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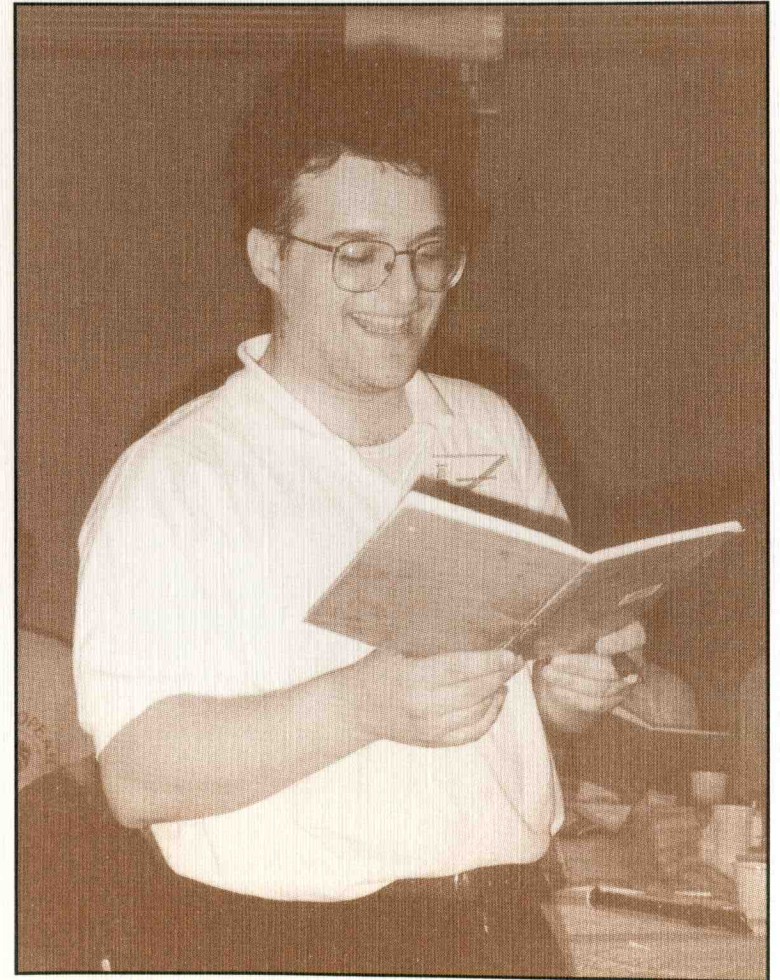
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Front cover: At the European Go Congress Song Evening, Gionata Soletti sings the Tournament Director's song. (Photograph by Francis Roads.)

Tournament Calendar

Bank of China Cup: 22 September. Alex Rix, 0181-533-0899.

Shrewsbury: 6 October. Brian Timmins, 01630-685292.

International Teams Trophy: 13 October. By invitation only. David Ward, 0171-3543285.

Wessex: Marlborough, 27 October. Terry Wright, 01275-842258 (before 10pm).

Three Peaks: Thornton in Lonsdale, 9-10 November. Toby Manning, 01926-888739.

Swindon: 24 November. Paul Barnard, 01793-432856 (before 9.30pm).

West Surrey Teach-in: 7 December. Charles Bockett-Pugh, 01252-878191.

West Surrey Handicap: 8 December. Charles Bockett-Pugh, 01252-878191.

Anglo-Japanese: 14 December. By invitation only. David Ward, 0171-3543285.

London Open: December—January. Harold Lee, 0181-4401001.

London Youth: January.

Furze Platt: January.

School Teams: January.

Wanstead: February.

Oxford: February.

Trigantius: Cambridge, February.

International Teams: March.

Irish Open: March.

South London: March.

Coventry: March.

British Go Congress: April. In Berkshire?

Anglo-Japanese 'B': April.

Candidates': May. By invitation only.

Bracknell: May.

Scottish Open: May.

Challenger's: June.

