



*Mayor of Brno gives
the first prize at Brno to
European Go Professional
Catalin Taranu*



Zhao Pei



*All first board games
were broadcast
live on IGS-PandaNet*

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TOYOTA – IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour 2004-2005 Final Report

Introduction

The Tour unites the traditional tournaments through a system of prizes for the top players combined with a uniform promotion policy to create large and lively events, and access to game records on IGS-PandaNet. The EGF, National Associations and the organisers of the tournaments work closely together to realize the objectives of the TOYOTA – IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour.

The TOYOTA IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour 2004-2005 consisted of eleven tournaments: Zagreb, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Brno, Bucharest, Belgrade, Brussels, Tampere, London, Velden and Paris. Total number of participants was 1344, plus hundreds more viewers on the Internet.

Zagreb Tournament 15/05/04-16/05/04

33 players took part in the Tour event in Croatia. Former European Champion Tibor Pocsai (6 dan Hungary) was the winner ahead of Czechs Radek Nechanicky (6 dan) and Ondrej Silt (5 dan), and Diana Koszegi (6 dan Hungary). Best local was Zoran Mutabzija who was fifth.

Amsterdam Tournament 20/05/04-23/05/04

Always a major in the TOYOTA - PandaNet European Go Tour, Amsterdam always attracts visitors to the Go Centre. 120 players took part this year including one from Latvia. The winner was professional player Catalin Taranu who is currently back living in Romania. Local lady Guo Juan was second with 5/6. European Youth Champion Ondrej Silt (5 dan Czechia) was third topping the group on 4 wins.



*All games on board 1 were live broadcast on PandaNet;
here Taranu vs. Teuber.*

Hamburg Tournament 29/05/04-31/05/04

The German TOYOTA - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour event in Hamburg was won by the European Youth Champion, Ondrej Silt from Czechia. Another Czech player Radek Nechanicky (6 dan) and local player Egbert Rittner (6 dan) were squeezed into joint second on tie-break. 205 players took part (50 percent up on 2003) and enjoyed lightning events, a barbeque and video and web broadcast of the top games.



The Hamburg tournament has always a possibility to play some rounds outdoors!

Brno Tournament 04/09/04-05/09/04

For the third year running the Czech event in the TOYOTA - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour was held in Brno. 160 players attended (one more than last year). The professional 5 dan currently back living in Romania, Catalin Taranu, was the winner with a perfect 6. Fellow Romanian Cristian Pop (7 dan) was second, losing only to Tibor Pocsai (6 dan Hungary). Third was Guo Juan (7 dan Netherlands); she lost to Taranu and Pop. Also winning four games were Cornel Burzo (Romania), Csaba Mero (Hungary), and Radek Nechanicky and Ondrej Silt (both Czechia). Tibor was not in the top places as he lost his last game to a Polish 2 dan.

Bucharest Tournament 02/10/04-03/10/04

83 players, mostly from Romania, attended the TOYOTA - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour event in Romania. Romanian Cornel Burzo (6 dan) won with a perfect 6. Second was Daniel Cioata (5 dan) with 5. Cristian Pop (7 dan) and Dragos Bajenaru (6 dan) were equal third. As is the custom now with Tour events, games were broadcast live on IGS-PandaNet.

Belgrade Tournament 22/10/04-24/10/04

34 players attended this TOYOTA - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour event in the Serbian capital. European Youth champion Ondrej Silt (6 dan Czechia) won yet another event with a perfect 6. Diana Koszegi (6 dan Hungary) was second with 5. Two local 5 dans took the third place with 4 wins: Nikola Jetvic and Milos Bojanic.

Brussels Tournament 30/10/04-31/11/04

108 players attended the traditionally large event in Brussels; this year it was a TOYOTA - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour event. Franz-Josef Dickhut (6 dan Germany) was the winner with 5/5. Second was Ms Pei Zhao (6 dan Germany). Radek Nechanicky (6 dan Czechia) topped the group on 3 wins.



Zhao Pei vs. Radek Nechanicky in Brussels

Tampere Tournament 04/12/04-05/12/04

62 players attended the Finish entry in the TOYOTA - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour held in Tampere. Diana Koszegi (6 dan Hungary) was the winner with a perfect 6/6. The group of players on 4/6 included 5 Finns and was topped by Lauri Paatero (3 dan) and Kare Jantunen (3 dan). Fourth were Matti Siivola (5 dan) and Viktor Bogdanov (6 dan Russia). In sixth by the tie-break was Esa Seuranen (1 dan).

London Open 28/12/04 -31/12/04

134 players attended the 31st London Open, held again at ISH, Great Portland Street. Again it was a major in the Toyota - IGS-Pandanet European Go Tour. Pei Zhao, the young Chinese lady from Germany, took an early lead beating Chinese boy Li Shen and Britain's Tony Goddard. She went on to win her first 7 games. Jun Tarumi (3 dan Germany) had won 5 games but had missed day two due to illness. This earned him the honour of playing Pei in the last round. The Czech 6 dan Radek Nechanicky beat Tony Goddard in the morning and lost to Li Shen in the afternoon. Li had beaten Christoph Gerlach in the morning, who won his afternoon game. As it turned out Pei lost to Jun, but because of his missed games he could not earn one of the prize places. So the order was:

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| 1. Pei Zhao | 6 dan Germany | 7/8 |
| 2. Radek Nechanicky | 6 dan Czechia | 6/8 |
| 3. Christoph Gerlach | 6 dan Germany | 5/8 |
| 4. Tony Goddard | 5 dan UK | 5/8 |
| 5= Li Shen | 5 dan UK | 5/8 |
| 5= Antoine Fenech | 4 dan France | 5/8 |
| Jun Tarumi | 3 dan Germany | 6/6 |



Christoph Gerlach in London

Velden Tournament 19/03/05-20/03/05

76 players from many countries took part at the Austrian entry in the Toyota - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour in Velden. Unbeaten winner was Ondrej Silt (6 dan Czechia). Those coming second only lost to the winner: Tibor Pocsai (6 dan Hungary) and Pei Zhao (6 dan Germany). With the Paris Finals to go this put Silt on 100 points ahead of Radek Nechanicky (89.97) and Diana Koszegi (73.07).

