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Saturday, August 6th

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This third issue of the bulletin appeared later than we planned. The main reason is vacancies in the team of editors and reporters. Feel free to help us out. Request to all directors of side events: please report the results to us, so we can publish them in future bulletins.

This number was written by me, with photos from Olivier Dulac, while Gérald did the graphics. I hope you enjoy our work

Peter Dijkema ■

We do a special dedication to Viktor Lin 5D and we great him a good health recovery.

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*Wednesday ,
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■ Top group of the Main Tournament



■ Young-sam Kim ■

On Thursday, both favourites kept on winning. Young-sam Kim defeated Ondrej Silt and Catalin overcame opposition of the young French hero. Thomas is now among the twelve players at their heels, trying to stay in the race for the title.

On Friday all eyes were focussed on the eyes – or lack of them – in the game on board one. Kim Young-sam won also his encounter with Catalin. He is the sole leader of the pack at 5-0. His countryman Sang Youn Jeon follows with 4-1, like Ilya (who defeated Alex) and Ondrej (beat Dimitriy Surin) - both are ahead of

the Korean on SOS – and Dusan Mitic (he caused the second loss of Thomas Debarre), Catalin, Christian Pop (beat Csaba) and Jan Simara (defeated Pal Balogh). Thomas leads the three-pointers on SOS.

About his game Catalin told us: *“I should have won. I lead into the endgame. In the small yose I made a mistake. I lost by one point and a half”.*

■ Dan players' honour list

Only one other dan level player won all five in first week, Rainer Hansel 1d (D). Bravo! Six 5-dans are at 4-1: Timur Sankin (Rus), Andrii Kravec (UA), Javieraleksi Savolainen (Fin), Kim Dal Soo (Kor), Vladimir Danek (Cz) and Bogdan Zhurakovski (UA). No 4-dans with 4-1.

Also six 3-dans scored 4-1: Kim Ouweleen (NL), Jeanloup Naddef (F), Andreas Goetzfield (Lit), Barbara Knauf (also D), Benjamin Blanchard (F) and Erik Ouchterlony (S).

Three ni-dans and three sho-dans did similarly well: Micha Langner (PL), Aurélien Cluzeau (F) and Izaki Masao (Jap), respectively Damien Popote (F), Arto Heikkinen (Fin) and Xu Zhuo (Chi).

■ Kyu players' honour list

Won all – unless stated otherwise all are from France!:

Stephane Kunne and César Lextraït (both 2k), Timothée Huème and Philippe Richard (not the old actor, but the young go-player, both 3k), Thibault Naegele, Grégoire Gauthier and Alain Papazoglou (all three 6k), Nicole Tagnon (9k), Baptiste Leite and Niels Robin-Aubertin (both 10k). Boise Branquart and Martin Deveaux (both 11k), Jocelyn Wong, Joris Dugueperoux and Aurore Bivas (all three 14k), Lucie Chanas (16k) and Lydia Buntrock (DE, 20k).

Stanislav Bohm (CZ, 6k) won all his four games. Bravo all!

■ Other kyu-level players moving up the rankings:

Philippe Chance, Romain Joly, Alban Grangle, Julien Sagit, Denis Karadaban, Henri Gauthier,

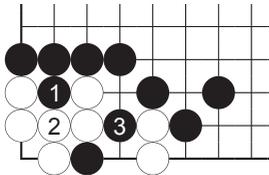
Florian Hambert (all French), Hermann Wöhrel (DE) and Karl Krissian (ES) - all 1k.
 Pierre-Yves Christmann, Aurélien Joumet-Brochet and Jérôme Bourgois – all 2k.
 Clément Viones and Charles Clément – both 3k.
 Clément Billoire, Adrian Delanoue, Christophe Averous and Julie Artigny – all 4k.
 Benkilian Fleuss (DE), Fabien Masson, Eric le Morvan and Benoit Mariat – all 5k.
 Volodymyr Kachanovski (UA) and Alexis Hatier – both 9k.
 Joseph Ales, Martin Divis (CZ) and Sylvain Col – all three 10k.
 Jean-Yves Papazoglou 11k, Frédéric Loiseau 12k, Hugo Lavenant 13k, Gretae 14k (DE), Heidrun Ohlenbusch 18k (DE) and Lucie Bocard 20k.

In the first week participation in the main tournament rose from 640 in round 1 to 683 in 5th.

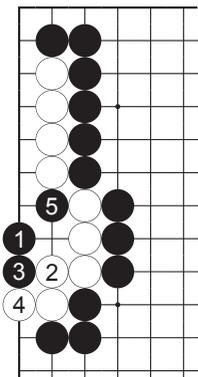
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Tsumego solution of Bulletin #1

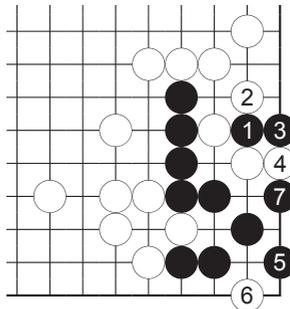
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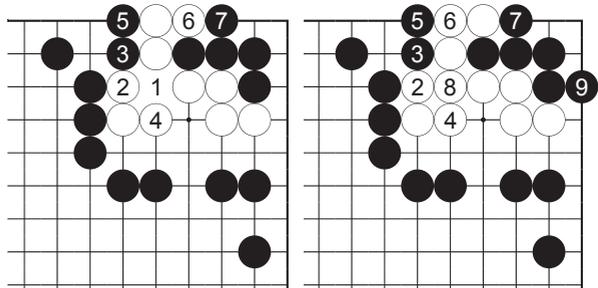
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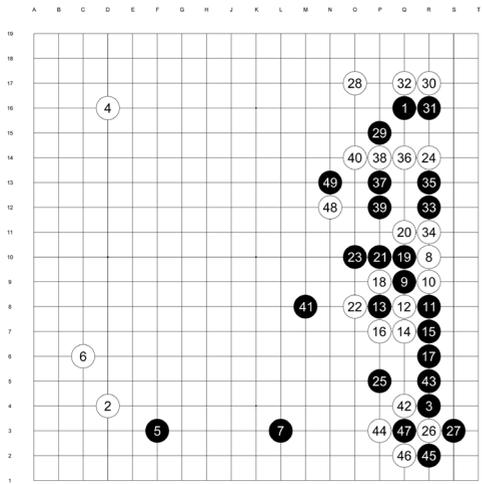


