

Studying Fuseki

This supplement contains the Fuseki study article published in SGJ 14 PLUS a number of extra study game.

More years ago that I care to remember I played at the Enfield Go Club in north London. I arrived early and put the Go sets on the tables – on one I set up 9 stones and waited to be annihilated by whoever walked through the door first.

Over time my skill improved and I got to play even games. The problem was that I had no idea what to do – there are so many ways to play and so many choices that I tried something different every game. This was amusing but not helpful – after a few months my teacher and strongest player at the club Francis Roads suggested that when playing Black that I pick on a single fuseki shape and try to play that for a period of two or more months. (Obviously if you are playing White is more difficult to pick a consistent pattern).

Francis' advise was excellent and helped me then and since to study and learn fuseki (opening strategy) and joseki (opening tactics). This section contains a number of professional games all of which start with the same shape for Black shown in Figure 1.

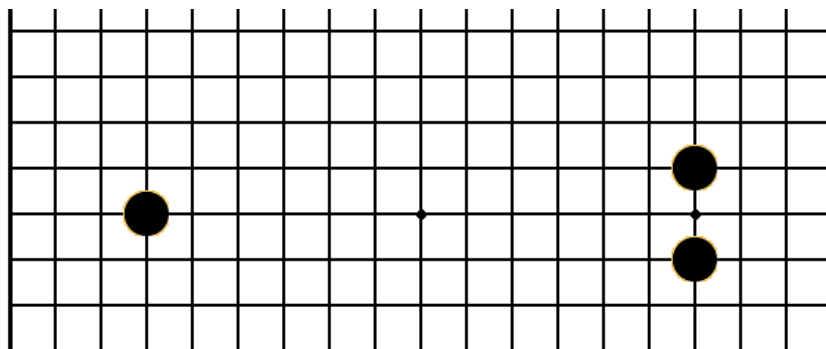


Figure 1

The shape is good for study because you can almost always achieve it by starting with a hoshi such as 1 in Figure 2. It really does not matter which corner White takes you can play 3 in the other adjacent corner. White will almost certainly take the empty corner so you can complete the shape by playing 'A'.

Once you are happy with your understanding of the shape you can change the fuseki slightly by playing 'B' instead of 'A'.

So, the following pages have games that all start with this shape – there are games played this year and others played many years ago.

Good luck with you study, it is hard work but it is worthwhile – here is what you do....

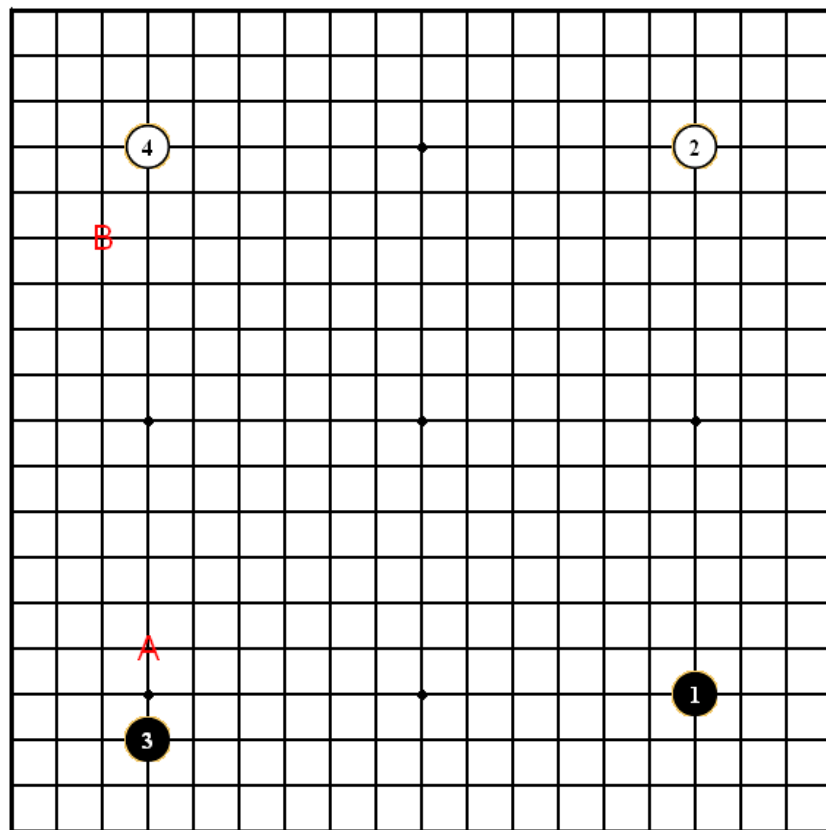


Figure 2

First memorize the game. This means playing the game through several times with the score, as you do so you will notice moves that look odd or that you have difficulty in remembering – write the move number of a piece of paper.

Once you think you memorized the game, turn over the kifū (game score) and try again. You will make mistakes but eventually you will memorize the whole game.

The second thing is to review the moves you noted – try to understand what was going on and play out as many sequences as you want to gain that understanding.

This first game was played on 20th June 2007 in the Chinese City League.

