far in advance of the tournament as possible. Ideally, the whole tournament calendar should be known at least a year in advance, so if you're planning to organise a tournament in the next twelve months, I want to hear from you NOW.

I also have details of many European Go tournaments of 1985, and the addresses of most European Go Clubs, which I will happily supply to anyone interested.

I can only help you if you help me--write to me!

Forthcoming Events

December 8th & 9th: Teach-in and 3rd Black Bull Handicap Tournament respectively, at The Somers Arms, Leigh Sinton, Malvern. Registration 10.45 (8th) and 10.30 am (9th). 4-round tournament on lowish handicaps. Entry £2.50 (£1.50 students), or £1 for teach-in only, to Richard Newton, 14 Tanhouse Lane, Malvern, Worcs. (Tel. Malvern 65626).

December 28th-31st: 11th London Open Go Congress, 2 The Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2. 8-round Macmahon, 90 mins plus 45 secs, lightning tournament, and New Year celebration. Entry forms are being sent to clubs independently; further copies from David Andrews, 262 Mile End Road, Colchester, Essex, CO4 5DZ.

January 27th: 2nd Cheshire Tournament, Crewe. 3-round Macmahon. First prize; Gostelow Go Bar retained for one year, sponsored by NMW Computers plc. Meals and coffee available; 20 mins. by car from M6, J 17. Contact Brian Timmins, (tel. Hodnet 292). ENTRY FORMS ENCLOSED.

March 10th: British Schools Team Championship, Ferze Platt School, Maidenhead. Teams of three - enter as many teams as you like. Contact France Ellul, tel. 0494-21556 home, Maidenhead 25308 school. Entry forms with next Newsletter.

April 12th-14th: British Go Congress, Worcester. Contact Richard Granville.

May 4-6th: Candidates Tournament, London. Qualifiers only.

May 25-27: Challengers League, London. Qualifiers from Candidates Tournament.

June 30th: Leicester Tournament.

July 20th - August 3rd: European Go Congress, Terschelling, Netherlands. B & B plus entry approx. £146 hotel, £74 youth hostel, £62 camping.

October 27th: Wessex Tournament.

April 4th - 6th 1986: British Go Congress, Crewe.

Late News

The Committee has reduced the minimum number of members that can be registered as a club from five to three.

Orders for books and envelope stickers is available from the Book Distributor.

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