

London Open results 28 - 31 December

The reviving London Open attracted 130 and a strong international field this year; winner was Zhao Pei 6 *dan* from Frankfurt. Cambridge players were Ward 3/8, Beck 4, Brooks 4 at 1 *dan*, Flinders 4 at 1 *kyu*, Krempel 5, Mader 4, Mankong 5, Turnbull 2. Cambridge Wanderers: Tony Goddard 5 and 5th overall, Tim Hunt 3, Paul Taylor 4, Ian Davis 3/7 at 4 *kyu*.

New Year *kyu* gradings

This is the traditional time of year to run down the grades as they appear on the club web site. Please send in any updates or outright omissions.

1 *kyu* William Brooks (EGF 2015), Matthew Reid (1989), Cédric Fournet, Fabien Letouzey, Yong Mao, Linus Lee Zhi Yuan, Mathieu Flinders (1960) 2 Kim Rutherford, Bin Wu, Frank Fu 3 Andrew Walkingshaw, Paul Russell, Roger Murby 4 Ross Anderson, Christoph Bergemann, Toshio Oshima, Frank Visser, Geoff Walker 5 Paul Kersey, Ramanando, Richard Parker, Ansar Malik, Chris Goldsmith, Toby Kenney, Nick Krempel, Simon Mader 6 Jaime Crawford, Mark Dalgarno, Andy Plater, Stephen Burgess, Ukrit Mankong 7 Alex Ridgeon, Takuma Goto 8 Michael Thomas, Tim Wesson, Benny Hsu 9 Jenny Hughes, Jon Woolf, Rob Williamson, Johannes Nordström, Jonathan Medlock, Tom Ford 10 Geoffrey Kirkness, Andrea Smith 11 Steve Cooper, Hoiping Mok, Chris Ball, Steve Moratti 12 Ben Hanley 13 Alistair Turnbull 14 Peter Jackson, Liwei Deng, Graham Sills 15 Keith Chan, George Matthews, Amyas Phillips, Jack Waldron 17 Sean Moran, Mark Shaffer 18 Stephen Chester, Oliver Hallam, Colin McQuillan 19 Vilhelm Sjöberg, David Evans, Edmund Owen 20 Alex Fox, Tom Garnett, Mark Rison 21 Edwin Thompson, Dennis Chan 22 Julian Holstein 23 Mark Durkee, Peter Janiszewski, Matthew Johnson 24 Douglas W. 25 Sophie Sabinot, Jonathan Woodfield, Paul Varley

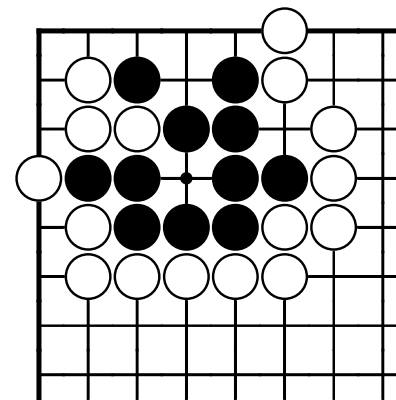
Will Brooks makes it a 2004 Youth Go treble

William Brooks, a student at the Perse School who will sit his GCSEs this summer, won the 2004 UK Youth Grand Prix. He finished on 1423 points from national tournaments, 63 points ahead of 2003 champion Jonathan Englefield from High Wycombe. In February Will won the British Youth Championships ahead of Chao Gao from Bloxham in second place. In July he took the overall title at the UK Go Challenge; this time the runner-up was Hetty Boardman-Weston from Loughborough. (Will also made it into the first round of the 2004 British Maths Olympiad.)

Placed 7th in the Youth Grand Prix was Matthew Harris (30 *kyu*) of the Cambridge Junior Chess&Go Club; others locals on the list were Sumire and Shuntaro Oshima, *dan*-level junior Sung-Won Ko, and Owen Walker. The 2005 British Youth Go Championships take place 23 January.

2005: Year of Self-Deprecating Humour

Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled. All the expert comedians invited to participate said that they weren't really any good at it.



Black is to play.
And live.
Solution inside.

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For updated information on meetings and activities,
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Move to Pembroke College

Go meetings guide for Cambridge

Mondays: from

January 24 these will take
place in Pembroke College
on O Staircase, starting with a
7.30 - 8 pm teaching session

Tuesdays: *The Castle Inn,*

Castle Street 7.30 pm

Wednesdays: Junior Chess & Go in

Chesterton Community College from 6.15 pm
contact Paul Smith 563932 (school term time)

Thursdays: 7 to 9 pm in the University Centre,
top floor Reading Room, past Grads coffee bar

Fridays: 7 to 9 pm at 'CB1' cyber café, 32 Mill Road.

Sundays: informally in CB1, from about 4 pm

And at other times in CB1 (most evenings)

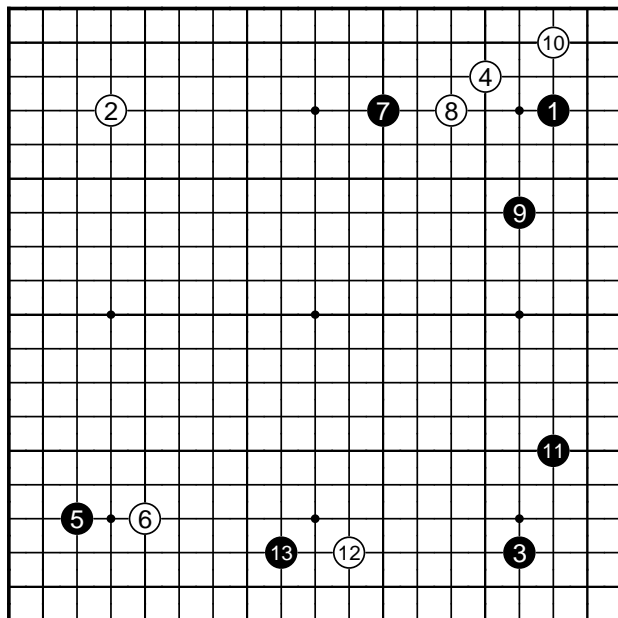
Monday meetings this term start January 24. We are
in the O staircase supervision room tucked away in
New Court, which is down on the basement level.
Teaching will continue: this is your opportunity to bring
along a game record for comment. Beginners are
welcome, as ever.

