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MEMBER'S EDITION BONUS CONTENT: In this week's game commentary, E-Journal contributor Alexandre Dinerchtein 1P – a top European player and editor of the go journal Goama – analyzes his last-round European Go Congress game against Park Jongwook 7d.

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CONGRESS UPDATES: Okun Wins Board Auction: Newly-elected Western AGA Board member Andy Okun topped a fierce bidding war on the final Friday of this year's U.S. Go Congress, winning the auction with his \$600 bid for a 2-inch table board signed by 2008 North American Ing Masters finalists Feng Yun 9P and Yilun Yang 7P, as well as by visiting pro Takemiya Masaki 9P. "Signatures from Feng Yun, Yilun Yang and Takemiya Masaki on a nice board are pretty special," Okun told the E-Journal, "but on top of that I've been taking lessons from Mr. Yang for a few years now and was excited to see him in the final, so there was a personal angle there too. I wanted to tip my hat." [Ing TD Jeff Shaevel conducted](#) the auction. The money raised [will go to the American Go Foundation to support their educational programs](#). Photo by Chris Garlock

Kaz Blogs! Fans of Kazunari "Kaz" Furuyama - the Tokyo-based former insei and E-Journal contributor shown here lecturing at this year's U.S. Go Congress -- will be interested to learn that he has a new blog <http://kazsensei.seesaa.net/> offering go lessons and advice. Photo by Brian Allen

Virtual Congress: Check out online photo albums by EJ photogs Phil Straus

<http://www.kodakgallery.com/l.jsp?>

[c=9x4qzr1.28a5dqid&x=1&y=5x6edf&localeid=en\\_US](http://www.kodakgallery.com/l.jsp?c=9x4qzr1.28a5dqid&x=1&y=5x6edf&localeid=en_US) and Brian Allen

<http://imageevent.com/brianallenphoto/gocongress2008> photo by Phil Straus

REVISED INT'L TOURNEY SELECTION REGS DRAFTED: Revised procedures for selecting representatives to international tournaments have been drafted, reports American Go Association Board Chair Roy Schmidt. "After a series of problems arising from the application of procedures for selecting players to represent the AGA in international tournaments, the Board of Directors made some significant revisions to the

procedure," Schmidt tells the E-Journal. The proposal includes clearly-defined competitive procedures, back-up procedures and a minimum number of rated games against stronger players (for amateur players). "Before formal adoption of the new version, the Board would like to hear comments from the members, and especially from those most likely to be eligible for opportunities to compete internationally," says Schmidt. Click here <http://www.usgo.org/board/DraftProcedureSelectingInternational.pdf> to review the proposal; to make comments on the draft, email [agaboard@usgo.org](mailto:agaboard@usgo.org)

#### 5 MINUTES WITH: Feng Yun 9P, 2008 N.A.I.M Champion

Sometimes, the teacher becomes the student. "In the second round of the North American Ing Masters, I played a young Korean," Feng Yun 9P told the E-Journal. "I'd been studying a game from the 1930's for a workshop I'm giving, and it turned out that the same position came up in the game so I was able to apply what I'd learned." Feng said that "I think maybe this was the best Congress I ever had. I played much better than the games I played earlier in the year at the N.A. Toyota Oza, when I missed a basic life-and-death problem. I played better this time and that makes me happy." Although Feng said she felt she played well at the 2007 Ing – when she narrowly lost in the final to Mingjiu Jiang 7P – "I had more confidence this year. Maybe," she said, smiling, "I learned something from the Takemiya lecture. There were some beautiful moves (in the final against Yilun Yang 7P) that I was really proud to have played." As 2008 NAIM Champion, Feng Yun won the \$3,000 top prize. "I'm also pleased to see so many of my students doing well," she added proudly, "and it was wonderful to be able to bring my own children to the Congress this year, where they played in the U.S. Open." Feng is preparing for a busy fall this year, with even more students expected at her popular go school in New Jersey, as well as her coaching duties for the World Mind Sports Games team from the United States. Photo by Phil Straus

#### GO CALENDAR: Tucson & New York City

August 20: Tucson, AZ: Tucson Go Club August Rating Tournament

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August 24: New York, NY: NYGC Big Tournament-5

