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Rhein-Maas-Liga Post 2/2002

Dear Go players between Rhine and Maas,

the first round is now completed. Both Köln and Tenuki Bonn had a good start and won one game each, all remaining three games ended in a tie. Köln is only in the middle of the table, because they suffer from having played only one game yet. But it is too early for deeper interpretations now, everything is still open.

The Meisenfrei in Aachen was overcrowded by Go players from the double round and the regular Go evening. Other guests even asked whether the initial chaos will continue for the whole evening. Fortunately it did not after all games started, and we had a nice evening with many interesting games. Furthermore it seems that even all non-Go players survived, too.

Arend submitted an interesting and extensive report from this round, including a commented excerpt from one of his games. Thank you very much! Maybe this is an inspiration for your contribution after one of the next rounds?

I wish you good success in the next round,

Marcel

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Results of the first round

Double round in Aachen on April 16, 2002:

Yakuza Aachen		1:3	Tenuki Bonn	
Ki-Hyun Lee	3d	0:1	2d	Rainer Schütze
Matthias Bahr	2d	0:1	1d	Michael Brandl
Heiko Tegtmeier	4k	0:1	8k	Christian Spohn
Dirk Parschau	10k	1:0	9k	Markus Stahlberg

Baoming Liège		2:2	Bonn Uni	
Eric Paré	1d	0:1	3d	Arend Bayer
Vincent Croisier	1d	0:1	3k	Marcel Arndt
Raphaël Hermann	5k	1:0	10k	Martin Foikis
Silvie Multon	5k	1:0	16k	Karl Koehler

Yakuza Aachen		2:2	Bonn Uni	
Frank Theinen	1k	1:0	3d	Arend Bayer
Jens Patommel	5k	0:1	3k	Marcel Arndt
Christoph Hahn	12k	0:1	10k	Martin Foikis
Thierry Cachat	13k	1:0	16k	Karl Koehler

Baoming Liège		2:2	Tenuki Bonn	
Eric Paré	1d	0:1	2d	Rainer Schütze
Vincent Croisier	1d	0:1	1d	Michael Brandl
Raphaël Hermann	5k	1:0	8k	Christian Spohn
Silvie Multon	5k	1:0	9k	Markus Stahlberg

Single round in Heerlen on April 17, 2002:

Limburg		1:3	Köln	
Martin van Es	2d	0:1	4d	Ralph Eckloff
Jean Derks	2k	1:0	2d	Christian Gawron
Robbert van Sluijs	2k	0:1	2d	Ulrich Goertz
Erik van der Werf	3k	0:1	6k	Christoph Badure

B84: Now the white group is without any problem, whereas Black still does not have an eye, so white has come out with an advantage of the first scene of the fighting. However, as White cannot expect to invade the upper side, Black is still leading territorially. White has to try to make some territory on the lower side while chasing the black dragon, and the struggle continues.

