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RESULTS

FUJITSU CUP AMSTERDAM 06/12/01-08/12/01

Winner was Rob van Zeijst (Netherlands), Second was Alexandr Dinerchtein (Russia). Losing semifinalists were Guo Juan (Netherlands) and Svetlana Shikshina (Russia). Britain's Matthew Macfadyen lost to Svetlana in the quarterfinals. He beat F-J. Dickhut (Germany) in the previous round.

LONDON OPEN 28/12/01-31/12/01

107 names appeared on the result list for the London Open. This year it was at new location of International Student House near Regents Park. It was part of the European Toyota Go Tour again. Winner with 7/8 was Gbor Szabics (5 dan Hungary), his only loss was to Matthew Cocke. Second with 6/8 was Pal Sannes (4 dan Norway) on SOS from Seong-June Kim (6 dan London). Next with 5/8 were Taiko Nakamura (5 dan Epsom), Matthew Cocke (5 dan Norwich), Young Kim (5 dan London), and Jens Vygen (4 dan Germany). Winning 7/8 was Stephen Streater (14 kyu Epsom). Winning 6/8 were Wolfgang Behncke (1 dan Germany), Arnaud Knippel (1 dan France), Mike Cockburn (1 kyu St Albans), Fabien Letouzey (5 kyu France), Jil Segerman (8 kyu Manchester), Patrick Donovan (10 kyu Eastbourne) and Lasse Jakobsen (14 kyu Denmark). All on 5/8 got a certificate. Other winners got wooden go stones. 9x9 winner was Roger Daniel with 22/28.

Lightning winner was Filip van der Stappen (5 dan Netherlands). Second was Seong-June Kim (6 dan). Third equal were Mogens and Lasse Jakobsen (father and son from Denmark).

KISEI YOUTH TOURNAMENT 13/01/02

Thanks to Kisei match sponsors Yomiuri Shimbun and Japan 2001 generous prizes and travel expenses were available to the young players at this event. Also unique was the chance to play professionals Michael Redmond and Yuki Shigeno. Michael beat Tom Blockley and Jimmy Mao. Yuki won 5, lost 1, 1 jigo. Winner of the tournament was Jimmy Mao (1 dan Bristol), second was Tom Blockley (Worcester) and third William Brooks (Cambridge). Paul Blockley (18 kyu) and Tom Robinson (35 kyu) won all their games in the handicap section.

FURZE PLATT, MAIDENHEAD 19/01/02

78 players attended the HQ of HITACHI Europe Ltd. for the 11th Furze Platt. Winner was Seong-June Kim (6 dan London) for the third year running. Winning 3/3 were second placed Des Cann (4 dan Leamington), Tim Hunt (2 dan Open University), Jason Smith (6 kyu Reading), Ivan Watling (6 kyu Bradford), Roland Halliwell (9 kyu Epsom) and Matthew Clapp (15 kyu Reading). Shawn Hearn (8 kyu Berkshire Youth) won 2.5. Thanks to generous sponsorship from HITACHI all on 2/3 got prizes too. Team winners were Milton Keynes, Shawn Hearn won the 9x9 and Richard Mullens won a free entry to Paris in a draw run by the London Open organizer.

YOUTH GRAND PRIX, 2001 AND 2002

The final results of the 2001 Youth Grand Prix are: 1 Paul Blockley 18-kyu Worcester, 2 Lasse Jakobsen 14-kyu Epsom Downs, 3 Ian McAnally 8-kyu Manchester, 4 Shawn Hearn 8-kyu Berkshire Youth, 5 Jimmy Mao 1-dan Bristol, 6 Oscar John 24-kyu Cambridge. The contest for 2nd place went right to the wire, Lasse and Ian being tied for 2nd place before the London Open. But Lasse got ahead in the end by attending the London Open.

The scores in the 2002 Grand Prix, up to and including the Furze Platt tournament, are: 1= Shawn Hearn 8-kyu Berkshire Youth and Jimmy Mao 1-dan Bristol, 3= Paul Blockley 18-kyu Worcester and Tom Robinson 34-kyu unattached, 5= Tom Blockley 4-kyu Worcester and William Brooks 8-kyu Cambridge. Paul Blockley and Tom Robinson stormed into an early lead with 100% results in the Yomiuri Shimbun youth tournament, but Jimmy and Shawn managed to steal a joint lead by going to Furze Platt as well.

All the grand prix scores can be seen at <http://www.gosoft.demon.co.uk/gprix.htm>

The grades of all currently-known youth players are at <http://www.gosoft.demon.co.uk/grades.htm>

STACEY POINTS AFTER THREE PEAKS (Trophy awarded annually for the most games above the bar in British tournaments)

The state of the Stacey Tournament (after Furze Platt) is:- Francis Roads 21 points, 2= Seong-June Kim and David Ward both with 17 points.

NEWS

PROMOTION Council approved the promotion of Mike Cockburn (St. Albans) to 1-dan.