Paris Toyota - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour Finals 26/03/05-28/03/05

329 players took part, six more than last year in the 33rd Paris Open. Winner yet again on 6/6 was Fan Hui (8 dan) the Chinese based in France. Local Japanese 7 dans were second and fourth: Noguchi Motoki won 5/6 and Miyakawa Wataru won 4/6. Topping the group on 4/6 in third was Benjamin Teuber (6 dan Germany). Also on 4/6 were Cristian Pop (Romania), Radek Nechanicky (Czech) and Tibor Pocsai (Hungary). Also taking the point places were Csaba Mero, Ondrej Silt, Christoph Gerlach, Pierre Colmez and Zhao Pei.



**Tour referee William Wandel
gives the first prize to Fan Hui**



**Overall Ranking Winner
Radek Nechanicky**

Toyota - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour Rankings

Radek Nechanicky, the 6 dan from Czechia, just got enough points in the Paris Finals to win the tour and take the 1500 euro first prize with 109.97 points from 8 events. Young Ondrej Silt (also 6 dan from Czechia) was second with 103.33, as he was only allowed to hold 100 points before the finals, despite winning more. Third and fourth were two Hungarians: Tibor Pocsai and Diana Koszegi with 86.4 and 73.07 points. Next were Zhao Pei, Cristian Pop, Catalin Taranu, Benjamin Teuber, Fan Hui, Cornel Burzo, Noguchi Motoki and Guo Juan.

Overall Ranking Toyota – IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour 2004-2005

Top 35

No.	Player	Rank	Coun-try	BLED	ZAG REB	AMSTER DAM	HAM BURG	BRNO	BUCHA REST	BEL GRADE	BRUS SELS	TAM PERE	LON DON	VEL DEN	PA RIS	Total	Times
1.	Radek Nechanicky	6d	CZ	12.67	16	--	20	10.4	--	--	10.4	--	20	0.5	20	109.97	8
2.	Ondrei Silt	5d	CZ	20	16	11.5	20	10.4	--	24	--	--	--	24	3.33	103.33	8 (129.23)
3.	Tibor Pocsai	6d	HU	24	24	--	--	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	18	20	86.4	5
4.	Diana Koszegi	5d	HU	12.67	16	--	--	0.4	--	20	--	24	--	--	--	73.07	5
5.	Zhao Pei	6d	DE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	--	24	18	3.33	65.33	4
6.	Cristian Pop	7d	RO	--	--	--	--	20	14	--	--	--	--	--	20	54	3
7.	Taranu Catalin	5p	RO	--	--	24	--	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	48	2
8.	Benjamin Teuber	5d	DE	--	--	11.5	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	39.5	3
9.	Fan Hui	2p	CH	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	38	38	1
10.	Cornel Burzo	6d	RO	--	--	--	--	10.4	24	--	--	--	--	--	3.33	37.73	3
11.	Noguchi Motoki	7d	JP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	32	1
12.	Guo Juan	5p	NL	--	--	20	--	10.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	30.4	2
13.	Vladimir Danek	6d	CZ	12.67	--	--	8	0.4	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	30.07	4
14.	Franz-Josef Dickhut	6d	DE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	--	--	--	--	24	1
15.	Csaba Merö	6d	HU	--	--	--	--	10.4	--	--	--	--	--	9	3.33	22.73	3
16.	Egbert Rittner	6d	DE	--	--	--	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	1
17.	Miyakawa Wataru	7d	JP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	20	1
18.	Daniel Cioata	5d	RO	--	--	--	--	--	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	1
19.	Antoine Fenech	4d	FR	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.4	--	8	--	--	18.4	2
20.	Dragos Bajenaru	6d	RO	--	--	--	--	--	14	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	1
21.	Nikola Jevtic	5d	YU	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	--	--	--	--	--	14	1
22.	Milos Bojanic	5d	YU	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	--	--	--	--	--	14	1
23.	Lauri Paatero	3d	FI	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.2	--	--	--	13.2	1
	Kare Jantunen	3d	FI	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.2	--	--	--	13.2	1
25.	Matti Siivola	5d	FI	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.2	--	--	--	13.2	1
	Victor Bogdanov	6d	RU	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.2	--	--	--	13.2	1
27.	Esa Seuranen	1d	FI	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.2	--	--	--	13.2	1
28.	Christoph Gerlach	6d	DE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	--	3.33	11.33	2
29.	Geert Groenen	6d	NL	--	--	1.25	--	--	--	--	10.4	--	--	--	--	11.65	2
30.	Ivan Kostka	4d	CZ	2.57	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	11.57	2
31.	Merlijn Kuin	5d	NL	--	--	11.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.5	1
32.	Robert Rehm	5d	NL	--	--	11.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.5	1
33.	Martin Kuzela	4d	CZ	--	--	--	--	0.4	--	--	10.4	--	--	0.5	--	11.3	3
34.	Rita Pocsai	4d	HU	2.57	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.57	2
35.	Leon Matoh	5d	SI	2.57	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.57	2