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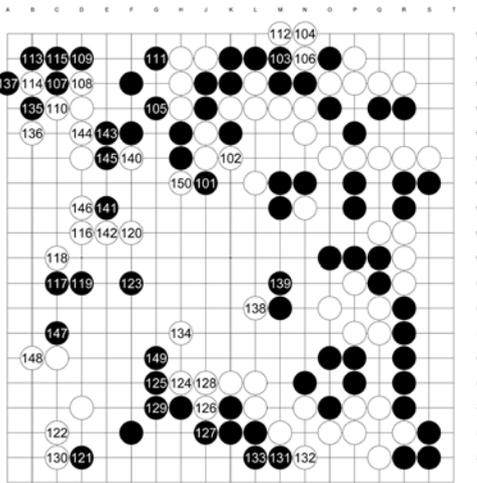
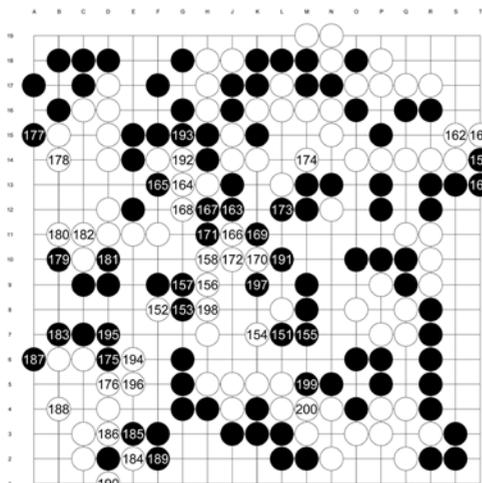
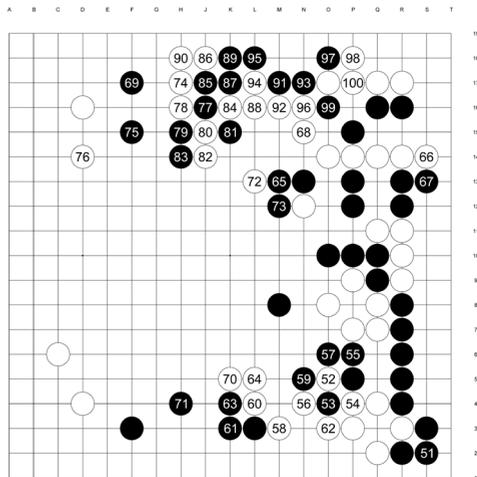


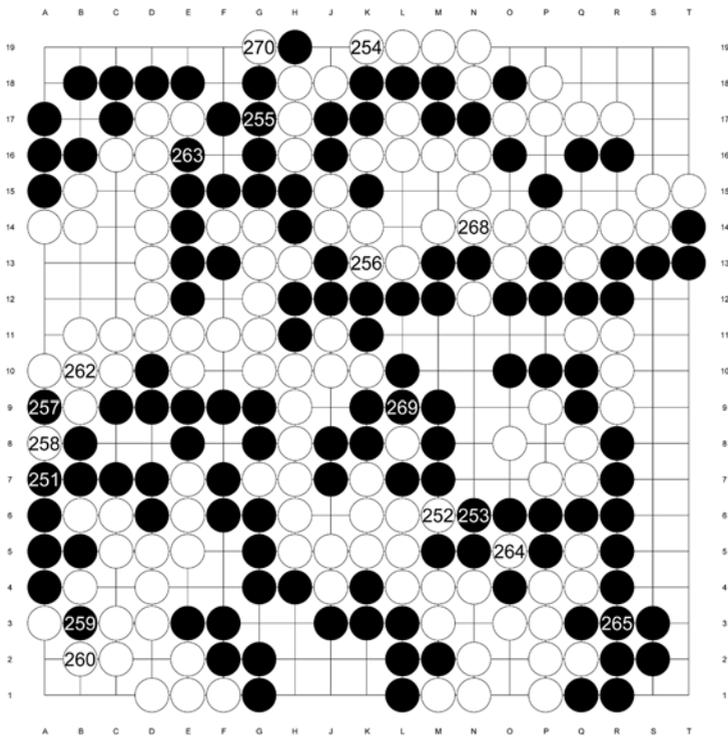
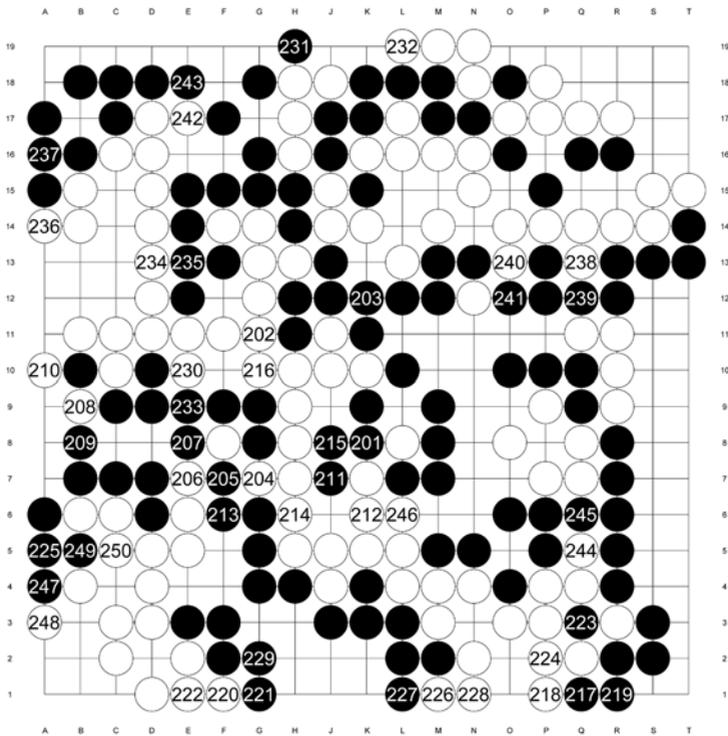
EGC2011 - Main tournament kifus

