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GÖTEBORG OPEN 1996 - JUBILEUM

NYHETER FRÅN JAPAN

RUI NAIWEI 9P V. JIMMY CHA 4P

PLAYED ON IGS 96-10-22
 COMMENTARIES BY HANE 9P

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- 1.R16 2.D16
- 3.Q4 4.D4
- 5.L17 6.G16
- 7.P16 8.D10
- 9.Q10 10.K4
- 11.N4

Hane 9p : question now is how

12.F4

Hane 9p : the difference between black upper right and w bottom left is that black is slightly better

13.K10 14.L15

15.N17

Hane 9p : With this w is trying to split the b top and the center stone this b is very solid

16.M10

Hane 9p : aiming at separating the w l15

17.K8 18.M8

19.L5

Hane 9p : w m10 is very much like Nai at this point, if b connects

20.K7

Hane 9p : but w is trying to separate there

21.J8 22.L7

23.K5

Hane 9p : w r7 is a good move now i can see

24.J7

25.J4 26.H8

27.L11

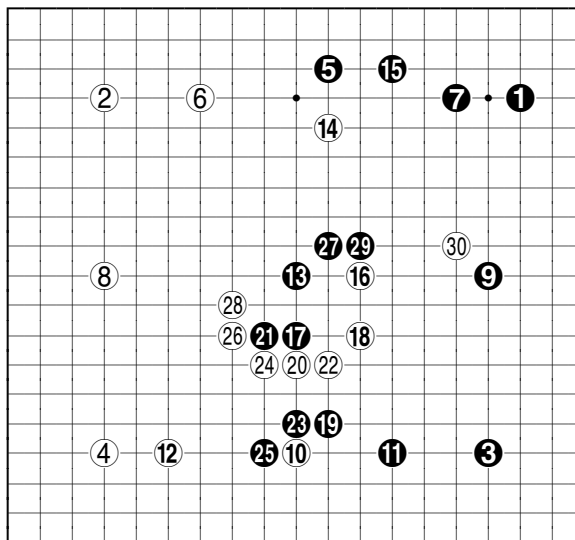
Hane 9p : this would be bad for w so u should not care about the w at the bottom since b took w at the bottom, w will attack the b center group Nai tends to rely on fight

28.H9

29.M11

Hane 9p : jcha seems to like territory

30.P11



Dia. 1 : 1 — 30

31.P10

Hane 9p : now question is whether b will connect with the b q10

32.N11

33.N12 34.O10

Hane 9p : w is attacking it while invading the b right moyo

35.O12

36.O11

37.R12

Hane 9p : in order to offset the loss at the bottom

38.P12

Hane 9p : b keima is a good shape

39.H10

Hane 9p : wow, b attached there

40.H11

41.C16 42.J10

43.C15

Hane 9p : this lets w exchange for these

44.O14

Hane 9p : and it looks very good for w to me keima b r12 is much more severe than I thought but I am too scared to try this in this interesting position

45.N14

Hane 9p : b is aiming at this ladder. that is why b attached at c 16. w response is also very difficult too when w does like this the ladder would be possible this w means to eliminate bad aji in the center.

b two moves in upper left are big too now q. is how the b group in the in the

center will escape. this is a very hard position.

newhere NR : seems white build moyo lower left, black m14 alive ??

46.N15

check 2k*: try to kill g16 or escape center group

47.M14 48.M15

Hane 9p : it is p

49.O13 50.P13

51.M13 52.O16

Hane 9p : oh, maybe b is aiming at these???

53.P17 54.C17

55.D15 56.D17

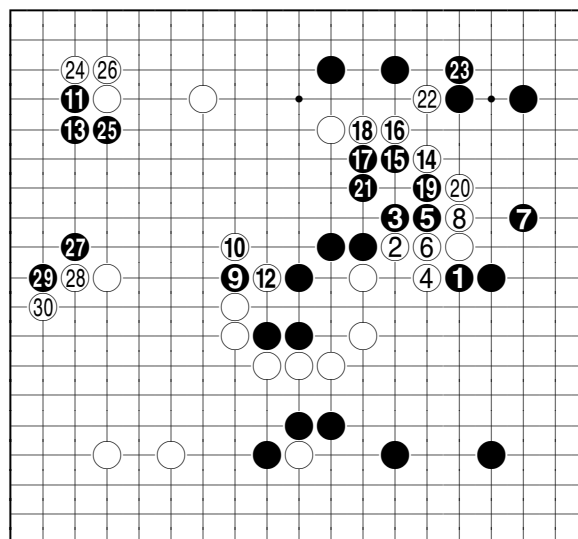
57.C11

Hane 9p : this bad,so b should play something like this. both characteristic of go is showing here. if b group escapes, then the game would be over if b can make two eyes here, that would be great for b

