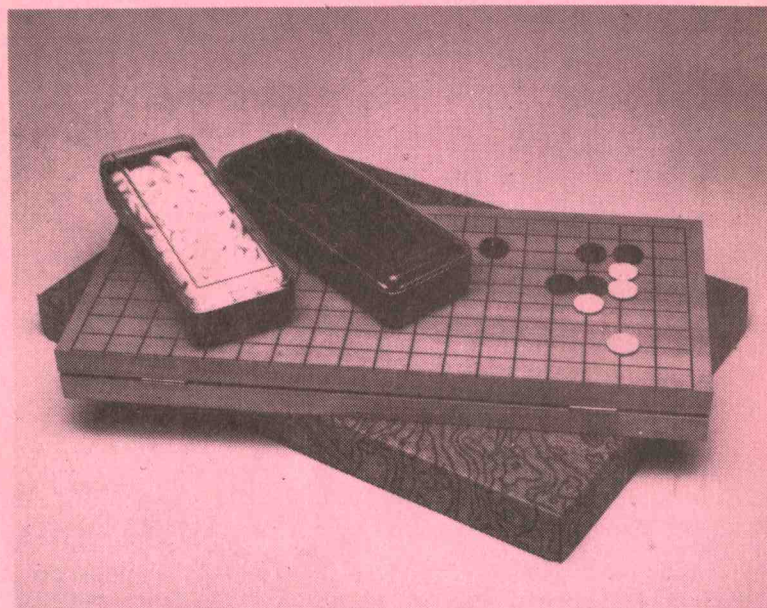


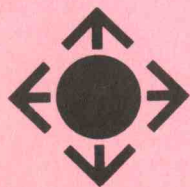
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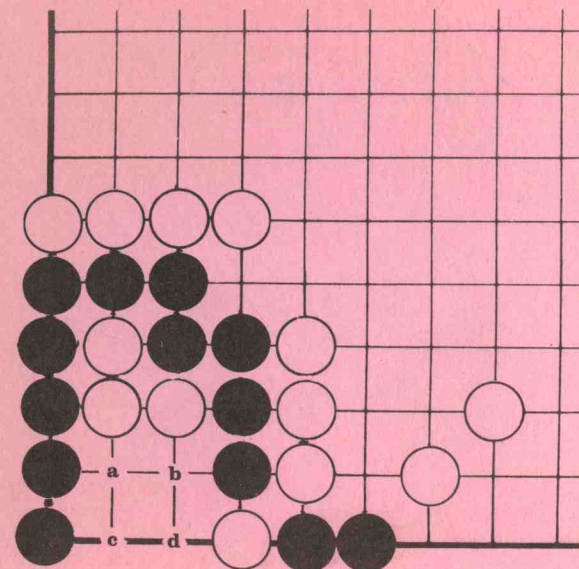
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SOLUTION to cover problem: Black plays 'a', threatening 'b' with one eye against the edge or two eyes above. So White answers with 'd' and Black lives with 'c', capturing all five White stones next move 'e'.

CANDIDATES & CHALLENGERS

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CANDIDATES

Report by David Wells

This year's Candidates Tournament started with a hiccup and continued with a mixture of surprises and expectations fulfilled. Due to what is technically known as administrative error, Frank Pratt was invited, as last reserve unnecessarily, making the numbers up to an odd 19. The invitation was allowed to stand and he proved his strength by coming in the middle of the field.

The second most notable feature of the tournament, indeed, was the strength of the supposedly weaker players, the 'merely' shodans. Bates put in a solid performance, beating all his opponents except Mitchell and Pirani for 3rd place, but Castledine and May were pushed well down into 7th and 6th places by Hunter and Jones. Both shodan, the strength of their play ceased to surprise after a while as they continued to forge ahead.

Racing ahead, however, were Mitchell and Pirani. Mitchell habitually plays well in the Candidates and though he was in difficulties in several games, he kept a clean score, including a win over Pirani who still scored 7/8. They both have forceful styles and Pirani especially can overwhelm his opponents with the sheer confidence of his play.

So the tournament ended with five fine performances and the first two reserves for places in the Challenger's,

Jones and May, wondering what were the chances that Tony Goddard, (known to be in Germany,) and Paul Prescott, (last seen in the wilds of Hertfordshire,) would decline their places.

Stuart Dowsey and Matthew Macfadyen were certainly accepting their invitations so the prospects for third reserve Brian Castledine looked bleak indeed. Sitting on the steps of the Go Centre, appropriately as the sun set, he plaintively enquired the point of trying so hard and getting nowhere. How little did he know?

1st David Mitchell 8; 2nd Adam Pirani 7; 3rd Jim Bates 6; 4th Derek Hunter 5; 5th David Jones 4½; 6th Frank May 4½; 7th Brian Castledine 4; 8th John McLeod 4; 9th Charles Matthews 4; 10th Richard Smith 4; 11th Frank Pratt 4; 12th Jim Barty 3½; 13th John Allen 3½; 14th Francis Roads 3; 15th Nick Webber 3; 16th Allan Scarff 3; 17th Harry Fearnley 3; 18th Paul Fage 2; 19th Mark Hall 1 (Separation of ties by sum of opponent's scores.)

CHALLENGERS

Report by Adam Pirani

The Challenger's League of the 1978 British Championship was played over the two weekends of the 17/18th and

