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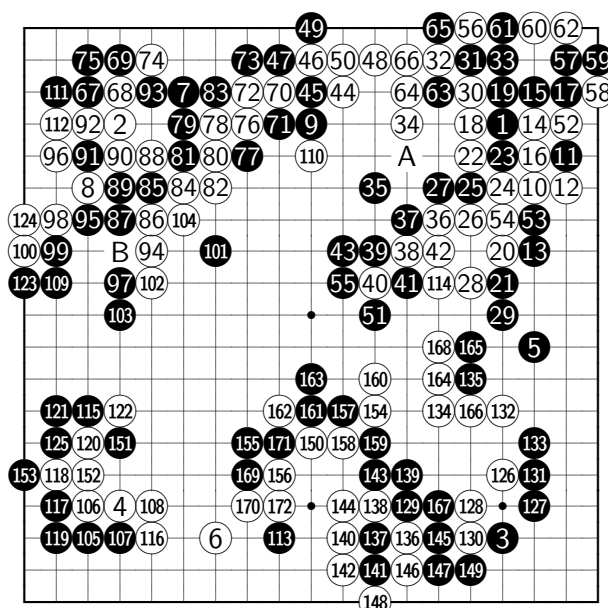


Diagram. 1
(Moves: 1-172)

November 18 2004, Ulsan, Korea: 9th Samsung Cup Semifinals, Game Two

Lee Sedol 9d (black) vs Gu Li 7d

11 and 13 were unusual, and 14 to 18 were good followups. 20 was too much, but 21 was a mistake (should be at 22 or 25). 29 was also slack, and that should be at A instead. White was happy to have a nice shape at the top with 34, and that was hard for Black to attack. 38 and 40 were strong and nice to take sente, and White was happy to settle at the top up to 50.

51 would have been better at 52. 55 was a wrong decision. Black sacrificed the top right corner, but actually that's a bit too big to give away. 70 was well timed, and the game up to 84 was still good for White. 87 and 89 were aggressive, and 88 and 90 were nice responses. 91 was inevitable to prevent the ladder from B, but 95 (should be at 98) and 97 (should still be at 98) were mistakes. The result up to 100 was too easy for White.

Black played aggressively to catch up from 105 to 125, but White was still leading with 126. 140 and 142 were good choice to simplify the game. 157 and 159 were Black's last hope to attack, but White

managed to save the group without a big trouble up to ⑩, and the game was decided.

172 moves: White won by resignation.