58.C10

59.B10 60.B9

Hane 9p : this is one way to try to



Dia. 2 : 31 — 60

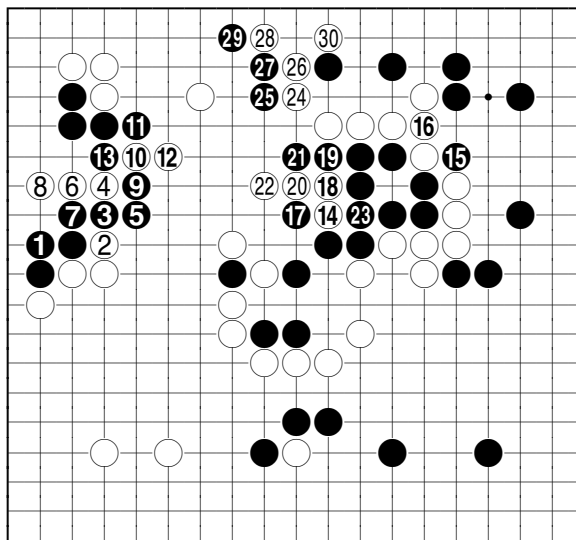
61.B11
 Hane 9p : attack b
 62.D11
 Hane 9p : i mean to kill but since this way of attack is is too dangearous for w too. this is more like a pro. this would be also a good move. eyeing the b group center

63.D12 64.D13
 Hane 9p : now w has an aim at there
 65.E12 66.C13
 67.C12 68.B13
 Hane 9p : usually it is impossible. But in this case, since b has weak group in the center...

69.E13
 bu3bu4 3d* : e15
 70.E14
 71.E15 72.F14
 73.D14 74.L12
 75.P14 76.O15
 77.K12 78.L13
 Hane 9p : finally w gouged it out in the center
 79.L14
 80.K13
 81.K14 82.J13
 Hane 9p : w is trying to eliminate eyes in the center group
 83.M12 84.K16
 85.J16 86.K17
 bu3bu4 3d* : why my screen repeatedly say " you have marks at 65,79" ??

87.J17
 mp 7k* : b looks ok now?
 Hane 9p : b in the center may not die
 88.J18
 Hane 9p : but b group in the left may die
 89.H18
 Hane 9p : and w at the top may also die we will see

90.L18



Dia. 3 : 61 — 90

91.J14 92.F15
 Hane 9p : this b must be a forcing move
 93.E16 94.E17
 mp 7k* : time update: b: 06:17 8 w: 07:23
 21
 95.B17
 woo 2k : seems to me w will lose
 Hane 9p : this would be good for b
 simple 4k* : Naiwei and jcha are watching your variations
 bu3bu4 3d* : seems b doing great
 Hane 9p : now it seems w is in trouble. right, seems good for b. w is still thinking the next move
 woo 2k : why can't we say w already lost
 jianbo 4k : time time
 mp 7k* : looks like Nei Wei will run out of time
 Hane 9p : this w is the strongest move, but b g 13 may be a possible counter move making furikawari will be very possible in this game
 96.B18

97.B16
 Hane 9p : this is exteremly hard to forsee. capturing race in the left

seems good for b, but b in the center is problem
 woo 2k : but NaiWei needs time

98.O17

99.O18
 Hane 9p : if f16 is a sente w could attack b center group severely

100.P18

Hane 9p : this would be okay for b. b is making more effort

101.Q18 102.N18

103.G17 104.F17

105.F16 106.G18
 Hane 9p : b g17 is a very good one
 107.H17
 mp 7k* : jcha added time for w

108.H15

Hane 9p : now b in the center is safe

109.J15 110.F13

111.F12 112.H13

113.F18

Hane 9p : now b may be going to cut

114.E18

Hane 9p : b is good at reading

115.G19

bu3bu4 3d* : b15?

116.B14

bu3bu4 3d* : i mean b14
 Hane 9p : now it is time for me to end my commentary , but I will continue. possible the ko fight breaks out
 jianbo 4k : thank u
 dsaun 5k* : thanks Hane!

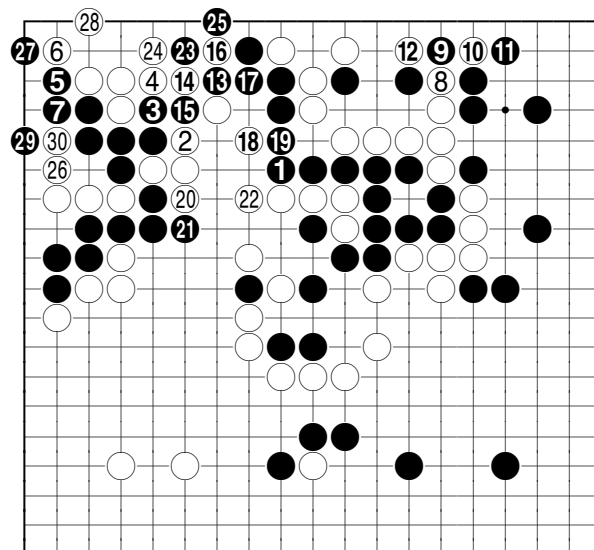
Hane 9p : it is very hard. next b may play a18 or