Black: Cho Hansueng 9p
White: Weon Seongjin 7p
Komi is 7.5 points
Black wins by 3.5 points

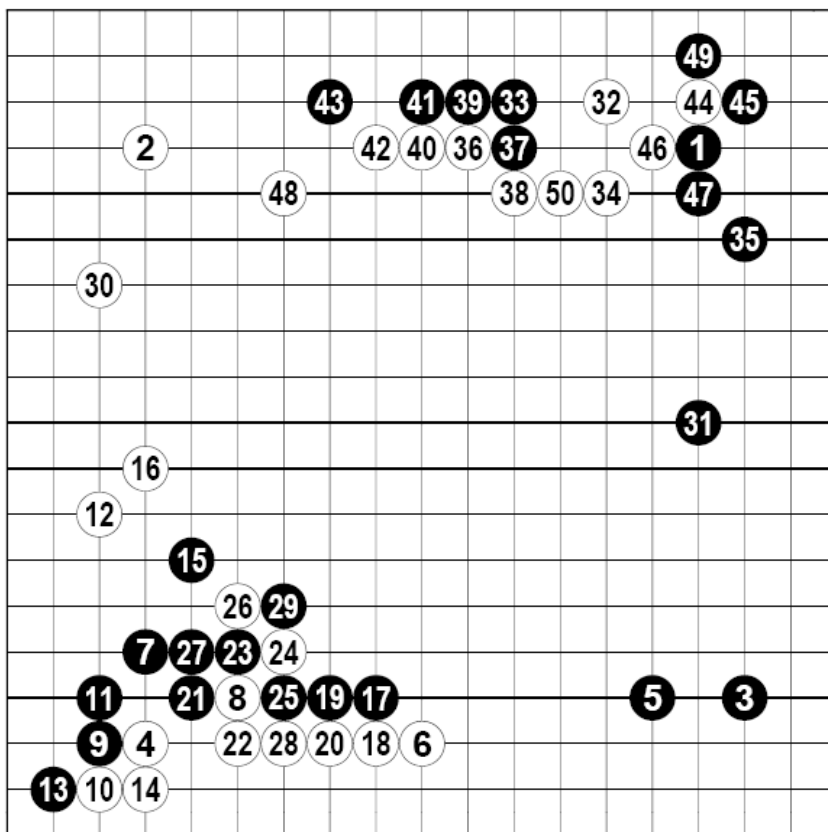


Figure 3

Moves 1 to 50

Ko moves

- 68 at A
- 71 at 65
- 74 at A
- 77 at 65
- 80 at A
- 83 at 65
- 86 at A
- 91 at 65
- 94 at A
- 99 at 65