Pair Go: June.

British Small Board Championships: June.

Leicester: June.

Anglo-Japanese: June. By invitation.

Barmouth: June.

Devon: July.

Isle of Man: August 1997. (One week, alternate years.)

Northern Go Congress: Manchester, September.

Milton Keynes: September.

Tournament Organisers: Please supply information to the editors of the Journal and the Newsletter as early as possible

Notices

Subscriptions

Membership fees have been increased, following discussion at the AGM in April.

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UK: full rate £9. Junior, O.A.P. and Unemployed, £4.50. Family rate £14.

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Four Hundred Years of Japanese Go

by Andrew Grant

Part 20: The Nihon Kiin and the Kiseisha

The Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 caused all the Tokyo based go groups to suffer enormous financial losses. It became well-nigh impossible for them to continue independently, and a leading politician and patron of go, Baron Okura, went to great lengths to persuade the various factions to settle their differences.

In May 1924 a conference was held at the new Imperial Hotel in Tokyo (one of only a handful of buildings still standing after the earthquake), attended by all the top players from Tokyo as well as delegates from Nagoya, Kobe, Osaka (including the last Inoue head, Egeta Inseki) and Kyoto. As a result of this historic meeting, a single national go association, the Nihon Kiin, was founded in July 1924, and the Honinbo and Inoue schools, Hoensha, and Hiseikai ceased to exist. (Egeta later withdrew from the Nihon Kiin and re-established the Inoue school. I don't know whether the Inoue school survived the war, though it was definitely in existence as late as 1937. Egeta himself lived until 1961.)

Although the Honinbo school no longer existed, the intention was to continue the Honinbo succession, with the title of Honinbo going to the strongest player as before. Shusai had already decided upon his heir - Kogishi Soji, one of the greatest prodigies in go history. Kogishi's talent was acknowledged

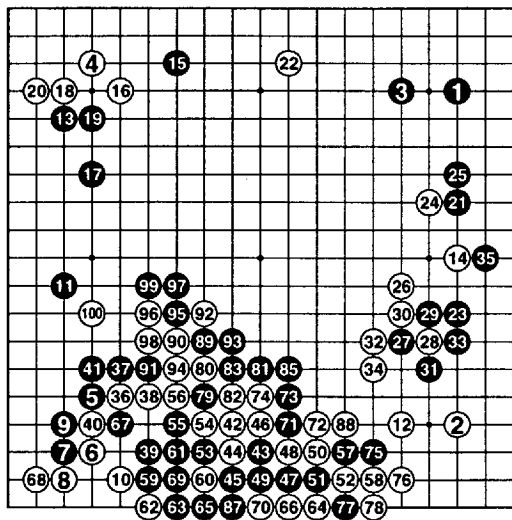


Figure 1 (1—100)
84 at 79, 86 at 77

White: Honinbo Shusai Meijin, 9 dan. Black: Karigane Jun'ichi, 7 dan. Played at the Yomiuri Press building from September 7 to October 18 1926. Time limits: 16 hours per player. Komi: None. Black loses by running out of time. If the game had finished normally Black would have lost by about six points.

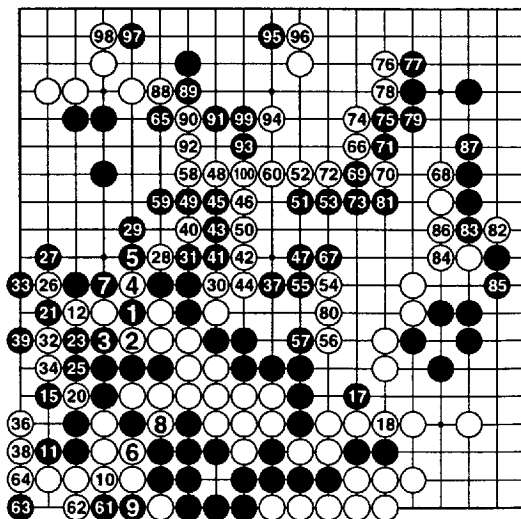


Figure 2 (101—200)
Ko (104/101): 113, (114 at 67), 116, 119, 122, 124, 135 at 120

