

Monday meetings 7.30 pm Clare College Old Court

10 May Clare in Clare Buttery, then 17, 24, 30 May in the Latimer Room.

Competition Night 8 March

Popular winner and current holder of the Sonoyama Trophy was Toshio Oshima 4 *kyu* with 5/6 on tiebreak, from Matthew Woodcraft 1 *dan* and Chris Goldsmith 5 *kyu*, in a field of 18. Promoted on the night were Sumire Ohshima to 12 *kyu*, Ukrit Mankong to 12 *kyu*, Alistair Turnbull to 13 *kyu*.

Bar-Low results, at MSO Cambridge

Winner was Jong Ug Kim 1 *kyu* from Epsom, with the only unbeaten record of 5/5. Local interest came from Woodcraft (rather dangible ghost) 4 Reid 3 Toshio Ohshima 3 Flinders 3 Gardner 2 Goldsmith 2 Ian Davis 1 Mader 1 all above the bar; Williamson 3 Sebastian Bleasdale 3 Jenny Hughes 1 Mankong 2 Krempel 2 Sumire Ohshima 1 Shuntaro Ohshima 1 Ball 2. That's 16 out of the total 30 there.

Candidates' Tournament, Leamington 20 - 21 March

This is the first stage qualifier for the British Championship. Alex Selby with 3/4 seemed to have missed qualification for the Challenger's at 6th on tiebreak, behind Tim Hunt amongst others, but in the end got a place as reserve. Paul Taylor scored 2/4, still as a 1 *kyu* (can't be for long, now). Will Brooks, drafted as a ghost, had a good win over Bob Bagot (2 *dan*).

Will Brooks in Cologne

At the European Youth Championship on May 1-2, Will (still 14, just) scored 3/6 above the bar in the U-18 section. Not pleased to lose to others of his grade (1 *kyu*) he did win against a *dan* opponent, too. Highlights for him: watching 40 episodes of the *Hikaro no Go anime*, and meeting up again with Yuki Shigeno, pro 2 *dan* based in Milan. He placed 29th out of 184 in this big event. (<http://www.dgob.de/tourn/tourn.cgi?f=04deey18.txt&mode=cml> for details.)

BGA KGS online tournament 1 June - 31 July

This will be run by Ian Davis, until recently a Cambridge club player. Details are posted at <http://www.britgo.org/tournaments/2004/kgs/index.html>.

Uganda, anyone?

Charles Matthews writes: any player 10 *kyu* or above interested in travelling in July (ideal time of year) to coach go players at the Kampala YMCA, as I did last year, is assured of a great welcome. I can explain practical details to anyone attracted by this.

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Enigmatic references in *Tesuji* 81 were to *Guardian* cartoons by Posy Simmonds.

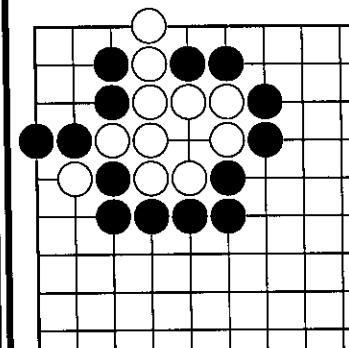
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White to play What should happen? White, naturally, needs another eye, sharpish.

Go meetings around Cambridge

- Mondays: Clare College (see back)
- Tuesday meetings: *The Castle Inn*, Castle Street 7.30 pm.
- Wednesday Junior Chess & Go in school term.
- Thursdays 7 to 9 pm in the University Centre, top floor Reading Room.
- Fridays 7 to 9 pm at 'CB1', 32 Mill Road.
- Sundays informally in CB1, from about 4 pm

AGM 10 May in the Buttery Clare College 7.30 pm

The Cambridge Go Society's Annual General Meeting will take place at the regular Monday time, but in *Clare Buttery*. Committee elections are the main business; please come and support. Charles Matthews is stepping down as Secretary, and will say a few words (long speeches not expected). Games of go are predicted to start not long after 8 pm.

Ward's Challenge

This year's Challenger's League, one of the tightest in recent times, was held in Cambridge 30 April to 3 May, at the MSO and in Trinity Junior Parlour. David Ward 4 *dan* made the most of home advantage in a final Bank Holiday Monday of drama, as everything went right for him by half-point margins. He challenges Matthew Macfadyen 6 *dan* for the British Championship in August. Alex Selby was fifth and Tim Hunt seventh, out of eight.