- **Black: Thomas DEBARRE 6D win by 1,5**
- **White: Christian POP 7D**
- **Date: 2011-07-25**
- **EGC Main Tournament - Komi 7.5**
- **Round 2 of 10**



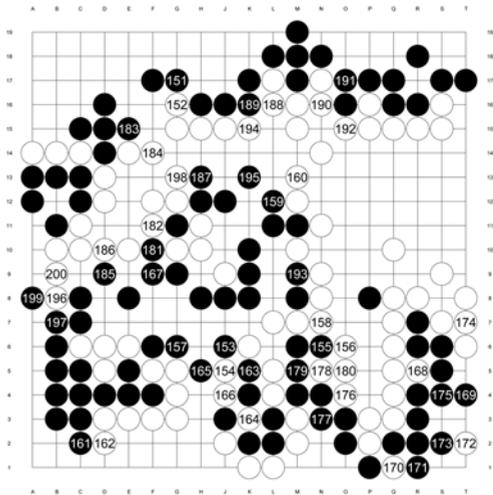
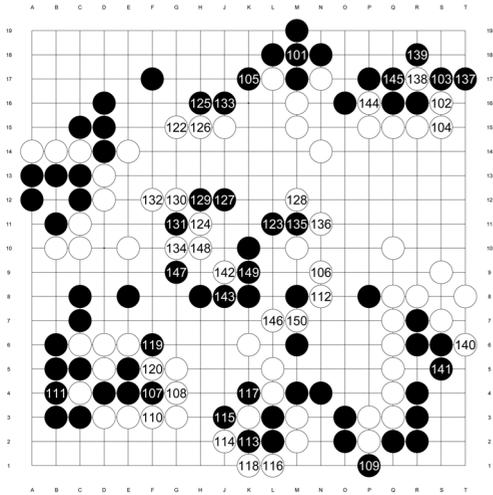
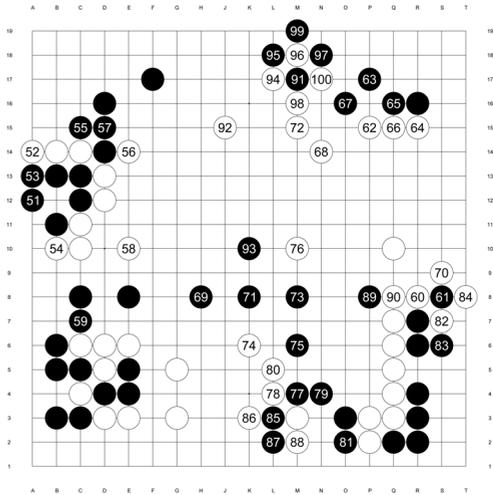
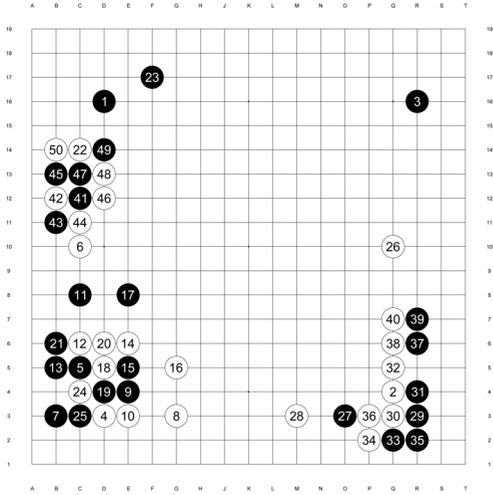
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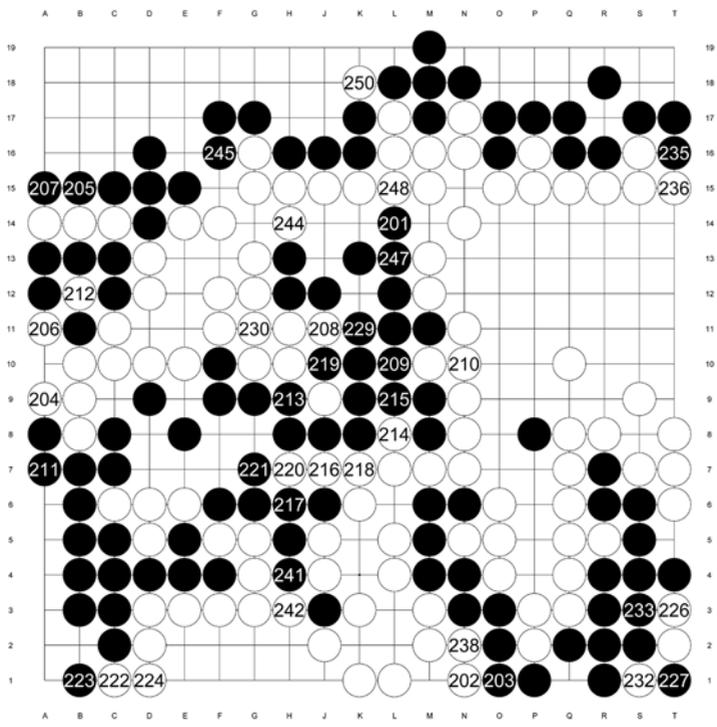