by all; in a tournament sponsored by the Jiji Shimpo newspaper, in which the idea was to match a strong player against successive opponents until he lost a game, whereupon his opponent would take over, he won 32 successive games against all-comers. Shusai had even decided upon the name Kogishi would take as Honinbo—Shuritsu—but it was not to be; Kogishi died of typhoid in 1924, and Shusai could not bring himself to name a lesser player as his heir.

The Nihon Kiin introduced a number of innovations. Time limits were introduced, as the Hiseikai had wanted; there was a regular tournament for all professionals, known as the Otaei (Great Matchplay), which is still the only tournament which counts towards promotion in the professional grades; the magazine *Kido* was founded; and amateur grades were introduced for the first time, set much lower than the corresponding professional grades, with the Nihon Kiin giving itself the authority to issue amateur dan diplomas.

It couldn't last; within three months of the Nihon Kiin's founding, there emerged a rival organisation. The cause of the split was the Kiin's insistence on handling all contacts with the media, such as arranging sponsorship. Five players, led by Karigane, were disciplined for making their own financial arrangements with a sponsoring newspaper, and responded by leaving to set up their own organisation, the Kiseisha.

Within a year two of the Kiseisha's five members had returned to the Nihon Kiin, but despite this the Yomiuri newspaper was keen to sponsor a match between the two organisations. It took a long time to break down the Kiin's resistance to such a match, but finally in 1926 a game was arranged between Karigane and Shusai,

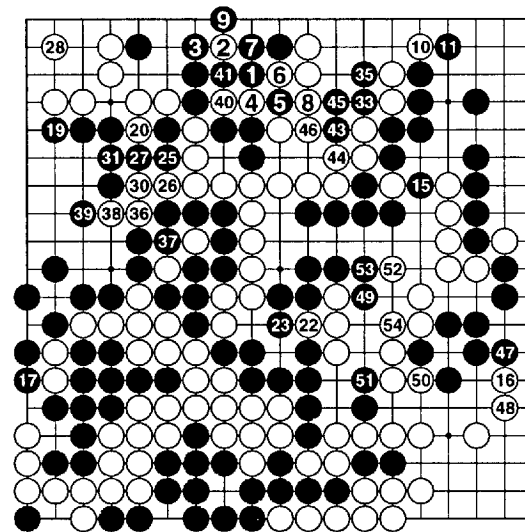


Figure 3 (201—254)
Ko (62/109): 212, 213, (214 at 161), 218, 221, 224, 229, 232, 234 at 60, 242 at 205.

which caused great public interest as these two had been rivals before, over the Honinbo succession in 1907. Unlike their earlier game in 1920, this game was played with time limits (16 hours per player) - unfortunately for Karigane, who lost on time.

The match continued with the Nihon Kiin pitting a team of fifteen players against the three members of the Kiseisha (Karigane, Onoda Chiyotaro and Takabe Dohei). The result was a heavy defeat for the Kiseisha, which severely dented their credibility, not least because Onoda returned to the Nihon Kiin during the match (and later even played on the Kiin's side). To fill the gap, the Yomiuri recruited Nozawa Chikuchō, who it will be remembered had been expelled from the Honinbo school by Shusai and had been living in retirement in Kobe ever since. The Kiseisha promoted him directly from 5 dan to 7 dan with-

out a single game, and pinned all their hopes on him. The Nihon Kiin showed their displeasure by selecting Suzuki Tamejiro, one of the two Kiseisha members who originally returned to the Kiin, to play a ten game match for them against Nozawa. Suzuki won easily and the Kiseisha was effectively finished. (Nozawa died before the tenth game could be played, but he was three games behind anyway.) Karigane kept the Kiseisha going, but with only two members it became an irrelevance.