KISEI TITLE MATCH

The first game in the Kisei Title Match was played in London on 10/01/02 and 11/01/02. An audience about 50 strong watched by video link in the Montcalm Hotel. Professionals Kato, Kudo and Redmond analyzed the game for locals and for Japanese TV. Various BGA members were also interviewed on Japanese TV. In the match game O Rissei (defending Champion) beat Ryu Shikun after a long and interesting game. Six professionals also attended the Central London Go Club on Saturday 12th and Michael Redmond and Yuki Shigeno attended the Kisei Youth Tournament on 13th at the Nippon Club.

The Kisei Title is the most prestigious go tournament in Japan and hence one of the most important in the world. It is an annual tournament culminating in a best-of-seven-games final between the reigning Kisei and the challenger, who has had to battle his way through a rigorous series of preliminaries and qualifying tournaments.

Registered people can download a game record from Jan van der Steen's site <http://gobase.org/games/japan/titles/kisei/26/index> (if you are not registered (which is free) then you can only view the game online.)

Ryu Shikun won the second game on 25/01/02 at Kiyomizu Hotel, Akiu Hot Spring, Sendai City by half a point

PAIR GO The UK Pairing for Euro Pairs 2002 will be Matthew Cocke (5 dan) and Natasha Regan (1 dan), runners up in Brit Pairs 2001.

BGA WEBSITE. The BGA website has been having some difficulties, but now is up and working properly. Its temporary address is <http://66.39.78.200/> New features include a Site Guide, and frequently updated News pages <http://66.39.78.200/news>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The Notice for the next AGM is included with this Newsletter. The meeting be held during the British Go Congress in Edinburgh, 22 -24 March.

NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

Steve Bailey and I have been working up an e-mail version of this Newsletter, with the intention of offering BGA members a choice of how they receive it. The e-mail version will have the exact same text as the printed version (without the pretty title-pictures of course). It will be set in Plain Text and without attachments, to be suitable for all Internet computers, and to avoid the risk of viruses. The main advantage will be the click-able web addresses. Also it should arrive a week earlier, as that is the time it takes for printing and mailing. It will be distributed by "blind copy" to keep your address confidential.

The Paper version will continue to be available for those who want it. The BGA Council has agreed that this is absolutely vital, as it is the only way for people without Internet to keep in touch.

If you would like to receive your Newsletters by e-mail instead of the paper version, send an e-mail to Steve Bailey on SGBailey@jee.org If you change your e-mail address or wish to go back to receiving paper Newsletters, tell Steve. (Note, if your postal address changes, you should inform the Membership Secretary, not Steve.)

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CLUB UPDATES since the latest British Go Journal No 125 Winter 2001

BILLERICAY Now has a web site: <http://alt.venus.co.uk/weed/go/billericay.htm>

EDINBURGH Cambridge Bar, 20 Young St. near Charlotte Square EH2 4JB. Alternative contact is Phil Blamire ☎ 0131-663-0678

EPSOM Monday 19:00 - 22:30 Club page at <http://www.yuhong.demon.co.uk/egc.html>

FORTHCOMING

IPSWICH Dead

OXFORD, Saturday 16th February

Location St. Edmund Hall, Queen's Lane, Oxford.

Event 3 round MacMahon, 50 minutes. Registration 9:00 to 9:45, (9:00 to 9:15 if turning up on the day.)

Contacts Niall Cardin, Corpus Christi College, Oxford. OX1 4JF. ☎ 0870 120 0870 ext. 26714 mobile 07861 769892

Niall.Cardin@ccc.ox.ac.uk Edward Laird ☎ 0870 120 0870 ext. 27048

Website <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~corp0527/tournament.html>

TRIGANTIUS, CAMBRIDGE, Sunday 3rd March

Location University Centre, Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge.

Event 3-round McMahon. 1 hour then 30 stones in 5 minutes overtime. Continuous 13x13 tournament. Beginners' tournament.

Contact: Alex Selby, 67 Woodhead Drive, Cambridge, CB4 1YY. ☎ 01223 512013 a.p.selby@pobox.com

Website <http://www.cam.ac.uk/societies/cugos/compete/trigant.htm>

BRITISH YOUTH GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sunday 10th March

Location Bloxham School, Bloxham, Oxfordshire.

Event British Youth Go Championship, Schools Team Championship, Beginners' Tournament, Schools Lightning Team Championship, Handicap tournament. This meeting is for children of all strengths. Newcomers to Go are encouraged to come. There will be plenty of opportunity for games with others of similar ages and strengths.

Contact Simon Goss, 4 Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berks RG45 6QY. ☎ 01344 777963 simon@gosoft.demon.co.uk

Website <http://66.39.78.200/tournaments/youth02.html>

BRITISH GO CONGRESS, EDINBURGH, Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th March

Location Halls of Residence (South Hall), University of Edinburgh.

Event Main event: 6-round McMahon, 1 hour then 30 stones in 5 minutes overtime. British Lightning, 12 minutes. AGM Saturday evening.