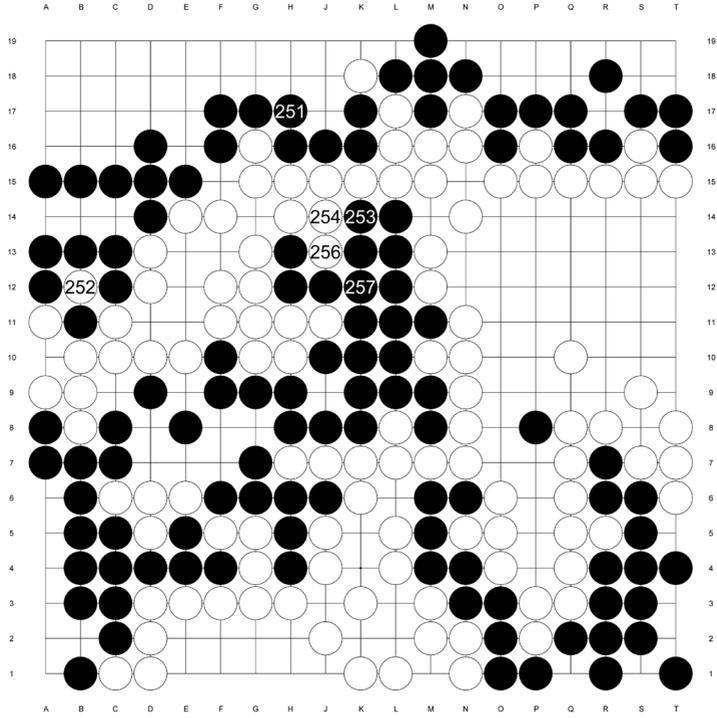
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- Black: Yousam Kim 7D win by 1,5
- White: Catalin Taranu 5P
- Date: 2011-07-29
- EGC Main Tournament - Komi 7.5
- Round 5 of 10





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255 en dessous de 252, 258 en 252

The pair-go tournament attracted 78 international pairs. Some really strong teams made it to the last eight. In one leg, Adelina Sora 1d with Cornel Burzo 6d defeated Yanqi Zhang 6d with Mr. Ikeda, while Chang Kaishin 4P and Arto Heikkinen 1d won against Laura Avram 3d and Bogdan Zhurakovskiy 5d. The former pair won the first semi-final playing the white stones.

In the other leg, Miléna Boclé 1d with Ilya Shiksin 7d lost to Klara Zaloudkova 3d with Kim Sungrae 8P, and Rita Pocsai 5d – currently European Champion with her Hungarian partner – with Jan Simara 6d won against Vanessa Wong 4d with Ali Jabarin 5d. With white Pocsai/Simara won the semi-final as well. We hope to publish the game record of the final, which was won by Pocsai/Simara, also in this bulletin.

Peter Dijkema ■



■ Cornel Burzo 6D ■ Adelina Sora 1D ■



■ Jan Simara 6D ■ Rita Pocsai 5D ■



■ Chang Haz Hsin 4P ■ Heikkinen Arto 1D ■ Kim Sungrae 8P ■ Zuloudkova Klara 3D ■ Adelina Sora 1D ■ Cornel Burzo 6D ■
 ■ Jan Simara 6D ■ Rita Pocsai 5D ■
 ■ And at the right of participants : Mrs. Hiroko Taki, IGS President ■

■ 13x13

In the competition for the European title on the 13x13 board, 54 players entered. After four rounds the best sixteen qualified for the knock-out stage. One semi-final was all French – Thibault Gauthier 2d defeated Milena Boclé 1d. The other one was between two top Russians: Oleg Mezhov 6d won against Ilya Shiksin 7d. In the final, Thibault defeated Oleg, so the first single European title goes to France. Bravo Thibault! Later we talked to Oleg. *“I was winning the final, but suddenly a ko arose. It cost me the game”*.

Peter Dijkema ■

■ Youth titles

Three titles in three age categories: Alex Ketelaers 1d (NL) won the youngest group, under 15. Pavel Lisy 5d (CZ) won among the 15 and 16 year olds. He was also the best youth player in the most recent Paris Open. Stephan Kunne 2k won the group for 17-19. Another title stays in France!

All groups started with 3 qualifying rounds. With the four strongest moving to the knock-out finals. In each of the two youngest groups 22 entered. The oldest drew 30 participants.

Alex Ketelaers 1d won against Emmanuel Pinglier 5k and Egor Arsentyev (def. Nathan Brouard). Pavol Lisy defeated Michaeli Tal 2d (where did we here that name before?) and next Samuel Chamalet 2k, who had won against Damien Popote 1d.

Stephan Kunne beat Robin Chauvin 1k and Dani Damez 5k, who beat Steven de Oliveira 8k.

■ Catalin Taranu 5P commented games.

Four youth were invited for teaching games against professionals. Thomas Debarre got three stones against grandmaster Yoo Changhyuk. He did well for quite a while, but collapsed in the end under the pressure.



Fan Hui commented this game in French, which got rendered into English by Miléna Boclé. Bravo Miléna.

Four young talents were invited to teaching games with professionals.

■ Nikola Mitic 5D vs Enda Hideki 9P

■ in background, Dusan Mitic 6D vs Hayashi Kozo 6P ■

We quote wbaduk.com :

«At Wednesday evening, there were special event '4 young European top players vs Pro'.



■ Mr Yoo Changhyuk 9P ■

Thomas Debarre 6D(born in France 1993), Dusan Mitic 6D(born in Serbia 1990), Nikola Mitic 5D(born in Serbia 1992) and U20 European Youth Champion Pavol Lisy 5D(born in Slovakia 1995) got a chance to challenge against Pro players.

One of the best Korean players Changhyuk Yoo 9P won against Thomas Debarre 6D with 3 stone handicap. He shows how strong he and the world best level is. And Yao Wang 6P from China also defeated Pavol with 3 stone handicap. However, on the other hand, Dusan and Nikola two Serbia young gun won against Japanese pro players Hayashi Kozo 6P and Enda Hideki 9P. Both games were even only with 2 stone handicap! It was a very interesting event that European Go players can guess how strong their top players are!»

Peter Dijkema ■

■ Veteran tournament



■ veterans' player room ■

Jean Allard 1d designed the rules for the first ever veterans tournament at the EGC. Perhaps in reference to chances on the labour market, he decided all over 45 are veterans and no over-time: 45 minutes - sudden death. No participant was asked to prove her or his age by passport. This time a lady took honours for France. Dominique Cornuejols 1d proved stronger than the odd old guys. Her play is as youthful as her looks. Bravo!