• For a more extensive history of go The Go Player's Almanac is recommended.

From Bradford to Japan

Graham Telfer is one of those valuable members of the Association who quietly keep up the business of running a go club year after year, but now he is emigrating to Japan.

Graham learned to play go at Bradford University Go Club in the early seventies, and just in time, as it turned out, since the club folded in 1972.

This did not at all deter him from playing go. In fact, in 1978 he received this special mention in British Go Journal issue 40 for his performance at the London Open Go Congress:

'Among the lower kyu players... interest centred chiefly on G. Telfer who had entered at 10 kyu and won his first seven games, only losing to a 6 kyu in the final round...'

He moved about quite a considerable amount in the interests of his work, spend-



ing two years in Spain, for example, but by 1982 he was back in Bradford.

It was in that year that he started Bradford Go Club, which became part of the Northern Go League, and unlike its predecessor the club has continued steadily for fourteen years. (Steve Wright has agreed to be the new club secretary, and details can be found in the centre pages.)

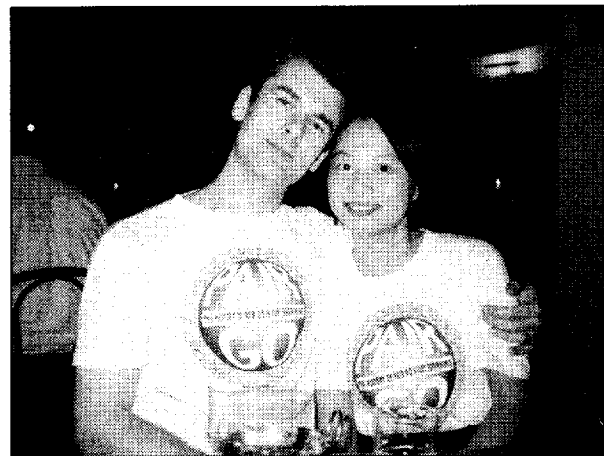
In December 1995 Graham met a Japanese lady, Yuko Aoteki, at Bradford College. On June 8th Graham and Yuko

were married, and a week later they both came to the Leicester Go Tournament, not only to play go but so that Graham could see a few old acquaintances before their departure for Japan.

Not that we have heard the last of Graham! Before leaving Britain, he promised that he would send regular articles from Japan about go-playing activity in that country.

Already the first of these has arrived, and can be found on page 25. B.C.T.

From China to Epsom Downs



Major events in Paul Margett's life have had a decided regularity. He emigrated to New Zealand in 1974, returned to the UK in 1984, and met Yvonne Mao in 1994.

It was in New Zealand that Paul discovered go, in the tea room of the software firm he worked for in Wellington. He had already given up chess because computers played it too well, when he came across an article in a computer magazine describing the difficulties of

producing go programs.

In the tea room a former employee had left a home made go board, with holes drilled at the intersections, and a supply of black and white topped drawing pins. And there were two employees in the firm who already knew how to play go. Not surprisingly, Paul was soon attending Wellington Go Club.

He started Epsom Downs Go Club in 1993. When he met Yvonne, from Shang Hai, she knew about go (she had seen her brother play it) but it was Paul who taught her to play.

Recently Yvonne went to the USA for some months, but immediately on her return Paul and she entered the 1996 Pair Go Tournament, and won all their games.

At Barmouth Tournament came the announcement that Paul and Yvonne were to get married on August 10th.

On the wedding day, a handicap tournament started at 2.30pm. Of the 33 players, 12 were dan level, but 14 had never played go before. The tournament was self-pairing doubles go, on 13x13 boards, with different pairing each round. Dans and 'weakies' were generally paired together, with complete beginners being graded as 40 kyu.

Best beginner, Nick Kernahan, won 4/4. Prize for over all winner Alistair Wall was a free dinner in the Toby Grill at the hotel. B.C.T.