Competition Night

A tie at the top and a clear Novices'
winner rounded off last term's
gatherings on 29 November. On 5/
6 were Matthew Woodcraft,
Jonathan Chin and Ukrit Mankong.
Walk-in winner for the Novices'
was Stephen Chester.

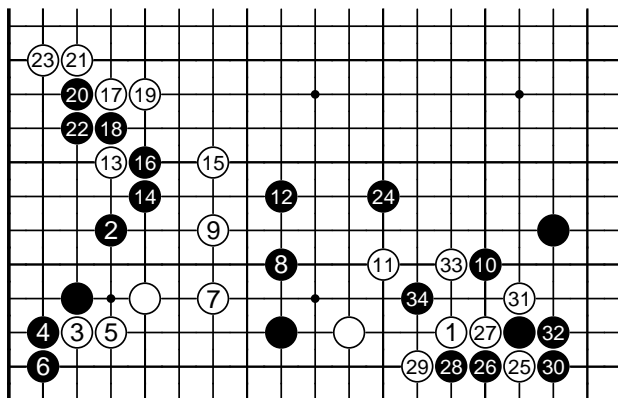
Kato Masao (1947-2004)

Kato Masao, the Japanese player known from his young exploits known as 'Killer Kato', died of a brain haemorrhage on 30 December, aged 57. He was the first of the Three Crows of the Kitani Dojo (with Ishida and Takemiya) to make it into a top title match, and won his first title in 1976, after many failures. Initially he was too aggressive, by pro standards; later in life he became a most orthodox, though still combative player. He came back from the wilderness to win the Honinbo Title in 2002, while at the same time positioning himself to take power last year as a reforming administrator in the Nihon Ki-in, the world's biggest pro organisation, and become President of the International Go Federation. In this game from the 1970 Honinbo League he had Black against Takagawa, a great of a previous generation.

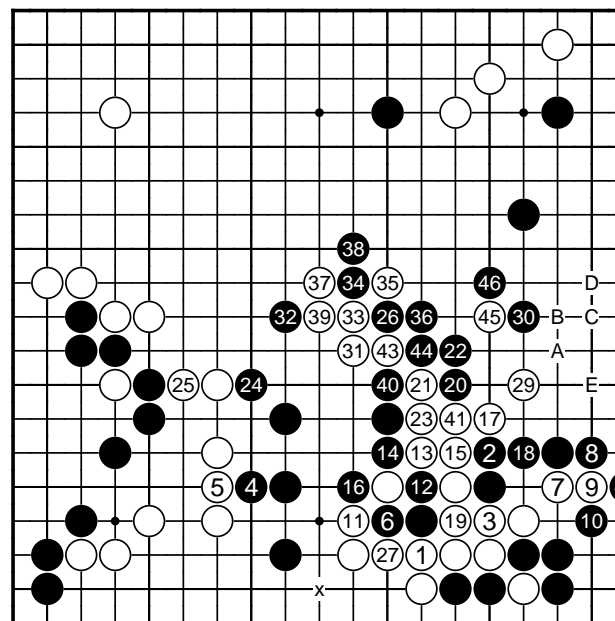


This is a classical opening, Shusaku style. Black 9 and 11 stretch to build efficiently on the right. White 12 tries to limit Black's ambitions, but the invasion Black 13 give White two groups to handle.

In the next diagram Black's attack builds up steadily, and in good order. Black 10 induces White 11, making Black 12 look natural and good. The capping play Black 24 is the first sign of actual aggression. Then Black 26 signals that Black is seriously going for the white group.



Black 34 is an outright attempt to spoil White's eye shape. Black is in fact quite thin to the left and right, so that this sort of committal attack is not necessarily going to be successful.

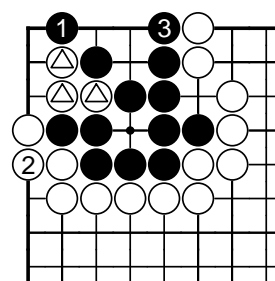


This is the rest of the game, White resigning after Black 46 here (move 93 of the game). Black 28 connects.

White must have misjudged something in this fight. At the end of it, White has 'x' for an eye at the bottom, in *sente*, but on the right there is no clear eye. The sequence White A. Black B etc. doesn't actually make an eye here, after Black F.

Takagawa, born 1915, was at his peak in the 1950s, but won the 1968 Meijin Title.

From the point of view of attacking technique, note how Black plays 4 and 24 in this diagram on 'the other side' to cover his back, long before they are needed. In the final position White has no significant counterattack.



Front page problem

Correct:

The right thing to do is simply to threaten the three marked stones with Black 1, and complete the eye with 3.

Incorrect:

If Black plays the other way round, a devious *ko* can arise. Here Black could possibly live and gain more. It is though a trap Black can set, not the answer.