Peter Dijkema ■



■ Mrs Cornuejols 1D ■

■ Lightning

Ninety six people had some hope to become the Lightning King of Europe. The preliminaries were Thursday evening in groups of six players, numbered A to P. The two top finishers in each group qualified for the knock-out stage on Friday night.

The knock-out table looked a bit like a tennis tournament, as the top seed, the winners of A and B groups made it into the final. Jeon 7d defeated Vannieuwenhuys 4k, Mezhev 6d, Surin 5d to reach the semi-final. Ilya Shiksin had won C-group. He won in the knock-outs against Chetioui 2d, Yanqi Zhang 6d and Jean Michel 5d, but lost to Jeon.

In the second half, Pop knocked out Pace 2d, Goetzfield 3d, Zhou 5d to the semi-final. Jan Simara 5d was the only one going against the logic of the table. As winner of L-group, he first ousted Nae 2k, and next D-group winner Bohatskyi 6d, and Billouet, who had knocked out Miléna Boclé, winner of H-group. In the second semi-final, Jan Simara lost to Christian Pop.

Christian also won the title. In the 'small final', Ilya Shiksin took third place.

According to Motoki the final was very close, with perhaps Pop trailing by a bit. But he was ahead on the clock. By only 15 seconds, when his opponent's time ran out ...

Peter Dijkema ■

■ Football

The football competition started on Thursday afternoon. Six teams of six players each took part. The competition was dominated by a German team, which scored at least 4 goals every match. Their goalie stopped all tries to even the game. They won the final 5-1 against a team around star player Pal Balogh. The event was an initiative of Benjamin Papazoglou. Did I read this family name somewhere before?

Peter Dijkema ■

Some details of the news above, we encountered in the blog of Motoki Noguchi, who is also editor-in-chief of the French magazine – Revue Française de Go. I had wondered why exactly the match between Shanghai and Xi'an was transferred to Bordeaux. I knew that Shanghai were considered favourites as they had won most previous leagues, some 4 or 5 times. In the current league they have the red lantern firm in hands, no more chances for the yellow shirt. Also Xi'an isn't doing too well, half way the lower half of the current standings - according to the most recent issue of the German bimonthly Deutsche Go Zeitung.

At the end of June, Guizhou led with 20 points and 22 victories, ahead of Chongqing 16 (19), Liaoning 15 (17), Dalian 14 (19) and Beijing Citic 13 (18).

Xi'an is the ancient capital of China. Which explains bits of its prominence. But also the place of birth of Fan Hui 2P. Thanks to his contacts, the match Xi'an-Shanghai was exported to Bordeaux. Hence his enthusiasm for the half a point upset win at board one against famous Chang Hao 9P!

We still don't know the result of the other three games, nor the records of the games. We look forward to publish them piecemeal in later issues of this year's Congress bulletins.

Motoki was impressed by the lectures of Takemiya. His main lesson was: *"In go you don't progress by memorising joseki's. You have to play the moves you like. If you don't like what you play, you can't hope to make any progress."*

Motoki's blog is in French. You can find it under the address jeudego-rfg.blogspot.com

Peter Dijkema ■

Annual General Meeting

The most Important decision every year at the AGM is the vote for the place of our Congress in three years. The Czechs won with their bid offering a mountain resort about 100 km North of Prague, where the last two Congresses in the Czech Republic were held.

At the AGM, Catalin again pleaded for having experienced people in the organising team. An idea supported by most strong players. They professionalise, organisers should as well. For this we need more sponsors and much larger amounts. The EGC's became too big to be run by only good willing amateurs and volunteers, who didn't attend any EGC before.

The EGF would be wise to formulate a long list of minimum requirements for organisers bids to be accepted to the vote at the AGM.

Peter Dijkema ■

The central event of the congress drew 443 players. After two rounds on Saturday the usual suspects appeared to lead the standings: Yanqi Zhang, Ondrej Silt, Kim Youngsam, Jeon Song Youn, Pal Balogh, Svetlana Shiksina and Ilya Shiksin. Also Dusan Mitic is among them. He defeated Cornel Burzo and Csaba Merö. Thomas lost one to Jeon and Ali Jabarin 6d – former European Youth Champion – to Kim. Of the 4-dans only Ondrej Kruml won first two games. Antonio Egea (E), Dick Riedeman (NL), Virgile Bayle and Andreas Goetzfield (D) were the unbeaten san-dans on Saturday. Even six ni-dans won both opening rounds, and four sho-dans: young Alex Ketelaars from Holland with Dominique Cornuejols, Eric Machet and Xavier Richard from France.

In round three Ilya, Ondrej and the two Koreans continued to win, but in the fourth they lost to their Korean opponents. With the fifth round still being played, it is already clear that first prize will go to Korea. Among dan-level players only three more went unbeaten into the final round: Anton Grzesniok 3d (D) and sho-dans Xavier Richard and Alex Ketelaars (NL).

Of 443 players there were many more kyu-level participants who were still unbeaten after 4 rounds:

- 1k – Henri Gauthier, Denis Kardaban (both F) and Julian van den Busken (I)
- 2k – Silvestru State (Ru) and Bruno Robert (F)
- 3k – Yves Mocquard and Thibault Naegele (both F)
- 4k – Jean Souchay (F) and Stefan Welebny (A)
- 5k – Alois Brachet and Eric le Morvain (both F)
- 7k – Vincent Tchong, Jérémic Rocher and Yves Pezetta (all F)
- 8k – Steven de Oliveira (F); 9k – Alexis Hatier (F)
- 10k – Niels Robin-Aubertin (F)
- 11k – Martin Deveaux and Lori Péan (both F)
- 13k – Bogdan Caragea (Ro) and Rémi Fossati (F)
- 14k – Jocelyn Wong; 17K – Cyriaque Hauguel; 18k – Stephanie Theunissen (B)
- 20k – Lydia Buntrock, Susanne Rohl (both D) and Alexandre Robert (F)

In the end, Jeon took the title. Kim came second. On SoDoS Ondrej won bronze, ahead of Ilya – who defeated his sister in last round, Ali Jabarin (Isr), Pal and Csaba, who all won four games.