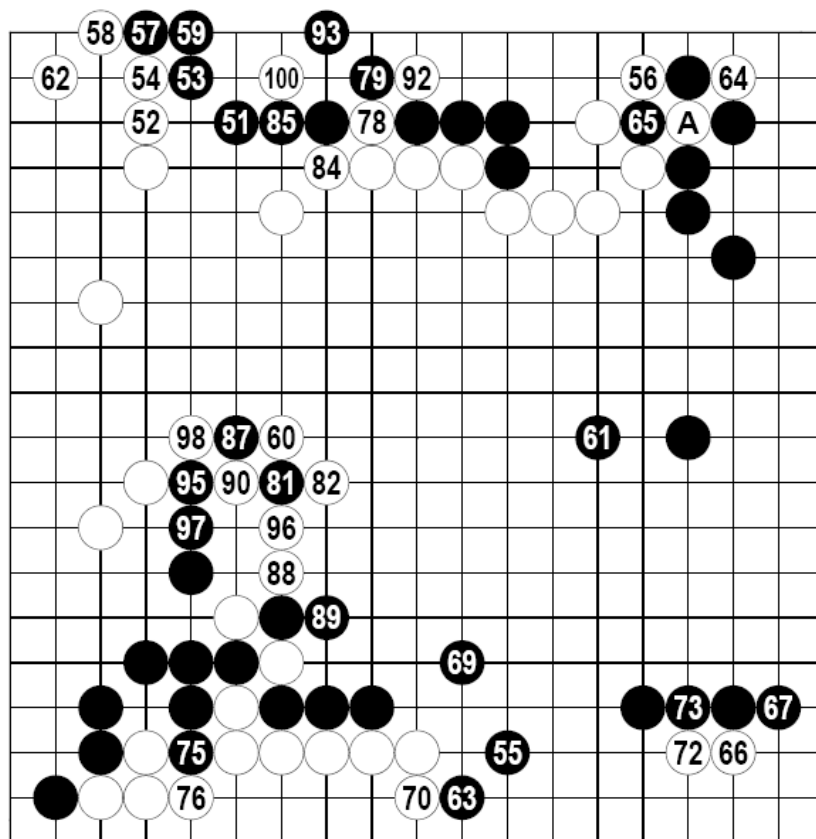


Figure 4

Moves 51 to 100

Ko moves

- 5 at A
- 8 at 2
- 11 at A
- 12 at 6
- 14 at 2
- 17 at A
- 20 at 2

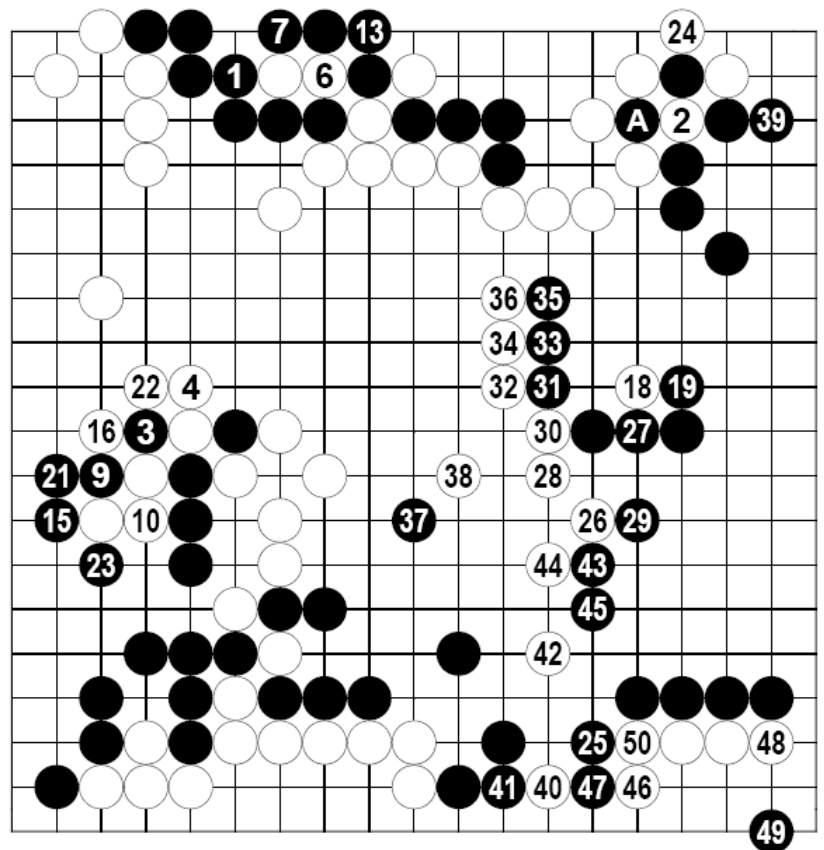


Figure 5

Moves 101 to 150

Ko moves

- 78 at A
- 81 at 71
- 84 at A
- 87 at 71
- 92 at A
- 95 at 71
- 98 at A

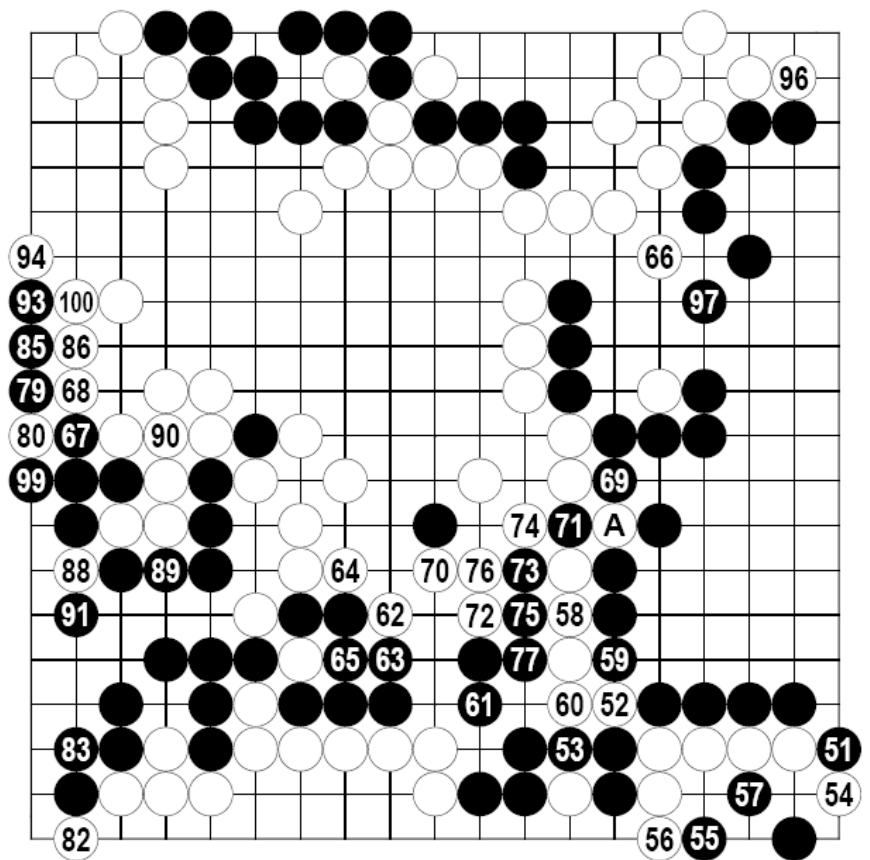


Figure 6

Moves 151 to 200

Ko moves

- 3 at A
- 4 at B
- 7 at 1
- 10 at B
- 12 at 1
- 46 at C
- 50 at 2