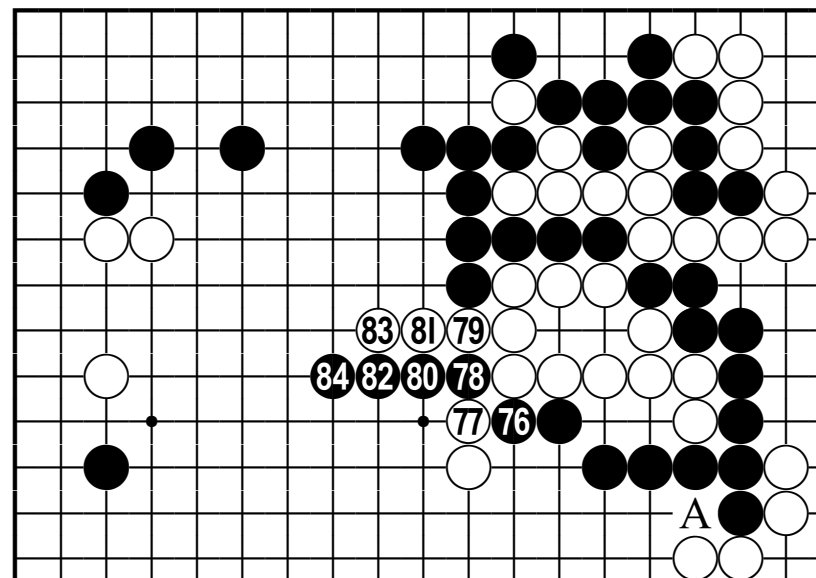


Diagram 1: Variation at B76

Tournaments

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| May 4-5 | Luxemburg | Château Hollenfels
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| May 9-12 | Amsterdam | Loc: EGCC, C: +31-20-6455555, |
| May 18-20 | Hamburg | Hamburger Affensprung
www.affensprung.de |
| May 25-26 | Herne | Kinderspielhaus des Gysenbergparks
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Incl. German Pairgo Championship! |
| June 1-2 | Frankfurt/M | C: Tim Staeger, +49 69 4980672, |

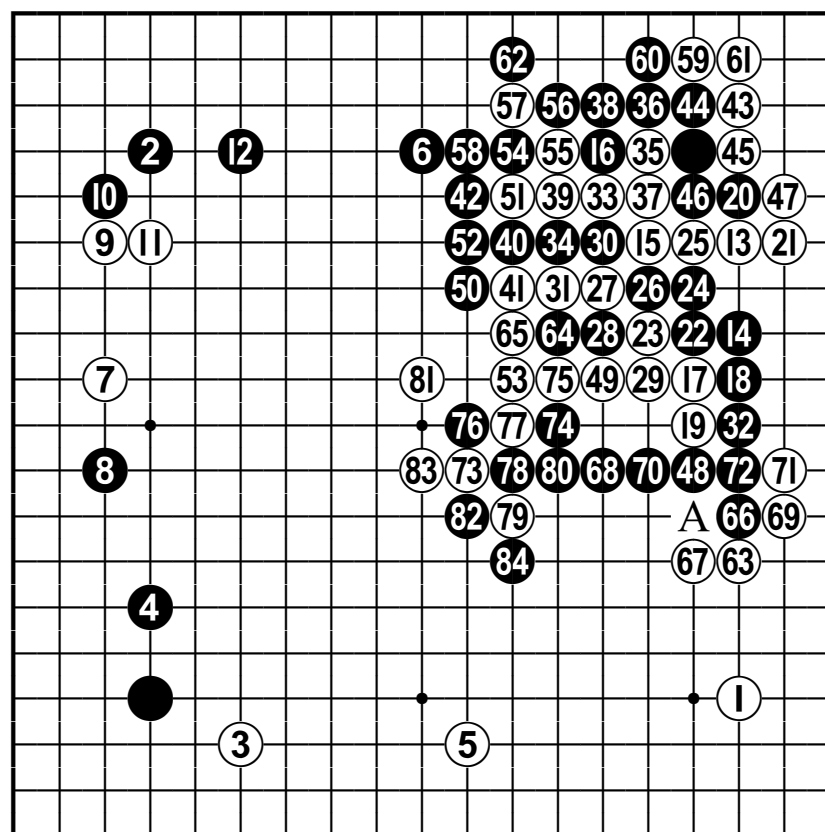


Figure 1

B66: As seen in the next moves, Black gets inefficient shape here. Maybe it is best to calmly play at B71 (and hope that this gets praised as honte, not devalued as slow, in a high-dan commentary...).

B70: Black cannot play B71, as the Ko after WA - B70 - W72 looks bad for Black.

W73: This might get punished badly if Black chooses the vulgar but apparently efficient style of B1 to B9 in the variation. Probably White should simply jump to W81.