babson 10k* : thanks
 117.A18 118.C19

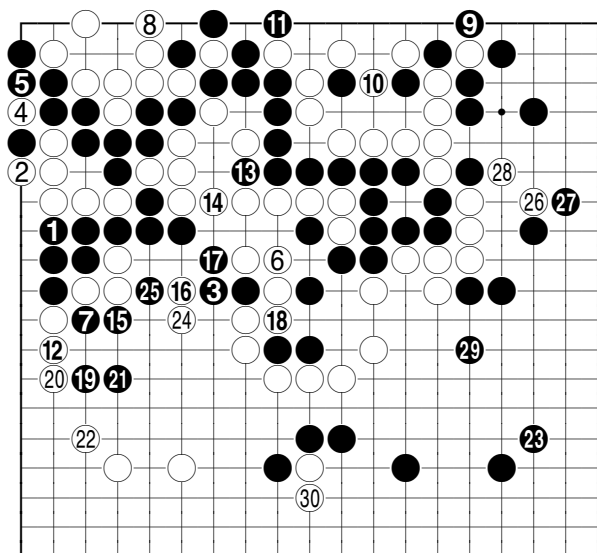
119.A15
 mp 7k* : thanks hane - you help us very much!

Hane 9p : if a18, then this is the follow-up

120.B15



Dia. 4 : 91 — 120



Dia. 5 : 121 — 150

121.B12 122.A14
123.G10 124.A16
125.A17

Hane 9p : then the ko fight would start and a hard fight. b may try to do this; a capturing race on the side. let's see which is winning. hhhhm, difficult to see a result. I am not sure but it seems

Hane 9p : this is the game: played c19 because the previous variation would be good for b. w is aiming at this ko. oh, b escaped? what happened? oh, i c. b in the corner is still not dead

126.J11

Hane 9p : yet b could have begun the ko first. now it is harder for b to win the ko even if b tries it now

127.C9

Hane 9p : now situation is becoming complicated. b b9 is preparing a cut at j9

jianbo 4k : yes, b19

128.E19

Hane 9p : b doesn't want to initiate ko with b19. b would rather w play a19 to start a ko

129.P19 130.M17

131.J19 132.B8

Hane 9p : this is the game. wow, w played 8b, then b will cut at j9 since w cannot push through at g11. so b has no choice but win the capturing race on the left side. it is still a ko fight

133.H14 134.G13

135.D9 136.F10

137.G11

Hane 9p : e.g. b cuts, and w b19, b a12: this ko is disadvantageous for b. it is a one step ko

Hane 9p : this is the game. this would be okay for b too. it would not be wise to cut at j9 to capture the huge w group. the game is still up for grabs. b may play at d7 i think. b g11 is still trying to keep the cut at j9

138.J9

139.C7 140.B7

Hane 9p : if w continued to crawl, that would be bad for w

141.D7 142.C5

143.R5

Hane 9p : b d7 is a safe move

144.F9

145.E10

Hane 9p : i would recommend b r4,

146.R13

Hane 9p : i guess b thinks b is behind in this game

147.S13 148.Q14

149.P8

newhere NR : Mr. Hane, what is difference r4, black r5 ?

Hane 9p : we forgot to put two stones there

150.K3

151.J3 152.J2

153.H2 154.L2

155.J1

Hane 9p : w is not thinking this b moyo at the bottom not b's territory w may make a ko here too since w can make a ko with w r19

156.K2

157.G4 158.J5

159.F3 160.F5

161.M3

cetus NR : who is better so far, Hane?

162.E3

163.F2

woo 2k : who's better

Hane 9p : not have two

eyes yet

Hane 9p : b is trying to capture the w group at the bottom

164.H4

165.H3 166.H5

167.E2

gafter 4k : is group at c11 safe?