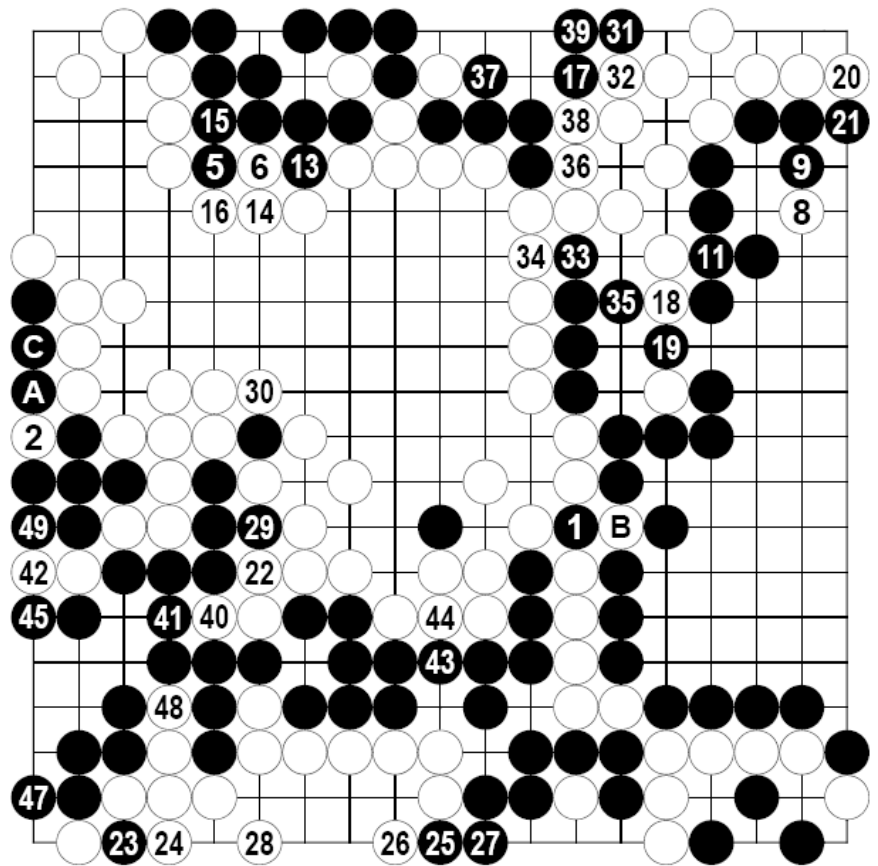


Figure 7

Moves 201 to 250

In order to keep the Sydney Go Journal to a reasonable size I have attached a number of .sgf game files of professional games that use this Fuseki pattern.

Enjoy your study.

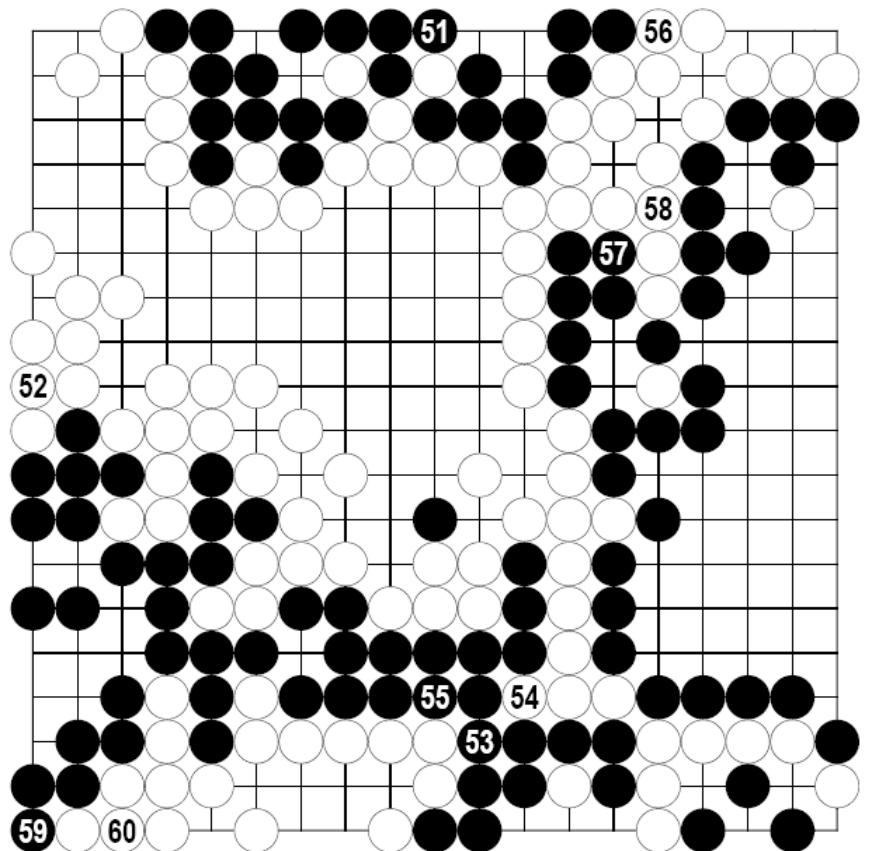


Figure 8

Moves 251 to 260

Event	Year 2007 Chinese City League B
Date	2007-06-20
Black	Cho Hanseung
Black rank	9p
White	Weon Seongjin
White rank	7p
Komi	7.5
Handicap	0
Result	B+3.5
Round	round 3