Table after round 1

Rank	Team	Games	Match Points	Board Points
1	Tenuki Bonn	2	3:1	5:3
2	Baoming Liège	2	2:2	4:4
	Bonn Uni	2	2:2	4:4
3	Köln	1	2:0	3:1
4	Yakuza Aachen	2	1:3	3:5
5	Limburg	1	0:2	1:3

Time Schedule 2002: Rounds 2-3

Second round:

Wed, May 29 in Liège Baoming Liège - Yakuza Aachen

Fri, May 31 in Köln
 Köln - Bonn Uni
 Limburg - Tenuki Bonn
 Köln - Tenuki Bonn
 Limburg - Bonn Uni

Third round:

Tue, June 25 in Aachen
 Yakuza Aachen - Köln
 Baoming Liège - Limburg
 Yakuza Aachen - Limburg
 Baoming Liège - Köln

Tue, June 25 in Bonn Tenuki Bonn - Bonn Uni

Arend's report from the round in Aachen

Well, I volunteered to write some words on Uni Bonn's first Rhein-Maas-Liga match in Aachen this year; however, I may actually have been a bad choice as a reporter - as usual, my games took longer than most and so I can report little apart from them. (I already fear to be responsible in case my team mate and new Rhein-Maas-Liga organisator Marcel will think about enforcing stricter byoyomi rules in future...)

However, I don't quite think the time on the clock passed by without good reason, as the reader may judge himself: Eric Paré from Liège, against whom I was matched in the first round, decided to leave the all-to-well-known paths in a joseki that usually works *because* the opponent knows and plays it. Honestly: Who would know whether White can resist against the Black peep at B24 with W25? Although this joseki comes up regularly in my games, I didn't know. Anyway, a fighting resulted that we both enjoyed.

It continued towards the the lower center, caused complications in the lower right, found a surprising turning point at the lower left (B4 and B8 ending up captured), and the win wasn't decided until Eric committed a connection oversight in the left center, where the fighting had finally calmed down a bit.

In the meantime my team mate Martin Foikis had lost a group too big against Hermann Raphael, and Karl Koehler would have needed the 2 additional handicap stones to level out the 11-grade difference against Sylvie Multon. Two chess players sitting at the table next to us had played about one game for each move played in our game (they played one blitz of 75-seconds each after another), but the good news was that Marcel Arndt had used his three handicap stones against Vincent Croisier well enough to pull off victory. So the season had begun with a fair 2-2 draw.

It had become late, and at least for my game with Frank Theinen it is fair to say that there were plenty of mistakes on both sides. At the end, there were some more on mine, and Frank was already deservedly on the way to victory when he rescued another big black group that had

been dead for about 100 moves. In the game next to us, Marcel had ended up with a 3 point victory against Jens Patommel where he had already believed to be behind. The other two boards shared the wins equally well, and we had another draw.

It was a very enjoyable visit to Aachen. And with the new schedule I am looking forward to meet everyone again in rounds 4-6 -- if not already on the forthcoming tournaments in Cologne, Amsterdam or Herne.

Game: Arend Bayer vs. Eric Paré

Black: Eric Paré, 1d (Baoming Liège)

White: Arend Bayer, 3d (Bonn Uni)

Handicap: 2 stones

Results: White wins

Comment by Arend Bayer. (Actually, he calls it "a few incomplete remarks" and invites the reader to spot more mistakes on both sides...)

W25: I still don't know what's correct here and would at the moment guess to take the calm route with W26, B25, W32.

W35: A lot of semais could be tried -- e.g. W48, B39, W72. They are all dangerous for both players.

W39: This could lead to a disaster discussed at B42. Another possibility might be W40 - B39 (preventing the double threat of B49) - W43.

W41: Forced, as white cannot allow the 2 stones to be captured in a ladder.

B42: I don't see how white could save the big dragon if Black blocks the corner at B47. No eyes in sight, and the black stones around B24 probably have enough liberties to win the semeai.

B50: A ladder breaker at F4 seems more interesting.

B64: This looks a little like aji keshi (lost potential) to me. Once the white block around W49 has lost another liberty, Black might prefer to give white a shape problem with the eye-stealing tesuji at B75.