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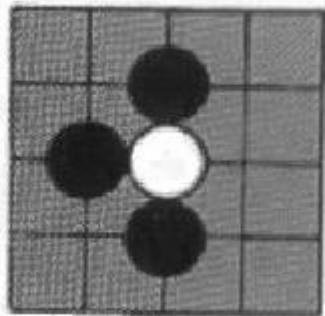
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Edmund Smith
Youth Grand Prix
Winner 2012



*Welcome to the seventh edition of KisekiGo News
for schools and young Go players*

Come join in you might even win



I did at the UK GO Challenge 2013

The UK Go Challenge is on again
See www.ukgochallenge.com

Youth Grand Prix 2012



Congrats to the winners:

- 1. Edmund Smith 748**
- 2. Adán Mordcovich 611**
- 3. Oscar Selby 590**

Last year's winner, Adán, was the runner up for 2012, the last year he can compete. Edmund is 19k but got the bug for Go in 2012 and took over from his sisters at the top of the table. Oscar from Epsom took third despite not knowing about the competition until the autumn.

Don't forget you get points for playing, and for wins, at any UK tournament during the year.

Edmund Smith chases his sisters

Edmund is 7 years old. He is part of a Go playing family. His father is a dan-level player. Both his sisters and his mum play too. Eldest sister Roella is 13 and is 13 kyu at Go. Kelda is 10 and 18 kyu. Despite starting later, Edmund is catching up. He is already 19 kyu. He won the 2012 Youth Grand Prix. Usually it is his sisters who win the Grand Prix prizes. Edmund was also the only one to win a section at the British Youth Championships in 2012. He also plays Go for Milton School from near Cambridge. They were the top junior school in the UK Go Challenge the last two years. Maybe you will meet or even play Edmund if you come to a tournament?

British Youth Go Championship 2013

This will be on 17th March at King Edward VI Aston School, in Birmingham. The BYGC was there last in 2010, and it will be good to be back, thanks to the new teacher there, Mr Lehmann. As usual the strongest youth players should be there to compete for the titles, but we also hope lots of youngsters who have just started learning the game will come along.

**Maybe you will be there too?
See the BGA website for details.**

Grants for Go

We are very lucky that the Castledine-Barnes Trust can provide money to help young players, especially for travel, and sets for their clubs. They have also organised a cheap beginners' Go set for schools. See <http://www.britgo.org/youth/cbtrust> to apply.

Scenes from the BYGC 2012



U18 Final: Adán against Tian-Ren



Round 2 Action: Hugh v Matei

Boring Stuff (For Teachers)

Don't forget the BGA's britgo.org website has a lot of useful things, both in the Junior and Youth sections. There is information about online Go, problem sheets and other resources, advice, links and much more. We recommend you take out BGA school membership to make the most of the facilities available.

Please contact any member of the BGA's Youth Committee if you have any queries or needs. Don't forget we can arrange a visit fairly easily to most places in the UK, as we have volunteers all over the country.

UK Go Challenge 2012

Last year we had the 9th UK Go Challenge.

The finals were held at Meadows Community Centre, Cambridge, on Sunday 24th June.

22 of the best players from school heats and other youngsters took part.

First place went to Satoru Oshima who was also best U8 boy. Roella Smith was second and Top Girl. Peran Truscott was third.

Jo Whitehead won the Challengers'.

The Team trophy was decided by head to head match and was won by Impington.

Milton was again the best junior school.

As usual, handicap games were played once a player was knocked out of the title race, so all had a chance of a prize.

Don't miss the fun this year!

How did the boxer avoid the repetition?

He avoided the K.O. position!

Vanessa's Year



Vanessa and part of the UK Team at WMSG



Vanessa in the semi-final at the WMSG.



Vanessa concentrating (photo by EuroGoTV)

Could your school or group have a Japanese or Oriental theme day with demonstrations of such as language, cookery, origami, karate, taiko drumming and of course Go? KisekiGo has been the Go expert at many such days.

Vanessa Wong will be familiar to those who read the British Go Journal or follow the news and tournament results on the BGA web site.

She is a pupil at Concord College, an international boarding school near Shrewsbury

Vanessa grew up in Hong Kong, where she learnt to play Go and got to be taught by some strong players. This makes her a strong Go player too. She is on the same level as the other top British players.

Unfortunately school work, and the location of her school, means she cannot get to many UK events, but she makes a special effort to play the top international events.

In August she was part of the UK team at the 2nd World Mind Sports Games. These were held in Lille in France. She played for the UK A team, winning 3/5, and played in the Under-21s event winning 2/5. Her best result, however, came in the Women's tournament. She came fourth, narrowly missing out on a medal!

In September she went to Brno in the Czech Republic for the European Women's. She won all her games to become the new European Women's Champion.

Because of this win, she then got to play for Europe at the SportAccord World Mind Games. These were held in Beijing in December. She came eighth in a very strong Women's event. She also played there, for Europe, at Pair Go, with Czech player Jan Simara.