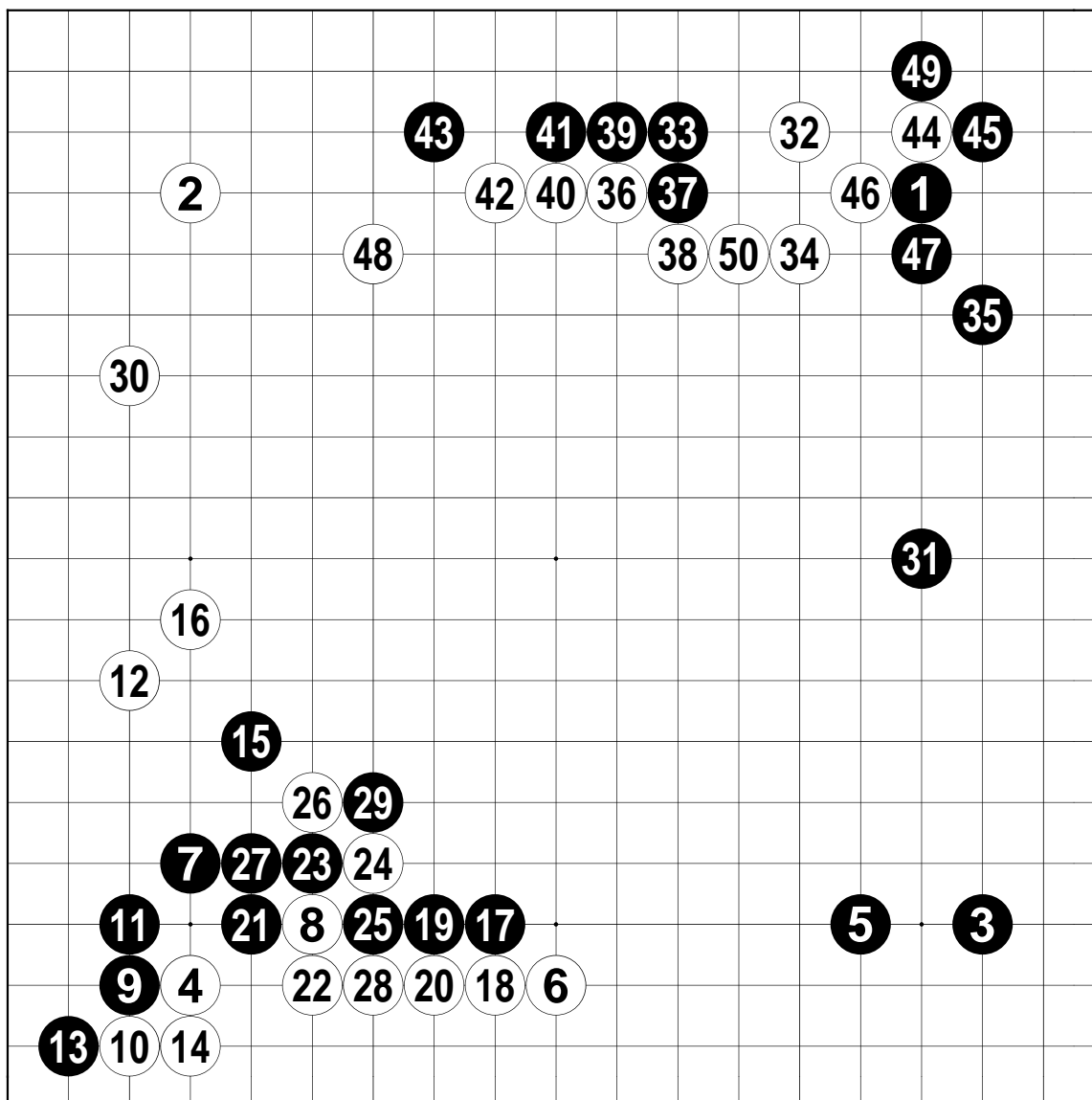


Diagram 1 (1-50)

