

The Canadian Go Newsletter Sept 2013



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The next newsletter will come around November 15th. Submit your articles by November 1st.

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A Look at the 2013 Canadian Go Open

By: Mark Wong

On June 28th, I found myself in a lobby filled with enthusiastic Go players itching to play against people from across the country. After an hour or so, we were ready to start. The light atmosphere turned intense immediately, and the Canadian Go Open began.

Every day, after the 2 rounds of games were done, everybody came outside to watch the professionals give a lecture. After the lecture, came the lightning round on the first day, the simultaneous games on the second, and the banquet on the third.

The tournament was a fun experience with people sharing a deep passion for the game. The professionals, So Hyun Park and Wang Yao were helpful in providing insight.

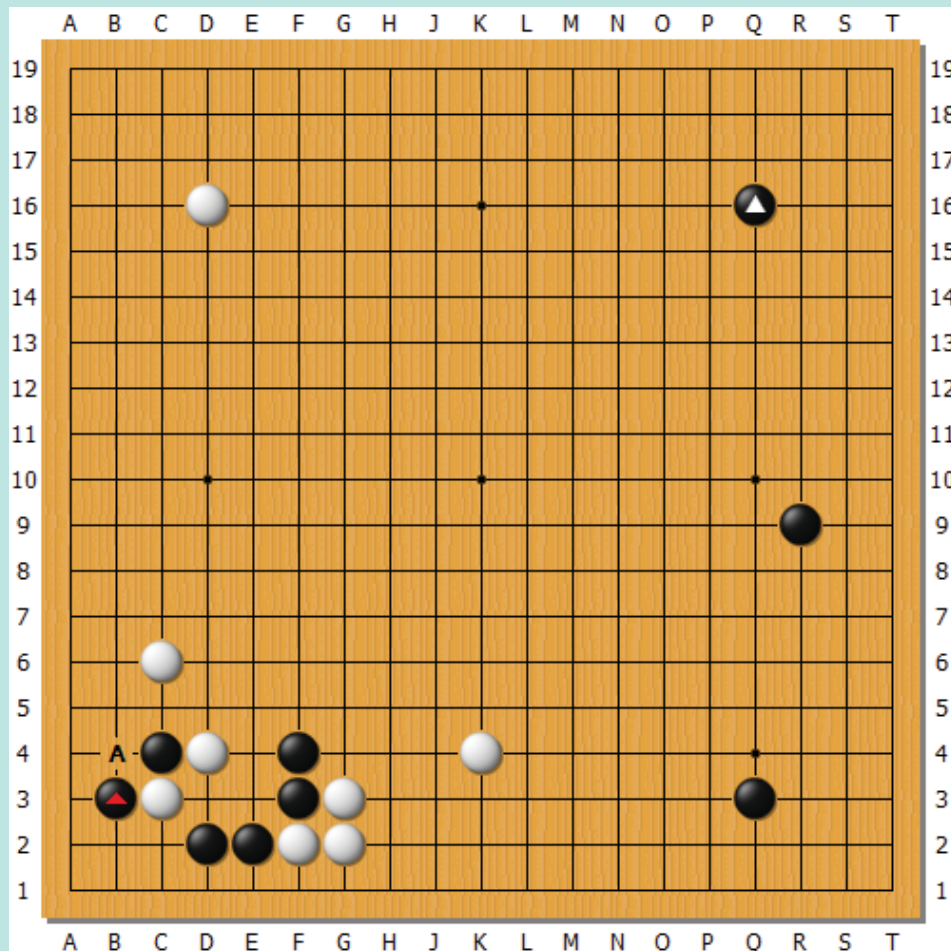
The main attraction of the tournament was the top table, where titans fight. This year, the person who rose to the top and beat out the third place Wang Zi and the second place Ge Yongfei received a perfect 6-0 record.

In an impressive fashion, Bill Lin won the Canadian Go Open.

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A Powerful Hane

By: James Sedgwick



James Sedgwick 6D has given us a great review of an opening between Park Junghwan and Chen Yaoye. You can find the SGF attached to the newsletter email.

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World Amateur Go Championship- Canadian Perspective

By: Mark Wong - Information from Ranka.

The World Amateur Go Championship is the tournament where amateur representatives from across the world come to battle on the board. This year it was in Sendai, Japan. We sent our Canadian Go Open winner Bill Lin to represent our country.

In 8 rounds Bill managed to finish 10th out of 56, only losing games to 4th placed Ilya Shikshin of Russia; 2nd placed Hyunjae Choi of Korea; and the winner of WAGC, Yuqing Hu of China.

From these results, it looks like Bill's training has paid off, as he placed ahead of IGS legend, Cornel Burzo of Romania and even USA's Curtis Tang.

You can find the details at <http://ranka.intergofed.org/>

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Baduk TV

By: Matthew Mennie

BadukTV VODs are free for a limited time. These include commentaries and game reviews in English, Chinese, and Korean. All of these can be accessed for free at BadukTV.kr.

BadukTV is releasing new videos on their YouTube channel - onbaduktv.

