

## 2023 Korean Ambassador's Cup

The 2023 KAC was held at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Korean Ambassador His Excellency Kim Wan Joong and Yang Jaeho 9P, Secretary of the Korean Baduk Association attended the event with Ambassador Kim giving the opening speech.

Over 40 people played in the event which was split in to four divisions – the Open had 4 rounds, the Dan Handicap & Kyu Handicap divisions had 5 rounds while the Juniors (under 16s) had 6 rounds.

The overall winner was Yibo Hao who won all his games in the Open Division. Second third and fourth was very close – three players, Ruochen Wang, Daniel Li and Amy Song all with 3 wins. The tie was resolved using MSOS (Modified Some of Opponent's Score) and SODOS (Sum of defeated opponent's scores). Rothen came second, Daniel third and Amy fourth.

The Dan and Kyu handicap divisions had 5 rounds of handicap game. Leshi Wang won the Dan Handicap with a perfect score; Myunghoon Kim, second and Charlie Li third.

The kyu handicap division was won by Raymond Yeung with a perfect score. Second was Hon Pan Kwok, with third place going to Vanno Tang.

The Junior Division was an exciting event with twelve under 16 y.o. players competing over 6 rounds. There were many exciting games from a very enthusiastic group of young people. The top two results were from Owen Dai and Angelian Pan. Both had the same number of wins and were equal on the MSOS and SODOS tie-breaks – a very close result. The result was decided from the game they played against each other in round 2 which Angelina won. Third place went to Nathan Shen.

Also awarded were the Fighting Spirit prize, which recognises hard work and tenacity even if the results do not go their way – the medal was award to Nestor Ng in the Junior Division. The most improved medal went to Minerva Cheung in the Junior division who lost all her games in the NSW Championships but came back strongly in this tournament.

Well done to all players at the event.

Photographs and full results are below:

	
KAC trophies and medals	KAC opening Raphael Shin, David Mitchell, Ambassador Kim, Yang Jaeho 9P, Neville Smythe



Raphael Shin, Ambassador Kim, Yang Jaeho 9P, Neville Smythe and the junior players



Ambassador Kim & Yang Jaeho 9P watching the Open division



Open division



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Kyu and Dan handicap division



Junior division





Junior division



Gareth White (TD) and David Mitchell (TR)



Open division, winner - Yibo Hao



Open division, second - Ruochen Wang



Open division, third, – Daniel Li

## KAC Open

Posn # Player

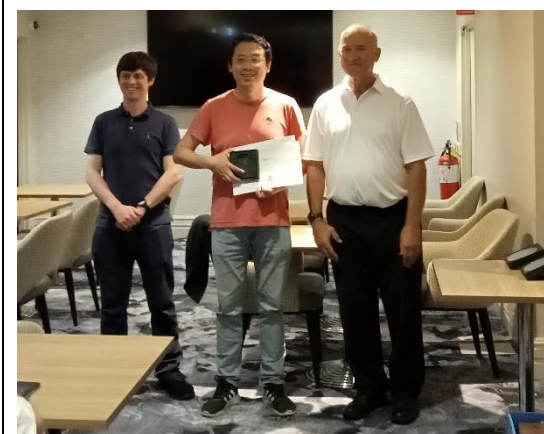
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2	4	Ruochen Wang	5d
3	1	Daniel Li	6d
4	5	Amy Song	5d
5	11	William Rui	5d
6	3	Xin Lei	5d
7	9	Marco Ma	5d
8	10	Paul Clay	5d
9	8	Chulhwan Choi	5d
10	13	Ye Tang	4d
11	2	Tom Chen	6d
12	7	Alex Peng	5d
13	6	Joseph TJ Choi	5d



Dan Handicap, winner, Leshi Wang



Dan Handicap, second, Myung Hoon Kim



Dan Handicap, third, Charlie Li

### KAC Handicap division

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1	2	Leshi Wang	4D
2	3	Myung Hoon Kim	3d
3	4	Charlie Li	3d
4	1	Dae Hyun Cho	4d
5	8	Jun Ren	2d
6	5	David Bofinger	2d
7	12	Wanpyo Hong	1d
8	10	Jun Wei	2d
9	11	Kevin Zhang	1d
10	13	Kwanghyun Ko	1k
~	6	Neville Smythe	2d
~	7	Kevin Pan	2d
~	9	Hengyuan Liu	2D



Kyu handicap, winner, Raymond Yeung



Kyu handicap, second Hon Pan Kwok

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Special thanks go to Gareth White (Tournament Director). This was Gareth's first time as TD and he did a great job, especially helping and teaching the Juniors.

May Wu and Amy Song also helped at crucial times, helping check players in at the beginning of the tournament and using Amy's Yike technology to resolve a game that ran out of time.

Overall, it was a great, friendly tournament that stuck to a hard timetable. The number of junior players was most pleasing. We just need to find out where all the kyu players are!