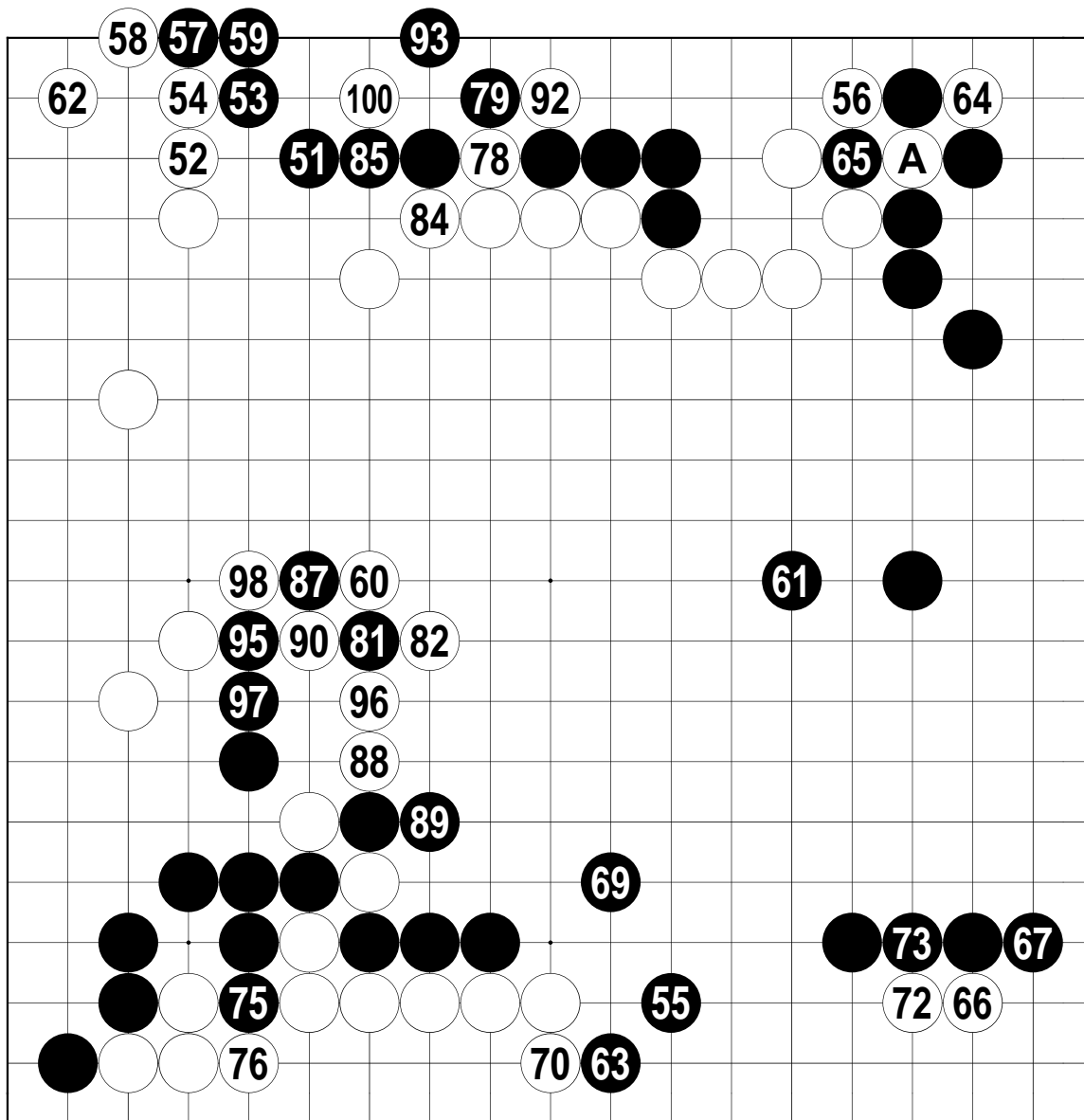


Diagram 2 (51-100)

⑥8 at A, ⑦1 at ⑥5, ⑦4 at A, ⑦7 at ⑥5, ⑧0 at A, ⑧3 at ⑥5,
 ⑧6 at A, ⑨1 at ⑥5, ⑨4 at A, ⑨9 at ⑥5.

