



Final Report



TOYOTA - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour 2005-2006

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Amsterdam: F.-J. Dickhut vs Ondrej Silt



London: broadcasting game Hall vs Hwang

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Introduction

The European Go 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.

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If you are interested in game records of the tour, please visit:

<http://gobase.org/games/nn/tpeutour/>

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And more details of results, rankings and prizes are at:

<http://www.european-go.org/gotour/>

The TOYOTA - IGS-PandaNet European Go Tour

Review tournament by tournament (Majors are underlined):

- In Amsterdam Vladimir Danek 6d and Zhao Pei 6d (picture to the right) shared the first place of **110 participants**.
- Catalin Taranu 5p was in Hamburg on top of **196 participants**.
- Ondrej Silt 6d, Csaba Mero 6d and Tibor Pocsai 6d shared first place in Budapest over **79 participants**.
- Ondrej Silt 6d continued to play well and won in Warsaw with **65 participants**.
- St. Petersburg seemed a piece of cake for Russian local player **Alexandr Dinerchtein 1p** in a tournament with **82 participants**.
- **Cho Seok-Bin 7d** made his debut in the tour in Brno with a shared win together with **Cristian Pop 7d** and **Cornel Burzo 6d** (and frequent player on IGS-PandaNet) on top of **145 players**.
- In Bratislava **Cho Seok-Bin** won again, over **94 participants**.
- Copenhagen was the third win in a row for **Cho Seok-Bin**, where **23 players** participated.



- In Kiev four Ukrainians **Skochko, Jacenko, Zhurakovskij** and **Bogackij** shared first place while **67 players** joined the tournament.
- In London, where **152 players** joined, **Cho Seok-Bin** was again victorious and herewith he took a decisive lead in the overall ranking.
- Barcelona was won by **Hwang In-Seong** (leaving Cho second) on top of **109 participants**.
- **Hwang In-Seong** (picture to the left) continued his winning streak in Dublin, where **33 people** played.
- The final in Paris became a big struggle between Fan Hui and **Bao Yun**. The latter took the best of it, while **302 players** joined the main tournament.

In total **1457 participations** where made to the complete Tour.
In the next page, numbers are compared to previous years.



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Country	Cat.	Number of participants			
		2005-2006	2004-2005	2003-2004	2002-2003
France	Finals	302	329	320	275
Netherlands	Major	110	120	128	109
Germany	Major	196	205	136	118
Czechia	Major	145	160	159	115
UK	Major	152	134	127	98
Hungary	Top B	79		62	
Poland	Top B	65		63	
Spain	Top B	109		96	
Slovakia	Top B	94		51	
Russia	Top B	82		89	
Slovenia	Top B		53		60
Romania	Top B		83		58
Belgium	Top B		108		84
Austria	Top B		76		44
Denmark	Top C	23			40
Ukraine	Top C	67			107
Ireland	Top C	33			27
Serbia	Top C		34		
Croatia	Top C		33		
Finland	Top C		62		
Sweden	Top C			59	
Italy	Top C			76	
Total		1457	1397	1366	1135
Increase (2002-2003 = 100%)		128%	123%	120%	100,00%

Place /Tournament Name :

Paris, "Tournoi International de Go de Paris"
 Amsterdam, "Het Amsterdams Toyota PandaNet Go Toenooi"
 Hamburg, "Hamburger Affensprung Turnier"
 Brno, "Výsledky domácích akcí Pandanet Toyota Tour, Brno"
 London, "London Open"
 Budapest, "Toyota - Pandanet Európai Go Körverseny"
 Warsaw, "Warszawski Miedzynarodowy Turniej Go"
 Barcelona, "Torneo de Barcelona"
 Bratislava, "Casino Go Tournament"
 St. Petersburg, "K???? ????? ??????, Toyota Pandanet"
 Bled, "Slovenian Open"
 Bucharest, "Bucharest Open"
 Brussels, "Brussels Tournament/Tournoi de Bruxelles"
 Velden, "Velden Open"
 Copenhagen, "Copenhagen Open"
 Kiev, "Kiev Tournament"
 Dublin, "Irish Open"
 Belgrade, "Belgrade Open"
 Zagreb, "Croatian Open"
 Tampere, "Tampere Go Tournament"
 Gothenburg, "Göteborg Open – Toyota Pandanet"
 Milan, "Mauro Brambilla Memorial"

The Hamburg “Monkey Jump” Tournament

This second tournament seemed the beginning of a real contest between three times overall winner Radek Nechanicky from Czechia and Europe’s strongest professional Catalin Taranu from Romania. After prize giving (see the picture to the bottom right) Radek was only 0.4 tour points ahead of Catalin (pictured below).



It turned out Catalin didn't find the time to play many more tournaments. But thanks to his 1st place in Hamburg and his 5th place in Paris he took 8th place in the overall ranking.



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Finals
in
Paris



Above: the main playing room

Left: Fan Hui vs Bao Yun,
their game was broadcast live on IGS-PandaNet.

See: <http://gobase.org/games/nn/tpeutour/paris2006/>

Inside story of a participant in the Paris Finals

(taken from <http://www.impalapublications.com/blog/index.php?/archives/2006/04/21.html>)

Ian Davis is keen player of the oriental game of GO and writes on his GO adventures in Paris -

'Owing to the lack of Go tournaments in Ireland I am sometimes forced to travel to enjoy the game. So it was that I spent this Easter at the Paris Open, with some 300 other Go players for the final of the European Toyota-Pandanet Tour. The tournament attracted players from all across the continent and some special guests from China and the USA. This is one of the reasons I so like it, to be able to meet and communicate with so many cultures through this game is rather special. It also allows me to meet in real life many of the opponents, or should I say friends, I have faced over the Internet. In particular I also got to meet my *sensei* (teacher) **Cristian Pop**.

Cristian is one of the top players in Europe; he hails from Romania and is one of the few players from the West to have spent time in Japan as an Insei (a trainee professional). Although he stayed for 2 years, Cristian decided eventually that professional life wasn't for him, and returned home to Romania. Here in Europe he is one of the few to have reached 7th dan, I told him it was because he was 7ft tall. Despite such strength though, he was unable to unseat the Chinese players **Fan Hui** and **Bao Yun**.

The clash between these two decided the tournament winner; Bao Yun (former professional) came out on top to win with 6/6. He is the only player in the world able to complete a game of Go in his head - Blind Go. Considering the size of the board (19x19), that's quite some feat. Last year he defeated **Matthew Macfadyen** (6 dan), long time British Champion, in a blindfold exhibition game.'

Ian Davis himself, as 3rd kyu with 3 wins out of 6 games, became 117th.

Cristian Pop took 8th place, only enough to be on the bubble in the final ranking: he ended just outside the prizes at the 13th place of the tour.