You Zhou 5d, Vanessa Wong 4d (UK); san-dans Anton G, Virgile B, Mathieu D and Antonio E (E); ni-dans Toni K (Fi), Romain F, Masao I (Jap) and Aleksandre P; sho-dans Xavier R, Alex K and Annelin A all scored 4-1. Congratulations.

Several kyu-players finished with a clean record 5-0: Yves M 3k; Alois B and Eric le M 5k, while Max M won 4-0. Also Steven de O 8k, Niels R-A 10k, Bogdan C and Rémi F 13k, Cyriaque H 17k and young ladies Stephanie T and Suzanne R won all their five games in the weekend. Bravo!

Peter Dijkema ■

During the first few days of our Congress we met several professionals again, whom we had met before. Muraoka Shigeyuki 9P we had seen first time back at the EGC-1994 in Maastricht. He also was with his wife Mika 4P at the EGC-2007 in Villach, where we interviewed them for the bulletin. Both are members of Kansai Ki-in, like Hayashi Kozo 6P. Next to his talent for Go, Kozo is also a gifted amateur musician. At EGC-2006 in Frascati he became as popular as Saijo sensei for his endless public lectures and game commentaries, but amazed all by taking charge during the British Go Song Night. He played Japanese folk songs on a 5-string instrument which looked a bit like a banjo or a ukelele.

Here in Bordeaux, late Tuesday evening, he suddenly opened an instrument case and brought out an old 3-string samisen and started to play and sing traditional songs from Okinawa island. At the request of some die-hards of the French Summer School he followed suit with a rock song on the same instrument, so the Frenchman and his partner could show the 'traditional' dance of the 'Stage de l' Eté'.



■ Hayashi sensei ■

On Tuesday, also Enda Hideki 9P arrived. He has been on several teaching trips in Europe before. I remembered our first meeting during the Meijin-sen in Frankfurt. In the margin of this event several European talents were tested by both Chizu and Yamashiro Hiroshi 9P. The youngest among them were invited to Japan: the late Hans Pietsch 6P and from France Farid Benmalek. Also Pierre Adouard played a test game with Yamashiro, but he was a few years older. Hence he missed the 'cut'.

Thursday at lunch, I noticed that President Fred Renaud had fresh guests at his table. I recognised that he and his son with the help of Motoki entertained Takemiya Masaki, Michael Redmond and his wife, Chizu Kobayashi and her daughter, who is a great musical talent and several more. Luckily, organisers found a place in Talence for her daily piano practise. They both also were in Austria in 2007. While her mother lectured at the EGC in Villach and throughout the year often in Vienna - also with Takemiya a few times - she was studying at the Conservatorium in Salzburg.

With so many VIPs as guests, the chef did his best and lunch tasted ten times better than usual. So we really hope that the Japanese senseis will stay with us for many more lunches!

Afterwards, we had a short talk with Michael Redmond. I remember his simuls during the Meijin-sen in Germany. He told the bulletin: *"I been teaching in Europe before, but this my first participation at the European Congress. Unfortunately, I can only be here for a few days, as next week is the Congress of my home country. I attended many American Go Congresses"*.

While the senseis from the Nihon Kiin got ready for their public lectures, Muraoka gave private game commentaries for all interested. I saw him analysing the game of Geert Groenen 5d with two Dutch 4-dans as an audience.

Takemiya brought a large piece of art-work with him from Japan, a painting of a middle game

position from a classical game of Shusaku from the 19th Century with dragons representing groups at the go-board by Liku M Takahashi, titled “*The Cosmos with Nine Dragons*”.

In his commentary he wrote “*This is probably the first attempt ever in the long history of Go to introduce the world of go through artworks. It’s definitely a wonderful project*”.

If music counts as an work of art, than know of an earlier example from the 80-ies, by the American composer Haskell Small 2d, who wrote a piece for piano(s), based also on a classical game from Japan. With the help of Chizu and Michael I informed Takemiya sensei about that. A minute later Malcolm Schofield confirmed that Haskell Small is a well-known concert pianist from the US. “*About five years ago, I saw with Jean Michel a concert by Haskell Small in Paris.*”

On the large art work, the game position is not easy to recognise. From the folder which became available in the weekend, it’s clear: the most famous move in the history of go. Shusaku just played black 127, and the ear of his opponent Inoue Inseki turned red. In the game, Shusaku had fallen behind after the complicated fight in the lower right. His ear-reddening move turned the tables.

On Saturday, we first time broke university rules – in short: nothing is allowed – and brought out tables and sets outside, in the shadow along both sides of the foot path between main and staff buildings. As this was another brilliant idea of Takemiya sensei, organisers supported his proposition to transfer the simultaneous games scheduled inside on Saturday afternoon.