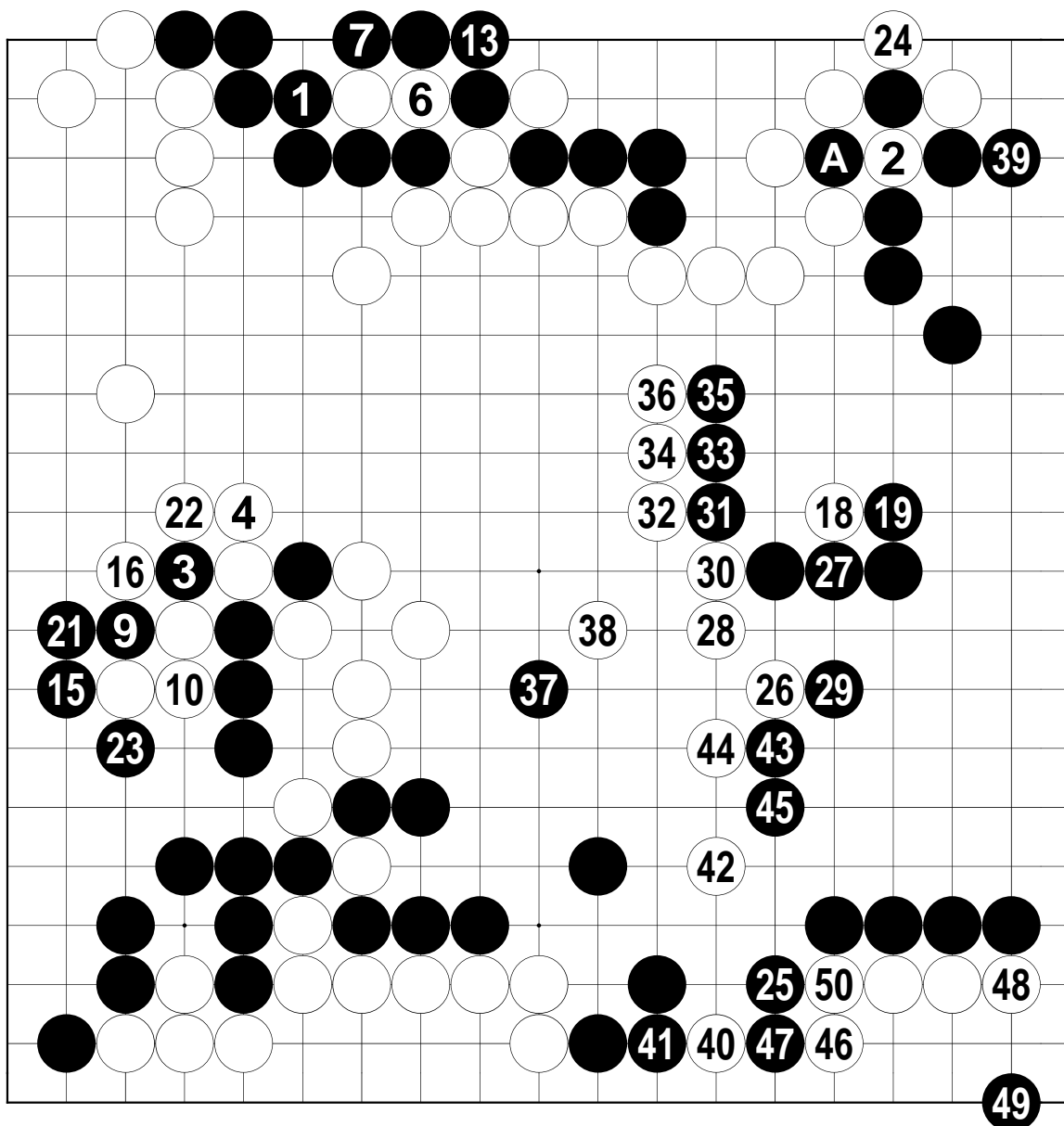


Diagram 3 (101-150)

⑤ at A, ⑧ at ②, ⑪ at A, ⑫ at ⑥, ⑭ at ②, ⑰ at A,
 ⑳ at ②.