168.D2

169.M2

Hane 9p : b could win the race at the bottom, but the race on the left would be a big fight

170.A12

171.D18 172.B19

173.C18 174.K1

Hane 9p : hhhm, w only made a solid b territory at the bottom, so if the games settles without a big furikawari, b would be ahead. w 12a is a very good move

175.H1

Hane 9p : this would be a ko. but b attained at f19, so b at the top would be already alive.

both are reading out very deeply. strongness depends on how accurate you read out things like this. w k1 may be to make a ko threat or she doesn't know what to do so it is a timesaving maybe

176.C14

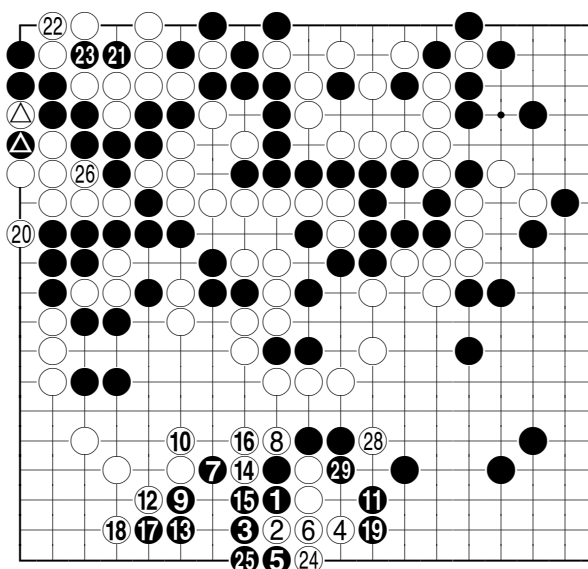
177.A15

woo 2k : seems w lost

Hane 9p : w started a ko because if w wins, then w k19 would be a severe aim to threaten the b top group

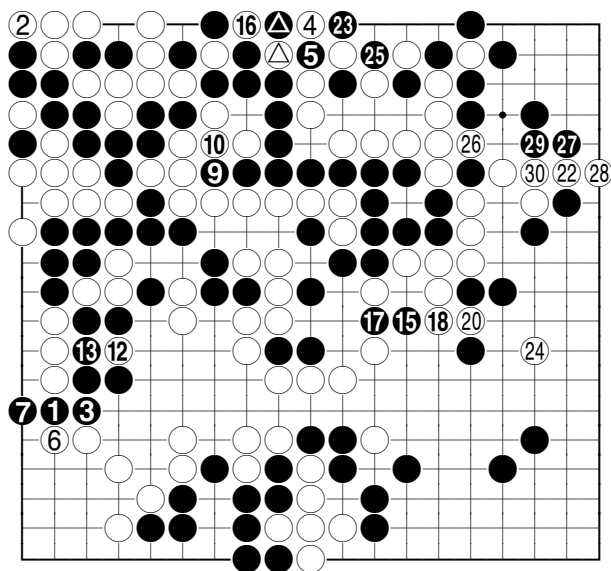
178.M5

179.L4 180.A16

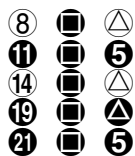


Dia. 6 : 151 — 180





Dia. 7 : 181 — 210



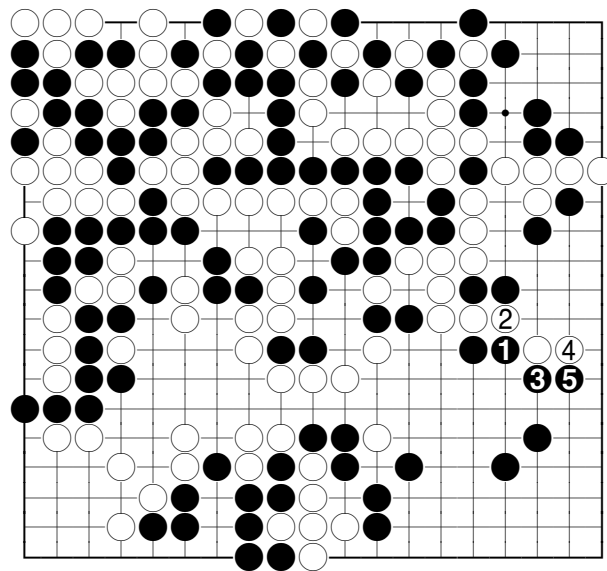
181.B6 182.A19
 183.C6
 Hane 9p : How interesting!!!
 184.K19
 Hane 9p : What a game!
 185.K18
 Hane 9p : another ko fight begins
 186.B5
 cetus NR : should b take ko, at top, hane?
 187.A6
 Hane 9p : both players are very strong in terms of fight
 188.J18
 189.G14
 Hane 9p : and they don't give up easily. b has only one ko threat there
 190.G15
 191.K18
 Hane 9p : w d8 may be a ko threat
 192.D8
 Hane 9p : wow, this is what is happening
 woo 2k : why not c8?
 193.C8 194.J18
 cetus NR : if b take top left, then no this ko.?