Peter Dijkema ■



■ *The Cosmos with Nine Dragons* ■

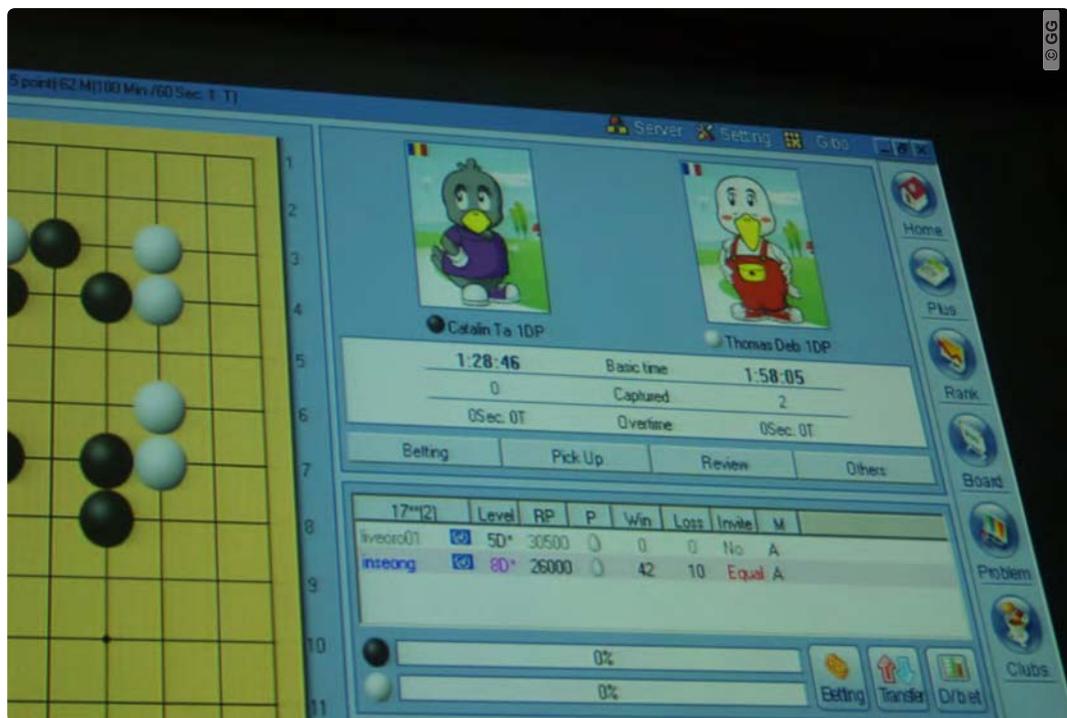


We watched the final part of the wbaduk event Thursday afternoon in Darwin Hall. Semi Lee and Hwang In-seong tested the life-and-death abilities of some 20 to 25 young players, who were called on stage. They got only one minute to solve 5 problems. Those who did all 5 correctly, got a prize. There were even some fans, signed by Lee Chang-ho to be won! Everybody attending got a mouse-pad with two problems. In-seong explained: “*The one in upper right corner is about 2-dan level. But the one in the lower left is really a good problem at 7-dan level. It took me two hours to solve it! I could write a book about all the variations.*” Next he showed some refections. The first move – B4 – was found by some in the audience, but no-one could think of the follow-up after White B3: Black D1, White C2, Black B1!

Most people don't realise that Hwang In-seong is also an European Champion. He was co-winner at the EGC-2009 in Groningen with Kim Eunkuk. Some authorities called Kim sole winner, breaking EGF rules. Incredible that our referees accepted this breach of rules by the rulers. Hwang and Kim ended even, even on SODOS. Hwang had lost their mutual encounter. Indeed this counts as last tie breaker in my European tournaments, but not at the EGC Championship!

Our lessons: 1. never trust members of the board, 2. never trust referees, they lack independence.

Peter Dijkema ■



■ WBaduk serveur interface ■

In Europe we only know the Go songs from the British Go Song Night, every last Friday evening at our Go Congresses. Former AGA President, Roy Laird, and Secretary, Bob High, also wrote many. Back in the late 80-ies both send me their songs. A few were published in GO MOON between 1988 and 1993, but most were never published - nor sang - in Europe. Sing along and enjoy.

First a song written by Jaap Blom, one of our players here – he attends the EGC every year since halfway the seventies. It is both in the “Official British Go Songs Book”, as well as the American version. By recent political events in the region it gained importance. The melody is an old gospel.

■ EGYPTIAN GO SONG

(melody: Go Down Moses)

by Jaap K. Blom

My black group was in white stones'land

(Refrain)

Chorus: Let my weak group go

Oppressed so hard it could not stand

I had a moyo on the side (Chorus)

Chorus: Let my weak group go

It was four points high and ten points wide

(Chorus)

(Refrain)

Go down, black stone

(Refrain)

Way down upon the board

Tell ole Honimbo to let my weak group go

Now that is where, to spoil the fun (Chorus)

My group for safety had to run (Chorus)

His sliding made me realize (Chorus)

The group I'd set up had no eyes (Chorus)

(Refrain)

(Refrain)

He paid no heed to what I said (Chorus)

thus my group to the centre fled (Chorus)

My group is alive, what victory! (Chorus)

But as I count, what misery! (Chorus)

(Refrain)

(Final Refrain)

Go up, white stones, way up in the bowl.

And won't you please very politely beg ole

Honimbo

to teach me better Go!

He did not listen to my call (Chorus)

And drove me up against the wall (Chorus)

(Refrain)

And then he forced 'round the bend (Chorus)

Now listen to where my group went (Chorus)

■ FRENCH GO SONG

Tune: The Marseillaise (sort of)

The following might have been a work in progress, as in the handwritten version I got from the late Bob High, the title is as above.

A French dan went to gay Parea, To enjoy a spot of go.
He played a line of onadare, That resulted in a ko.
But when he looked for a ko threat, He found that he had no threat at all.

*«Il y a un problème sérieux!
Si je perds le ko, je perds le jeu!
Où sont les menaces de ko?
Je voudrais avoir beaucoup!*

■ FORGET IT!

(Auld Lang Syne)

When our results did not live up to our expectations, we were forced to sing as follows on the last day of the tournament, which happened to be New year's Eve – probably of the London Open (PD)

■ WEAK GROUPS

(on the tune «Memories of CATS»)
by Bob High

1. *Weak groups!
All I'm left now are weak groups!
Running blindly across the board,
never reaching the side.
Where they had hoped to make some space,
some viable eye-shape
I fear my escape has quite misfired!*

2. *Ko threats! If I only had ko-threats!
Then my stones that are so beset,
could finally survive.
But I need plenty, for he,
must have nearly twenty
And fate sent me, only five.*

*Mon dieu, mon dieu!
Maintenant j'ai peur!
Où sont les menaces de ko?
J'ai besoin de menaces de ko!*

*Sacre bleu! nom d'un chien!
Je ne peux faire rien!
Où sont les menaces de ko?
Il n'y a pas de menaces de ko!
Mon dieu, mon dieu!
Est-ce que je meurs?»*

*Should all our go games be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Yes, all our games should be forgot
'Cause good moves we didn't find.*

3. *Yose! If I only knew yose!
If I could grab just a few more points,
but my groups are so thin.
He won't let me, in fact he's there,
still trying to get me.
This upsets me, I can't win.*

4. *Scoring! Oh, this part is so boring!
It's really so galling, that I have not won
But suddenly, what happiness in my heart is
dawning!
For a new game, has begun!*

■ Dames are a Group's Best Friend

(melody as «Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend»

sung by Marilyn Monroe)

by Bob High

1. Some like to jump out and to fight,
Like Kato, or like Kaji.
But I prefer a shape that's right,
To live with no bad aji.