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#### TEEN IYAMA YUTA TAKES LEAD IN KISEI LEAGUES: Teen phenom Iyama Yuta

<http://www.gogameworld.com/gophp/playerinfo.php?id=379> 8P leads the contest to determine the challenger for the Kisei with a 3-0 record. The Kisei

<http://senseis.xmp.net/?Kisei> , currently held by Yamashita Keigo

<http://www.gogameworld.com/gophp/playerinfo.php?id=45> 9P, is a double round robin league, with six players in each group. The winners of each group then play a single

game to determine the challenger. With League play about half over, no one else in either league is undefeated and no one else has three wins. Iyama still has to play Cho Chikun

<http://www.gogameworld.com/gophp/playerinfo.php?id=5> 9P, who is 1-1, and O Rissei

<http://www.gogameworld.com/gophp/playerinfo.php?id=36> 9P, 2-1, so it's not over yet, but the 19-year-old Iyama continues to be the one to watch.

[pic of Iyama at <http://www.nihonkiin.or.jp/player/htm/ki000385.htm> ]

## CHO VS KO IN TENGEN PLAYOFFS: Ko Iso

<http://www.gogameworld.com/gohp/playerinfo.php?id=389> 7P will face Cho U <http://www.gogameworld.com/gohp/playerinfo.php?id=19> 9P in the Tengen <http://senseis.xmp.net/?TengenTheTitle> playoffs. The winner will take on current Tengen Kono Rin <http://www.gogameworld.com/gohp/playerinfo.php?id=52> 8P. Cho U defeated Cho Chikun <http://www.gogameworld.com/gohp/playerinfo.php?id=5> 9P by 1.5 points back in July to reach the finals of the Tengen, and his opponent was determined last week when Ko Iso 7P defeated Hane Naoki <http://www.gogameworld.com/gohp/playerinfo.php?id=22> 9P, the current Honinbo. At the age of twenty, Ko Iso 7P is not as well-known and has yet to win a title, though he has played in the last three Meijin Leagues, is tied for fifth place on the list of Japanese pros who have won the most games so far this year, and ended up in fourth place on that list last year. Tengen title-holder Cho U holds more titles at the moment than any other Japanese pro.

[pics of Cho at <http://www.gogameworld.com/gohp/playerinfo.php?id=19> ]  
[pic of Ko at <http://www.gogameworld.com/gohp/playerinfo.php?id=389> ]

## GO QUIZ: Miraculous Fightbacks

Congratulations to Hane Naoki, Honinbo, who came back from 0-3 to survive four straight kadobans and claim the Honinbo title 4-3. Cho Chikun is famous for this type of comeback - winning 4 straight after being behind 0-3, which the Japanese call a "miraculous fightback". Who was the first player to achieve this feat in a Japanese top three title (Kisei, Meijin and Honinbo) ? Was it Sakata Eio, Rin Kaiho, Ishida Yoshio or Cho Chikun? Click here [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uREOyBqu4mn\\_2fs3qbkbyFCg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uREOyBqu4mn_2fs3qbkbyFCg_3d_3d) to vote.

- Keith Arnold, Quizmaster

## MORE CONGRESS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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- All the pros, and especially Takemiya Masaki, without whose instruction we will wither on the vine.

-Paul Barchilon and his assistant, Fritz Balwit, nurturing the next generation of American go players.

- All the tournament directors, with a special thanks to Jeff Shavel and Chris Sira, who set a new standard by starting all rounds of the US Open on time.

- The players in the US Open...over 50 of whom called to let us know of their travel status, a major contributor to starting the US Open on time.

-Frank Fukuda, Yoshi Sawada, and our intrepid team of translators.

- The AGA and Mike Lash, who 'gave us our head', facilitating our ability to self-organize and manage.

If we had it to do again, we'd do many things differently and have already begun a conversation about developing a new paradigm for the Congress, which has grown to a size requiring more standardization and long term organization - beyond the capacity of a local group that has never done a Congress before. It's time to move to a new level. The Congress can continue to grow and be a major factor in the development of Go in the US, so long as we develop the proper infrastructure to support it.

- Peter Freedman & Akane Negishi, Co-Directors, US Go Congress 2008

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