Hane 9p : this w is a severest move. now b doesn't have a ko threat...
 195.N9 196.H19
 Hane 9p : oh, ic. this is a two-step ko
 197.M9 198.O9
 199.J19
 Hane 9p : this game may be far more interesting than a title match in Japan. ic. this fight will continue for good. if one player would be weak, then the would end very quickly. w is now thinking about w k18, w o8 or play somewhere else
 mp 7k* : time update - b: 04:41 4 w: 5:30 17
 TinHore 4k* : Hane types fast :
 Hane 9p : at the first glance, I thought b died, but b is reading well. b n9 is good
 abaquus 3d : who is leading
 200.P9
 201.K18 202.S14
 woo 2k : p9 losing move?
 Hane 9p : hard to say who is leading at this point. see how the ko fight will end. w may be swallowing the b stones on the right side, and the situation may be balanced, possibly

203.L19
 Hane 9p : now b ended the ko
 204.R8
 205.M18
 Hane 9p : this w is the only move
 206.P15
 Hane 9p : and not w q9 then if b plays r7, b thinks b would be ahead if b played at s8, b thinks b would win. s8 is a possible move

207.S15 208.T14
 Hane 9p : b r5 is better than b r4
 209.R15 210.R14
 211.Q8 212.Q9
 213.R7 214.S8
 215.S7
 Hane 9p : if b will lose, then the decision on the right was incorrect
 cetus NR : think if b give up h2 grp and take upper grp, b won game? Hane?

White resigns



Dia. 8 : 211 — 216

GÖTEBORG OPEN 8-10 NOVEMBER 1996

ERIK EKHOLM

Som brukligt är, hölls ett seminarium på fredagen. Detta år var temat "Hare eller Sköldpadda" och eminent föreläsare var Matthew Macfadyen, 6 dan.

Haren och sköldpaddan representerar två helt olika spelstilar. Sköldpaddan spelar gärna pålitliga honte-drag, även om de är gote, för att senare kunna slåss utan behöva hämmas av kvarlämnade svagheter. Haren å andra sidan vill ha sente till varje pris och hoppar glatt iväg med en tenuki var gång han ser motståndaren svara eftergivit. Haren stakar ut så stora områden som möjligt och inväntar med glädje den oundvikliga invasionen. Bägge stilarna har sina företrädare bland proffsen. Är Du själv en hare eller sköldpadda?

För att fira turneringens tjugoförårsjubileum, avrundades så kvällen med handikappblix och starka drycker.

Turneringen var mycket välorganiserad och förlöpte utan problem. Förstaplatsen togs som många väntat av Matthew. Andraplatsen gick till Emil Nijhuis, 4 dan från Kiel i Tyskland, medan Finlands ende representant Matti Siivola kom på tredje plats.

De som inte känner till Emil blev kanske förvånade över att se en 16-åring slå både Thomas Heshe och Matti. Men när de får veta att han som 13-åring (6 kyu) åkte till Japan för att studera go i ett år som insei ("proffslärling") på inbjudan av ett japanskt proffs kanske resultatet inte överraskar. Dessutom kom han på 20:e plats på EM i år och gjorde succé i Obayashi cup, där han spelade semifinal mot självaste Guo Juan! Den unge mannen kommer säkert att tillhöra den yppersta eliten i Europa framöver.

Det blev dramatik om sista VM-poängen mellan Christer Lindstedt och Staffan Bäcklund. Med samma SOS och SOSOS (summan av motståndarnas SOS), bestämdes att de fick dela poängen. Niklas Mellins obrutna segersvit förtjänar också att omnämnas.

