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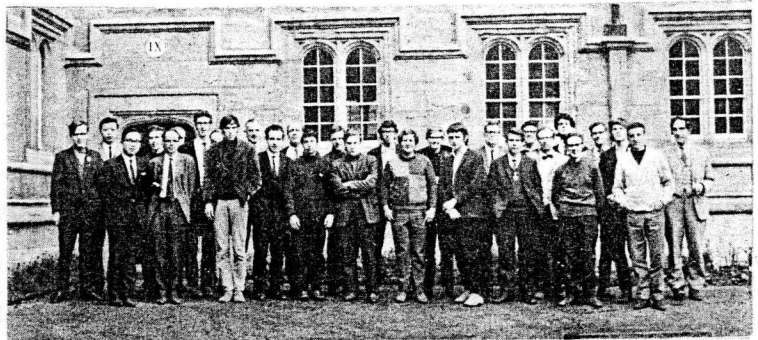
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NEWS (1) OXFORD (British Go Congress)

The first British National Go Congress was held in Jesus College, Oxford on 22nd - 24th March 1968, when 57 players from all over England took part. The organised competition took the form of a 6-round handicap event, with simultaneous games by John Diamond and Tony Goddard on the Friday and a demonstration game between John Tilley (5 stones) and Tony Goddard on the Sunday.

After the Congress a committee made recommendations for adjustments to some handicaps and how national handicaps should be made consistent.

The competition produced some interesting results -- two jigos (ties), one with G.Service (Oxford 25) eliminating J.Diamond (Cambridge 14) from the competition for the first division, for which he was favourite. Diamond confirmed his position as Britain's top player by victories over Y.Nakata (Oxford 15) and A.Goddard (Cambridge 15). The other players all lost at least one game, leaving J.Cock (Cheltenham 23) the surprise winner of Division 1 with a perfect record - equalled only by J.Herman (Oxford 38) winner of the third division.



The photo shows most of the players present.

<u>Division 1</u> (15 players, classes 14-26)				
1	J.Cock	Cheltenham	23	6 wins
2	J.Diamond	Cambridge	14	5½
3	Y.Nakata	Oxford	15	5
	L.Bock	London	20	5
	A.Daly	Oxford	25	5

<u>Division 2</u> (7, 28-32)				
1	C.Clement	Harwell	28	3½
<u>Division 3</u> (8, 34-38)				
1	J.Herman	Oxford	38	6
2	R.Hays	Bristol	35	5½

<u>Division 4</u> (9, 39-47)				
1	J.Richardson	Middlesborough	39	4

<u>Division 5</u> (3, 50-60)				
1	D.Chandler	Bristol	60	5

There was a 5-way tie in Division 4 and Richardson was awarded the prize, having the highest rating.

On these results the following recommendations were made:

Y.Nakata	Oxford	15	to	14	J.Richardson	Middlesborough	39	38
L.Bock	London	20		19	J.Thewlis	Middlesborough	40	39
J.Cock	Cheltenham	23		21	T.Hall	London	42	41
G.Service	Oxford	25		24	R.Talbot	London	45	44
A.Daly	Oxford	25		24	M.Harper	Oxford	47	46
R.Hays	Bristol	35		33	A.Sommerville	Bristol	50	48
J.Pusey	London	36		35	W.Watson	Bristol	52	50
J.Herman	Oxford	38		35	D.Chandler	now Bristol	60	57
D.Hunter	Oxford	40		38				

Report by A.Daly