Broader Horizons

With Team CBI (Ward, Beck, Visser and Mader) in at the Paris event a few weeks ago, and Will Brooks competing in the European Youth in Cologne as we go to press, here's the low down from a frequent flyer

I would thoroughly recommend the experience of playing go in overseas tournaments. I have never played competitively in the Far East and have only attended two European Congresses (time constraints). Instead I played in three or four European weekend tournaments every year since I can remember. I have made some good friends over the years through playing go. These friendships become cemented if you get the chance to stay with go players during the tournaments. Apart from saving on the cost of accommodation (you reciprocate when you have the chance) you get the chance to experience something of a different culture, outside hotels. I recommend the Paris tournament at Easter. It is on the up since last year, with 300 players in 2004. The venue has improved beyond recognition; and the organisation has gone from a standing joke to a very well run tournament. It is also traditionally one of the most difficult tournaments to do well at, not least because the French have their own penal grading system. If the go isn't good you always have the chance to drown your sorrows in one of the bars around the Place d'Italie. I have also played in Budapest, Gothenberg, Dublin, Barcelona and Amsterdam over the last eighteen months; all have been welcoming and go is a universal language.

I played recently in the Oza Tournament in Amsterdam, which determines the European representatives in the professional tournament in Japan. I scraped in as one of the lowest qualifiers of 82 representatives and having come last in the inaugural tournament two years ago expected more of the same. The tournament got off to a very bad start for us Brits as Matthew Macfadyen missed his flight and couldn't attend. This left Matthew Cocke and me to fly the flag, quite literally; each representative has their own national flag beside each game.

The tournament went rather better than I had expected. I was drawn in the first round against Farid Ben Malek, a very pleasant French 6 dan and sometime *insei*. I played a couple of slow moves in the opening, made a reasonable fist of it, and ended up losing by 9 points, which was no disgrace. In the second round I played Thomas Hershe, a Danish 5 dan, and managed to convert an advantage in the opening into a win (even withstanding my usual horrendous time scramble). My third round opponent was Robert Rehm, one of the elder statesmen of Dutch go. Some fifteen years ago when I was struggling to get to *shodan* the Dutch first *kyus* were the scourge of European go; and it used to be said that the reason the Dutch first *kyus* were so strong was that Robert Rehm wouldn't promote them! I played a reasonable game for about 70 moves or so, then rather overplayed my hand. I had some chances in the fighting that followed but played feebly. My final game was against a strongly ranked Ukrainian 4 dan. I played an adventurous sacrifice strategy which turned out particularly well, I captured a large group and on this occasion managed to hang onto my advantage. 41st out of 78, not bad at all. Matthew also got 2 out of 4 (31st) and was through to the

last 16, in the rapid tournament the next day. So all in all we didn't let ourselves down.

I opted out of the rapid, and watched the knockout stages. I always like watching strong players play and Alexander Dinerstein (now a pro in South Korea) is really a cut above the rest of the European competition. His moves all seem very simple and once played look extremely obvious. He exudes enormous confidence at the board; it is how I imagine Kasparov playing chess. In the semifinal he won easily against Frank Jansen, and I left for the airport before the final sure Dinerstein would win. Accidents do happen and he ended up losing the final to another Russian, Kulkov. According to the commentary he had a won game but tightened up and played too safely. Goes to show that it can happen to the best of them (us).

David Ward

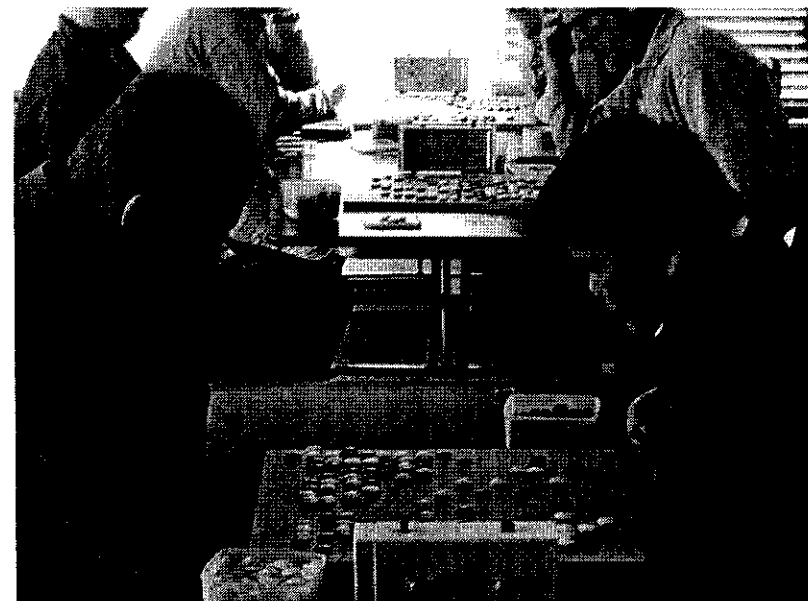
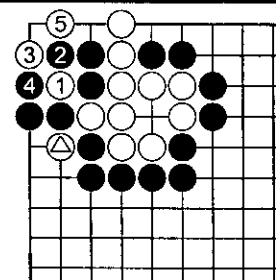


Photo Alistair Turnbull

Closer to home: Ward 4 dan (left) takes on Li Shen 5 dan at Trigantius in February



Front page problem

White must take advantage of the marked stone. (left) Correct, with *ko* for life. (Right) Wrong.