Pl.	Name	Str	C	Cl.	MMS	1	2	3	4	5	Pt	SOS	SOSOS
1	Macfadyen, Matthew	6d	GB	Lea	32	3+	9+	2+	5+	6+	5	148	738
2	Nijhuis, Emil	4d	NL	Kie	31	6+	4+	1-	3+	7+	4	150	733
3	Siivola, Matti	5d	SF	Hel	30	1-	15+	4+	2-	11+	3	148	726
4	Heshe, Thomas	5d	DK	Årh	30	14+	2-	3-	8+	5+	3	146	733
5	Sannes, Paul	3d	N	Osl	29	9-	7+	6+	1-	4-	2	149	729
6	Jasiek, Robert	4d	D	Ber	29	2-	14+	5-	12+	1-	2	147	727
7	Tari, Harry	2d	S	Gbg	29	8+	5-	15+	10+	2-	3	144	725
8	Kylemark, Magnus	2d	S	Gbg	29	7-	11+	9+	4-	10+	3	144	714
9	Olsson, Ulf	4d	S	Gbg	29	5+	1-	8-	--	--	1	144	711
10	Lindstedt, Christer	2d	S	Gbg	28	15-	13+	14+	7-	8-	2	140	707
	Bäcklund, Staffan	1d	S	Sth	28	12+	8-	18+	14+	3-	3	140	707
12	Langsted, Andreas	1d	DK	Årh	28	11-	20+	13+	6-	16+	3	138	682
13	Ekhölm, Erik	1d	S	Sth	28	19+	10-	12-	18+	15+	3	135	686
14	Johansson, Mats	3d	S	Gbg	27	4-	6-	10-	11-	17-	0	142	700
15	Rapmund, Antje	2d	N	Osl	27	10+	3-	7-	16-	13-	1	142	697*
16	Falh, Gustav	1k	S	Sth	27	18-	28+	19+	15+	12-	3	130*	672
17	Mellin, Niklas	3k	S	Sth	27	21+	26+	24+	20+	14+	5	127	641
18	Lund, P-A	1k	S	Gbg	26	16+	19+	11-	13-	20-	2	135	666
19	Si, Hans	1d	CHI	?	26	13-	18-	16-	--	--	0	131	650*
20	Abrahamsson, Jörgen	2k	S	Mal	26	28+	12-	22+	17-	18+	3	129*	648
21	Gustafsson, MOF	3k	S	Gbg	26	17-	29+	28+	25+	24+	4	121*	625
22	Blommaskog, Jesper	3k	S	Gbg	25	25-	23+	20-	24+	29+	3	122	619*
23	Strand, Krister	4k	S	Vst	25	30+	22-	29+	26+	25+	4	118	605
24	Pettersson, Leif	2k	S	Vst	24	26-	25+	17-	22-	21-	1	126	616*
25	Carlson, Torbjörn	3k	S	Gbg	24	22+	24-	26+	21-	23-	2	124	609*
26	Lundberg, Ralf	3k	S	Gbg	24	24+	17-	25-	23-	30+	2	122	610
27	Kristensen, Per	4k	S	Gbg	24	29-	30-	31+	28+	32+	3	107*	543
28	Taub, David	2k	USA	Gbg	23*	20-	16-	21-	27-	--	0	126	604
29	Langsted, Ole	4k	DK	Årh	23	27+	21-	23-	30+	22-	2	122	584
30	Rydberg, Henrik	5k	S	Gbg	22	23-	27+	32+	29-	26-	2	115	571*
31	Nordlund, Jerker	8k	S	Gbg	20	32-	35+	27-	36+	33+	3	78	427*
32	Nijhuis, Herman	9k	NL	Kie	19	31+	33+	30-	34+	27-	3	102	445*
33	Andreasson, Vincent	10k	S	Gbg	18	34+	32-	36+	35+	31-	3	74	395
34	Johansson, Pelle	10k	S	Gbg	18	33-	36+	35+	32-	free	3	71	391
35	Ifracm, Avi	15k	ISR	Gbg	10*	36-	31-	34-	33-	--	0	75*	341*

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Tongyang Securities Cup, preliminary rounds (Seoul):

Wang Lei (China), Kobayashi Koichi (Japan), Chang Hao (China), Seo Bongsoo (Korea), and Kato Masao (Japan) won places in the main tournament, which starts January 7 in Seoul.

International Amateur Pair-Go Championship (November 15-16, Tokyo) Won by Nakamura Chikako and Sogabe Toshiyuki (Japan)

Obituary: Asada Shizuo, president of the International Go Federation, former president of Japan Airlines, and father of the World Amateur Go Championship, died of respiratory failure on November 8, at the age of eighty-five.

GO NEWS FROM JAPAN

JAMES DAVIES

OCTOBER

October was a month of east-west rivalry in Japan. More accurately, it was a month of rivalry between the Kanto area centered around Tokyo, which literally means Eastern Capital, and the Kansai area centered around Osaka, Kobe, and Kyoto, which lie to the west. The rivalry took place on two fields. On the baseball diamond, the Tokyo-based Yomiuri Giants contested the Japan Series with the Kobe-based Orix Blue Wave. On the go board, Kanto's Nakazawa Ayako challenged Kansai's Yoshida Mika for the Women's Honinbo title.

Yoshida and Nakazawa are currently regarded as Japan's premier female go players. Both can compete equally with high-ranked male opposition, as they demonstrated by downing a pair 9-dans in this year's NHK Cup. Nakazawa is known for her innovative openings and large-scale, powerful attacking style. Yoshida is an all-round player who has developed increasing confidence and aplomb since becoming Women's Honinbo since 1993. Yoshida dresses appropriately for her profession: during this year's match she wore black to the pre-game receptions and white for the games themselves. Nakazawa's taste in clothing leans more toward red patterns and plaids. Go Weekly decorated its pages with color photos of both players.

The Women's Honinbo is sponsored by a consortium of regional newspapers that like to host the games in their home towns, so the first two games came to be played in Shikoku, smallest of the four main Japanese islands. Yoshida was born and bred in Osaka, but she has a brother living in Shikoku, and was able to describe Shikoku as her second home. Not to be outdone, Nakazawa claimed local allegiance through membership in a Shikoku-based pc network.