Contact: Donald Macleod, 26 Preston Crescent, Inverkeithing, Fife, KY11 1DR. ☎ 01383 410405 donald@sandwood.demon.co.uk

Howard Manning, ☎ 0131 667 5260 howard@manning2353.freemove.co.uk

Website <http://www.faldara.co.uk/Go/British.html>

COVENTRY, Sunday 7th April

Location The Oddfellows Hall, 6 Clarence Terrace (situated at the corner of Warwick St. and Portland St.), Leamington Spa.

Event 4 rounds: 30 minutes and sudden death. The Tournament will be held this year alongside the Candidates' tournament Participants will be able to watch the candidates, and listen to commentaries by Matthew Macfadyen on some of the more interesting games.

Contact Mike Lynn, Hillcroft, Barston Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0JZ. ☎ 01675 442753 mikelynn@barston.freemove.co.uk
Mobile (on the day only) 079492 25352

Website <http://66.39.78.200/tournaments/coventry02.html>

CAMBRIDGE BAR-LOW, DANS' EVENT AND JUNIOR 13 x 13, Sunday 5th and Monday 6th May, in association with MSO CAMBRIDGE

Location Parkside Community College, Parkside, Cambridge

Events 5th May: Bar-Low, kyu-players only, 5 rounds 35 minutes sudden death

6th May: Junior 13 x 13 for under-18's, Dans' Event, 5 rounds 35 minutes sudden death; BGA Teaching Day

Contact Charles Matthews, 60 Glisson Road, Cambridge CB1 2HF. ☎ 01223 350096 charles@sabaki.demon.co.uk

Website The MSO Cambridge web site is at www.gen.cam.ac.uk/msocam02/index.html.

BRACKNELL, Sunday 12th May

Location Woosehill Community Centre, off the A 329 Wokingham to Bracknell road

Event 3 rounds, 60 minutes with overtime of 30 stones in 5 minutes

Contacts Enquiries to Clive Hendrie ☎ 01344 422502 Clive.Hendrie@freenet.co.uk

Entries to Ian Marsh, 47 Hope Ave., Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0WD. ☎ 01344 422296

PAIR GO, BOARS HILL, Sunday 19th May

Location Foxcombe Lodge Hotel, Boars Hill, Oxford

Event For teams of one male and one female, 3 rounds of 45 minutes sudden death.

Contact Tony Atkins, 37 Courts Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 7DJ. ☎ 0118-9268143 Ajaxgo@yahoo.co.uk

Website <http://uk.geocities.com/ajaxgo/pairgo2002a.htm>

JUBILEE WEEKEND TOURNAMENT, BIRMINGHAM, 1st or 2nd June (provisional), Mike Lynn. ☎ 01675 442753 mikelynn@barston.freemove.co.uk

LEICESTER, Saturday 8th June (provisional) Peter Fisher, ☎ 0116 2871 362 peter@fisher2.demon.co.uk

WELSH OPEN Saturday 29th - Sunday 30th June Philip Ward-Ackland ☎ 01341 280612 philip@linnet2.demon.co.uk

EPSOM Saturday 10th August <http://www.yuhong.demon.co.uk/tourney.html>

ISLE OF MAN, Sunday 18th to Friday 23rd August Steve Jones, 9 Eastfield, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 4UR. ☎ 01624 624680 info@iomgo.org.uk

Location The Falcon's Nest Hotel, Port Erin, Isle of Man

Event Main tournament, 5 round McMahon. 90 minutes with 20 moves in 5 minutes overtime. Afternoon tournament, 3 round McMahon. 60 minutes with 20 stones in 5 minutes overtime. Other events and social activities

Contact Steve Jones, 9 Eastfield, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 4UR. ☎ 01624 624680 info@iomgo.org.uk

Website www.iomgo.org.uk/

OVERSEAS

Irish Open, Dublin 8-11 March, <http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Pressbox/9586/iopenposter.htm>

Paris, France 29-31 March, toyotatur.paris@european-go.org

European Go Congress Zagreb, Croatia 20 July - 3 August, <http://croatia.european-go.org/egc2002/english.asp>

All-Summer Go School, Croatia, 1 June - 30 September, provisional, with Adriatic Sea vacation <http://croatian-tourism.info/rab-maria>

BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION

American Go Congress, 3-11 August, <http://www.usgo.org/usa/tournaments.html>

BGA MEMBERSHIP Rates for one year: UK £13, Concessions £5.50, Family £18.50, Europe £15, World £18.50. Apply to: BGA Membership Secretary Kathleen Timmins, The Hollies, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Salop, TF9 3LY. ☎ 01630 685292 Mem@britgo.demon.co.uk

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NEW APPOINTMENT Schools Liaison Officer, Peter Wendes, 13 Stakes Road, Purbrook, Hants, PO7 5LU. ☎ 2392-267648 pwendes@hotmail.com

BGA MOBILE for emergency calls to tournament organizers on the day of tournaments ☎ 07951 140433