

Kansai Ki-in Dominating NHK Cup

Hashimoto Shoji's defeat in the Kisei playoff must have been quite a blow for the Kansai Ki-in, which has not had a major title since Hashimoto Shoji won the Judan title in 1973. However, their success in the 27th NHK Cup must be some consolation. Three of their players, Hashimoto Shoji, Ushinohama Satsuo 9-dan and Tono Hiroaki 9-dan (winner of the 26th NHK Cup) have reached the semifinals. In one semifinal Tono will meet the sole remaining Nihon Ki-in player, Cho Chikun, while the other has already been played, with Hashimoto defeating Ushinohama.

5th Kisei Tournament, Stage One

The 4th Kisei title match is still in progress, but the 5th Kisei tournament is already under way and the following dan-winners have already been decided (finals played on the 23rd January).

- 1-dan: Shinkai Hiroko
- 2-dan: Ikezaki Tokinori
- 3-dan: O Mei-en
- 4-dan: Kobayashi Kenji

Both Westerners playing in the tournament were eliminated by the winners of their groups. James Kerwin reached the semifinal of the 1-dan section but lost to his fellow Iwamoto disciple Shinkai, while Manfred Wimmer had the misfortune to run into Ikezaki in his first game.

Rehm Wins 1980 London Open Go Congress

The 1980 London Open Go Tournament was held at the Inter Varsity Club from Saturday, 29th December, to Tuesday, 1st January, and was very well attended, with 124 entrants, including 48 from other countries. The winner of the upper dan section and London Open Go Champion for 1980 was Robert Rehm 5-dan of Amsterdam, who won all seven of his games. Other players to score seven wins were U. Olsson 5-kyu and E. Shaw 10-kyu.

The Lightning Tournament was won by Adam Pirani 4-dan of Britain, who beat Jerome Hubert 3-dan of France in the final.

9th Elsevier International Tournament

This year's tournament will be held from the 15th to the 18th May over six rounds, all games even. The venue (the same as last year) is:

- Sporthal Oost
- Oranje Vrijstaatkade 27
- 1093KS Amsterdam



Making the Dutch presence felt in Europe – Robert Rehm follows up his victory in last year's Hamburg Affensprung tournament and his 3rd place in the European Go Championship by winning the 1980 London Open Go Championship.

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1979 Yugoslav Team Championship

Twelve teams competed in the 1979 Yugoslav Team Championship, which was held from the 29th November to the 1st December at Maribor. First place in Division One was taken by Gordowa, while Ljubljana came second and Maribor third.

1979 Slovenian Championship

First place in this tournament, held at Bled from the 14th to the 16th December, was taken by Mutabzija 5-dan, who is also the Yugoslav Champion. Suc 4-dan was second and equal third were Bisjak 5-dan, Ekart 4-dan and Flajs 3-dan.



Zoran Mutabzija