In the first game Nakazawa intentionally left a joseki unfinished in order to invite an attack and make a counterattack, starting the kind of fighting game she is best at. Yoshida coped with the counterattack expertly and won in impressive style. In the second game Nakazawa left the same joseki unfinished to start another fight, this time casting herself in a purely defensive role. Playing this unaccustomed role skillfully, she came out ahead in the middle game, but she missed a large endgame move and Yoshida won again.

In the third game Nakazawa tried a different opening, featuring an unusual corner enclosure. Midway through the game she got a large-scale attack going, but it was an attack doomed to fail. Yoshida saved the attacked group by capturing a dozen of Nakazawa's stones, and held onto a ten-point lead until Nakazawa finally resigned. With this victory Yoshida became the first Women's Honinbo to keep the title for four consecutive years. Her next goal is the Women's Meijin, where she is just one win away from becoming challenger.

Game 1 (October 7, Tokushima): Yoshida (white) won by 5 1/2

Game 2 (October 13, Matsuyama): Yoshida (black) won by 2 1/2

Game 3 (October 22, Tokyo): Yoshida (white) won by resignation

Elsewhere, the Blue Wave polished off the Giants 4-1. To quote a phrase common in Japanese winter weather forecasts, the outcome of the October rivalry was "a high in the west, a low in the east."

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Other items:

Tokyo TV Lightning Tournament: won for a fifth time by Cho Chikun, who beat Yoda Norimoto by resignation in the final game.

Meijin Title match: Cho Chikun leads Takemiya Masaki 3-2.

Game 3 (October 2-3, Naha) Cho won by 11 1/2

Game 4 (October 9-10, Kobe) Cho won by resignation

Game 5 (October 23-24, Tokyo) Takemiya won by resignation

World Meijin match, sixth game (October 18, Seoul)

Lee Changho (Korea) beat Takemiya Masaki (Japan) by 8 1/2.

Final result: Lee 4-0, Takemiya 2-2, Ma Xiaochun (China) 0-4

Ing Cup: Yoda Norimoto (Japan) and Yoo Changhyuk (Korea) are tied 1-1

Game 1 (October 4, Chang-an, China): Yoda won by 3

Game 2 (October 6, Chang-an, China): Yoo won by 3

China-Japan Supergo, games 5 and 6 (October 5 & 7, Tokyo)

Chang Hao (China) beat O Rissei (Japan) by 4 1/2

Chang Hao (China) beat Ryu Shikun (Japan) by resignation

China leads 4-2.

LG Cup (World Baduk Championship) round 3 (October 11, New York)

Lee Changho (Korea) beat Kobayashi Satoru (Japan)

Ma Xiaochun (China) beat Kim Sungjoon (Korea)

Choi Myunghoon (Korea) beat Cho Hunhyun (Korea)

Yoo Changhyuk (Korea) beat Jiang Zhujiu (USA)

Samsung Open, round 3 (October 28, Pusan, Korea)

Yoda Norimoto (Japan) beat Kim Sungryong (Korea)

Yang Jaeho (Korea) beat Kobayashi Koichi (Japan)

Yoo Changhyuk (Korea) beat Liu Xiaoguang (China)

Lee Changho (Korea) beat Seo Bongsoo (Korea)

Round 4 (October 30, Pusan, Korea)

Yoda Norimoto (Japan) beat Yang Jaeho (Korea)

Yoo Changhyuk (Korea) beat Lee Changho (Korea)

Final round (best-of-three match): November 25-29

Oza title match: Ryu Shikun leads O Rissei 1-0

Game 1 (October 22, Tokyo): Ryu won by resignation

Tengen tournament: Rin Kaiho will challenge Ryu Shikun

First game: November 8

NOVEMBER

Japan's long victory drought in international competition ended on November 29 in Seoul, Korea, when Yoda Norimoto defeated Yoo Changhyuk to win the Samsung Open. This is the first victory by a Japanese player over a Korean opponent in the final match of any tournament since 1993, when Yoda defeated Seo Bongsoo in the Asian TV

Cup. Yoda collected a prize of some \$400,000 for the win.

The Samsung was the second showdown between Yoda and Yoo in November. At the beginning of the month, in Beijing, they had concluded the quadrennial Ing Cup, which also carries a \$400,000 first prize. After making public promises that he would win the Ing Cup, Yoda went down to defeat by a 3-1 score. Staying on in Beijing, Yoda tried to redeem himself in the seventh game of the China-Japan Supergo match, but he lost that game too, to Chang Hao.

Following these disappointments, Yoda returned to Japan to find his two main domestic rivals enjoying nothing but success. The day after Yoda had lost the Ing Cup, Cho Chikun had defeated Takemiya to regain the Meijin title, and shortly after Yoda's return, Ryu Shikun won the Oza title from O Rissei. Comparing Japanese titles, Yoda (Judan and Gosei) could claim equality with Ryu (Oza and Tengen), but both are outranked by Cho (Honinbo, Kisei, and Meijin), whose simultaneous possession of all three of the biggest Japanese titles is a feat that only Cho has ever accomplished.