A skip to fifth might be quite providential,
But eye-shape is a group's best friend.
That skip may be fine but those eyes are essential,
For a shape that's flat,
may turn into a prize quite fat.

Your opponent may nozoki
he may even play an oki,
But they're still on the board at the end.
Be they L-shaped or square-shaped,
Your stone must keep their shape,
Eye-shape is a group's best friend.

■ OI-O-TOSHI

(melody as «Frère Jacques»)

a Brooklyn Go Club collaboration

Oi-o-toshi

Nadare

Da-a-mezuari

Komoku

Anecdote (PD): "Sudden death"

Four people play renko at EGC singing Oi-o-toshi. Drinking wine. Laughing hard at every 'komoku' or 'oi-otoshi'. During the fifth game and the x-th bottle of good red Bordeaux, one player suddenly remembered the last line from the original, as he had learned during his youth. He rose. Played an oi-o-toshi, which caused damezuari and killed a large group.

He slapped his opponent in the face:

left - right - left.

2. Some like to try to make an eye,
To help in fightings duels,
But dames, in a semeai,
Are worth their weight in jewels.

An eye on the side's fine, that's quite evidential
But dames are a group's best friend.
An eye may be blind, but those dames are essential
If you get enough,
then you can act real tough

He may count'em, he may fill'em in a vain
attempt to kill'em
But they're sure to get by in the end
Be you nine dan or barmy,
Don't zumari you dame!
Dames are a group's best friend.

While he loudly sang: «DING, DANG, DONG». Laughing his ass off, he fell back to his chair, he thought ...

He fell backward, with his chair. He broke his neck!
... His friends knew:

He died having the best game of his life.

He died having the best time of his life.

A summary of professional news from Asia, mostly taken from DGZ 86 # 3

■ JAPAN ■

■ Honinbo

Hane Naoki won the 65th Honinbo league 6-1. Honinbo Yamashita Keigo won the first game with a fair margin. The second game was more exciting. In a deciding ko-fight, Hane ran out of threats and resigned. The third was close, but Hane lost again. The fourth was extremely close and Hane survived his first kado-ban. Early this Month Hane won his second game. The sixth and seventh game were scheduled in July. According to Toru, Yamashita survived the kado-ban once more. More over, he also won the decider! A classical turn-over like Cho Chikun performed a few times. Lose the first three to win the rest!

Motoki tries to get us the kifu of the 7th game.

■ Judan

Cho U and Iyama Yuta have met in many title matches recently. Iyama defeated a row of tough opponents to become challenger for 49th Judan-title: Kono Rin, Hane Naoki, Ko Iso, Yamashita Keigo and Takao Shinji.

The challenger resigned the first game half way the endgame, but he forced Cho to resign in only 116 moves in the second, killing a weak group. The fight in game three was as complicated as game one. It resulted in a two-step ko, which Iyama couldn't win. He won the fourth by a few points.

Iyama got black in the decider and took three corners. A large ko-fight emerged. Iyama sacrificed one corner to win the ko. Cho resigned after move 223. Iyama Yuto is the new 10-dan.

■ KOREA ■

According to the DGZ, Kim Chae Yeong, daughter of Kim Song Rae 8P, who teaches us here and the rest of the year in Budapest, became the youngest female pro in Korea last Spring at the age of 15. Her younger sister is 13 and already a promising insei as well. Their mother also teaches Baduk.

The youngest pro in Korea is currently Yi Dong Hun, aged 13. Cho Hun Hyeon's record, who became pro at the age of 9 years and 7 months, still stands firmly. Currently there are over 250 professionals in Korea, almost 50 of them are females.

■ Maxim Cup

Maxim seems to be a coffee brand, which even sells canned coffee. Park Young Hun 9P is an avid drinker of coffee during his games, usually from a can indeed. For the sponsor he is the ideal winner of the Maxim Cup. To judge by the result, coffee is a useful legal drug: Park defeated Yi Chang Ho 2-0 in the final. The first game was over fast, in 160 moves. The second was a close race till the very end, as Park won by half a point.

■ CHINA ■

■ Meijin

Zhou Ruiyang 5P currently leads the rankings in China. He made his way into the quarter-finals of the 24th Meijin, where he faces Chang Hao 9P, who visited us a few days ago. Another pairing are the top-dogs Gu Li 9P versus Kong Jie 9P.

■ Zhaoshang Bank Cup

Zhaoshang Bank Cup, formerly the CCTV Cup, is played with fast paced games broadcast on TV.

In the final of 10th ZBC, 20-years old Zhong Wenjing 5P defeated Wang Lei 8P. Both will represent China in the forthcoming Asia Cup between TV-lightning champions of China, Japan and Korea.

■ Tengen

Compared to last year, when he faced Gu Li, title bearer Chen Yaoye 9P, had an easy time against challenger for the 25th Tengen-title, Zhou Hexi 4P. The favourite won 2-0.

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By the way, did you know that the DGZ was named after a famous Chinese born player, of mythical proportions in Japan, the late great

Doichi Go Sei Tun 9P of mythical proportions. According to historical experts, he was the only one who could have kept legendary Go Seigen on black!

DGST was famous for his flexible opening strategy. His first two moves he usually played inside the square between hoshi and san-san on one side of the board. By his life-time he was already so holy that no-one dared to protest. During the early stages of the middle game he would move those opening stones with the edge of the sleeve of his kimono to an adjacent intersection, where it would work most useful for him. After his death at the age of 123, his elastic ni-ren sei opening was out-ruled by the emperor, who did love Go, but hated long-sleeved kimonos.



■ Hsieh Yimin 5P challenge Kakijima Mitsuharu 3K in blind go ■



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