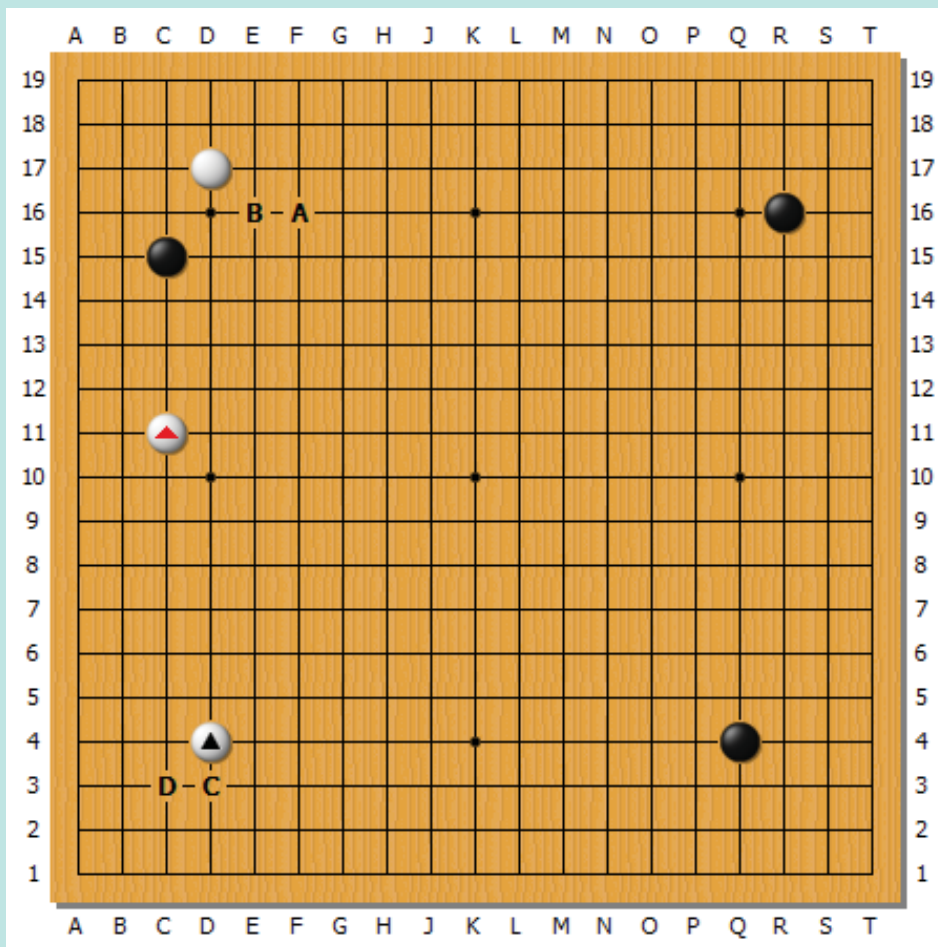
There are over 1000 free videos for you to watch, from English commentaries, to Korean language Go lessons/Problems. Please like and give comments on the videos that you like, so BadukTV can improve their service to you, the Go community!

The full schedule is available at Baduktv.kr. If you are unable to watch the games live during these times, gokifu.com is a great website to find the game records.

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The Evolving Joseki 2

By: James Sedgwick



James Sedgwick shows us how joseki has evolved in this particular fuseki.

You can find it attached to the email.

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Highlights of the US Go Congress

By: Chenshuo (Cathy) Li 1P, President of the Canada West Go Association.

The 29th Annual US Go Congress was held in the beautiful, coastal city of Seattle. As usual, as a North American professional Go player and president of Canada West Go Association, I was invited to partake in this event. The Congress has many different tournaments: U.S. Open, North American Masters, Youth Lightning, Pandanet-AGA City League Finals, North American Pair Championship, and 9 by 9. With so many tournaments going on, the organizers will be very busy and they're all volunteers.

Since the tournaments took place in Seattle, it was just a 3-hour drive from Vancouver and registration was quick. At dinner, I met the defending champion Ziyang Hu, still stricken with jetlag coming from a tournament in China.

The tournament kicked off the first round with all of the top-seeded players winning.

In the second round, the competition turned fierce when two Chinese titans, Yuhan Zhang and Cong Li clashed. After 4 hours, Zhang emerged victorious, heading to the next round to face Ziyang Hu.

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Highlights of the US Go Congress... continued

In the next round, Hu took the lead, but Zhang was resilient. He kept narrowing the gap and beat Hu by half a point. Perhaps Hu was too tired to secure the win against Zhang. Though he lost one game, Hu went on to win the rest of his games.

In the last round, Zhang was beaten by Yuansheng Song. As a result, Ziyang Hu, Yuhang Zhang and Yuansheng Song would tie for the champion of the U.S. Open. Meanwhile, the fierce competition at the Youth Lightning tournament was going on. Gan Jia Ning and David Lu, both of Canada, won the first and second place respectively.

The battle of the North American Masters tournament was between Ziyang Hu and Mingming Yin. The famous Japanese player, Masaki Takemiya 9P and the Korean player, Kim Myeong-wan 9P were invited to be the live commentators. Around 11:00 pm, Mingming Yin resigned and Ziyang Hu got his third championship in a row, overcoming many hurdles to become the youngest defending champion in this tournament.

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We are looking for more submissions.

If you want to advertise your club, an upcoming tournament, or if you think you have any news, send them over to my e-mail at markwong14@hotmail.com.

A new rule for submissions is that the article cannot be longer than 500 words.

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James Sedgwick



I would like to thank James Sedgwick for his joseki reviews. Also thanks to Matt Mennie for his article on BadukTV and Cathy Li for her insightful article on the US Go Congress.

Please feel free to give feedback for the newsletter.

-Mark Wong