After less than two weeks of rest, Yoda took off again, this time for Korea. It was his third journey there in as many months, all for Samsung Open competition. In September and October, living up to his reputation as a Korean-killer, he had defeated four Korean opponents, including Cho Hunhyun, who was Korea's foremost player until Lee Changho came along.

Yoda's string of Samsung victories ended in the first game of the final, which Yoo Changhyuk won by half a point in come-from-behind style. Since the final was a best-of-three match, Yoo seemed well on his way toward his second big paycheck of the month, and Japan's professional community appeared about to end the year without winning any international tournaments at all.

In the next game, however, Yoda played very well and prevailed by a point and a half. In the third game, Yoo drew black and proceeded to duplicate the opening he had used successfully in the third game of the Ing Cup. Yoda followed him move for move until White 38, at which point he produced a contact play that he had found from analysis of his earlier defeat. This led to a ko fight from which Yoda gained an advantage, and he made the advantage stand up to win the match 2-1.

Game 1 (November 25, Seoul) Yoo (black) won by 1/2

Game 2 (November 27, Seoul) Yoda (black) won by 1 1/2

Game 3 (November 29, Seoul) Yoda (white) won by 1 1/2

As a result, Yoda and Yoo have divided the two biggest prizes in the current go calendar equally between them, and Yoda has proved that Japanese pros can still win at the highest world level. Watching these proceedings with dissatisfaction was Lee Changho, who was undisputed world champion a month ago. Yoda is one of the few players to hold a lifetime winning record against Lee, having defeated him in the 1991 Hirose Cup and in the second round of the Tongyang Cup in 1993. Lee had

been hoping for a chance to settle this score in the Ing Cup or Samsung Open, but he was beaten by Yoo in both tournaments. For his part, Yoda

has said that he wants another match with Lee, so when these two meet again, sparks should fly.

Other items:

Ing Cup: Yoo Changhyuk defeated Yoda Norimoto 3-1

Game 3 (November 4, Beijing) Yoo won by 5

Game 4 (November 6, Beijing) Yoo won by 5

Meijin title match: Cho Chikun defeated Takemiya Masaki 4-2

Game 6 (November 6-7, Ito) Cho won by resignation

Oza title match: Ryu Shikun defeated O Rissei 3-0

Game 2 (November 5, Kaminoyama) Ryu won by resignation

Game 3 (November 14, Awaji) Ryu won by 2 1/2

China-Japan Supergo, game 7 (November 10, Beijing)

Chang Hao (China) beat Yoda Norimoto (Japan) by 4 1/2

China leads the series 5-2

Okan tournament (November 14, Nagoya; for Nagoya pros)

Yamashiro Hiroshi won for a fourth straight year.

Kirin Cup: won by the Kanto-Koshinetsu team of three pros and four amateurs. Next year, the Kirin Cup becomes a shogi tournament.

Kisei tournament: Kobayashi Satoru defeated Ryu Shikun 2-0 in the best-of-three-game play-off to determine the challenger.

Game 1 (November 18, Tokyo) Kobayashi won by resignation

Game 2 (November 25, Tokyo) Kobayashi won by 3 1/2

The title match (Kobayashi v. Cho) starts January 15-16 in Hawaii

Tengen title match: Ryu Shikun and Rin Kaiho are tied 1-1

Game 1 (November 8, Gifu) Ryu won by 6 1/2

Game 2 (November 21, Kitami) Rin won by 1 1/2

Bohae Cup (world women's championship) round 1 (November 6, Seoul)

Aoki Kikuyo (Japan) beat Kim Minhui (Korea)

Feng Yun (China) beat Lee Youngsin (Korea)

Li Chunhua (China) beat Yoon Youngmin (Korea)

Ye Gui (China) beat Kwun Hyojin (Korea)

Hosaka Mayu (Japan) beat Lee Jungwan (Korea)

Zhang Xuan (China) beat Kan Ying (Hong Kong)

Rui Naiwei (USA) beat Okada Yumiko (Japan)

Chinen Kaori (Japan) beat Yoon Youngsun (Korea)

Round 2 (November 8, Seoul)

Feng Yun (China) beat Aoki Kikuyo (Japan)

Li Chunhua (China) beat Ye Gui (China)

Zhang Xuan (China) beat Hosaka Mayu (Japan)

Rui Naiwei (USA) beat Chinen Kaori (Japan)

Round 3 (November 10, Seoul)

Feng Yun (China) beat Li Chunhua (China)

Rui Naiwei (USA) beat Zhang Xuan (China)