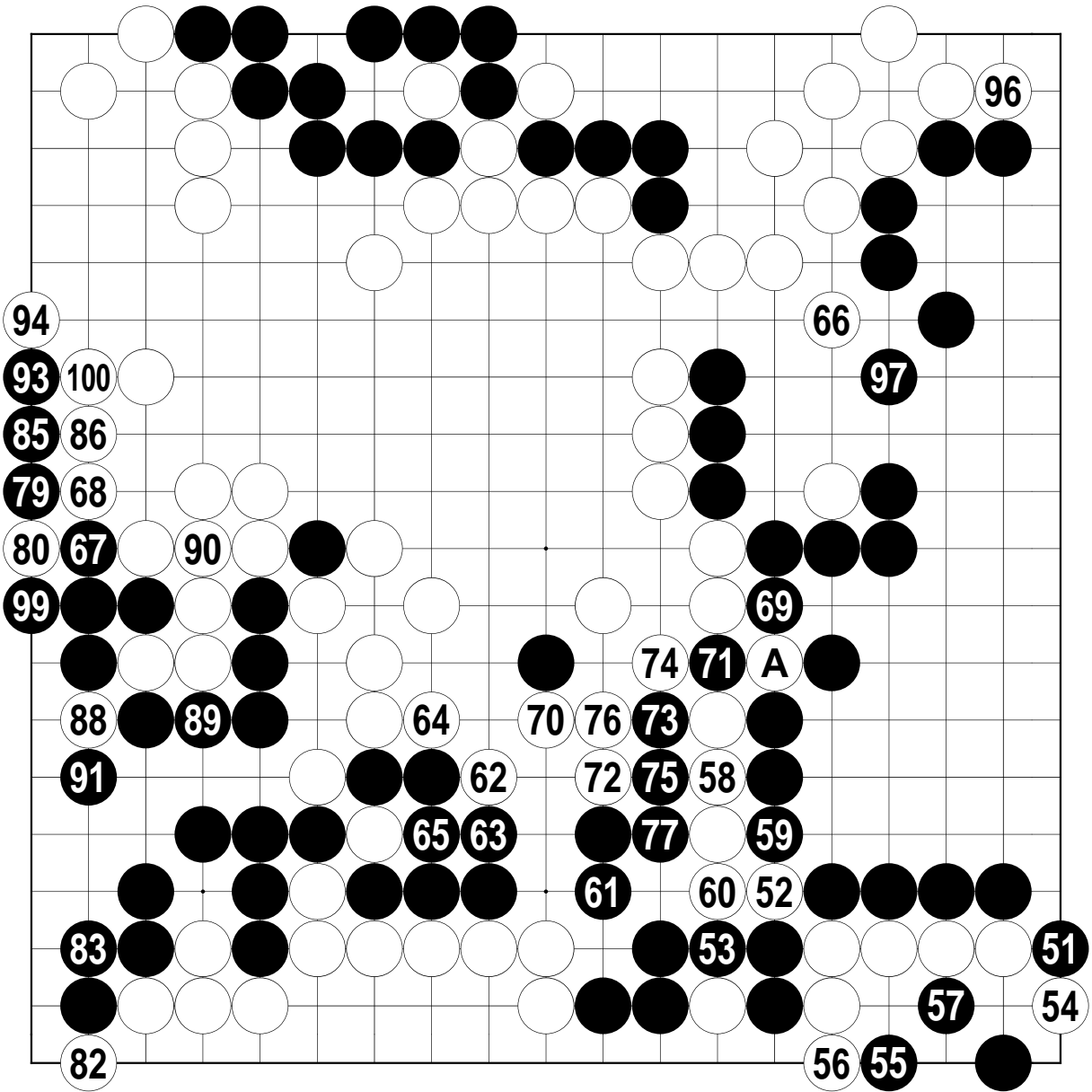


Diagram 4 (151-200)

78 at A, 81 at 71, 84 at A, 87 at 71, 92 at A, 95 at 71,
 98 at A.

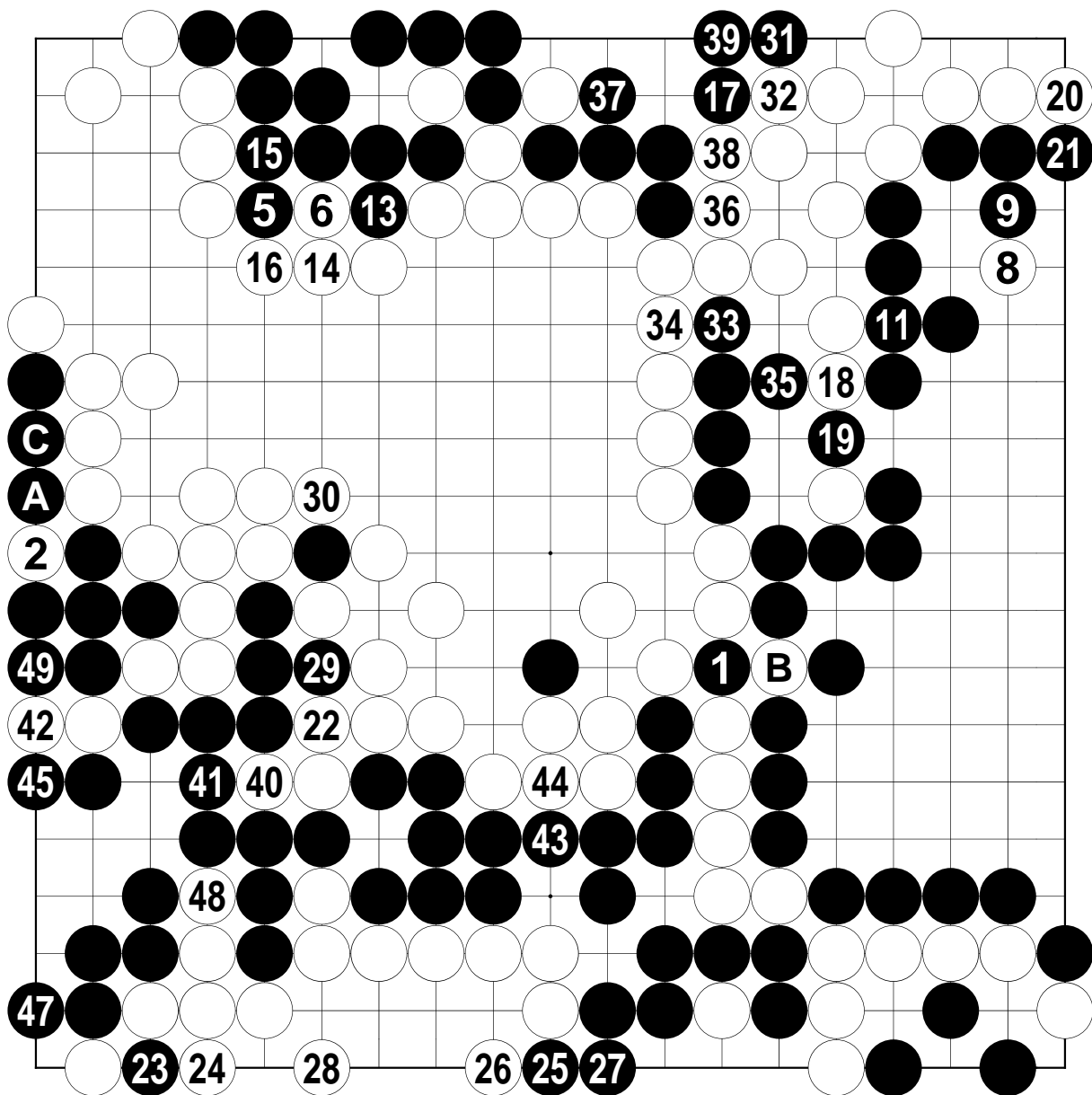


Diagram 5 (201-250)

③ at A, ④ at B, ⑦ at ①, ⑩ at B, ⑫ at ①, ④⑥ at C,
 ⑤⑩ at ②.

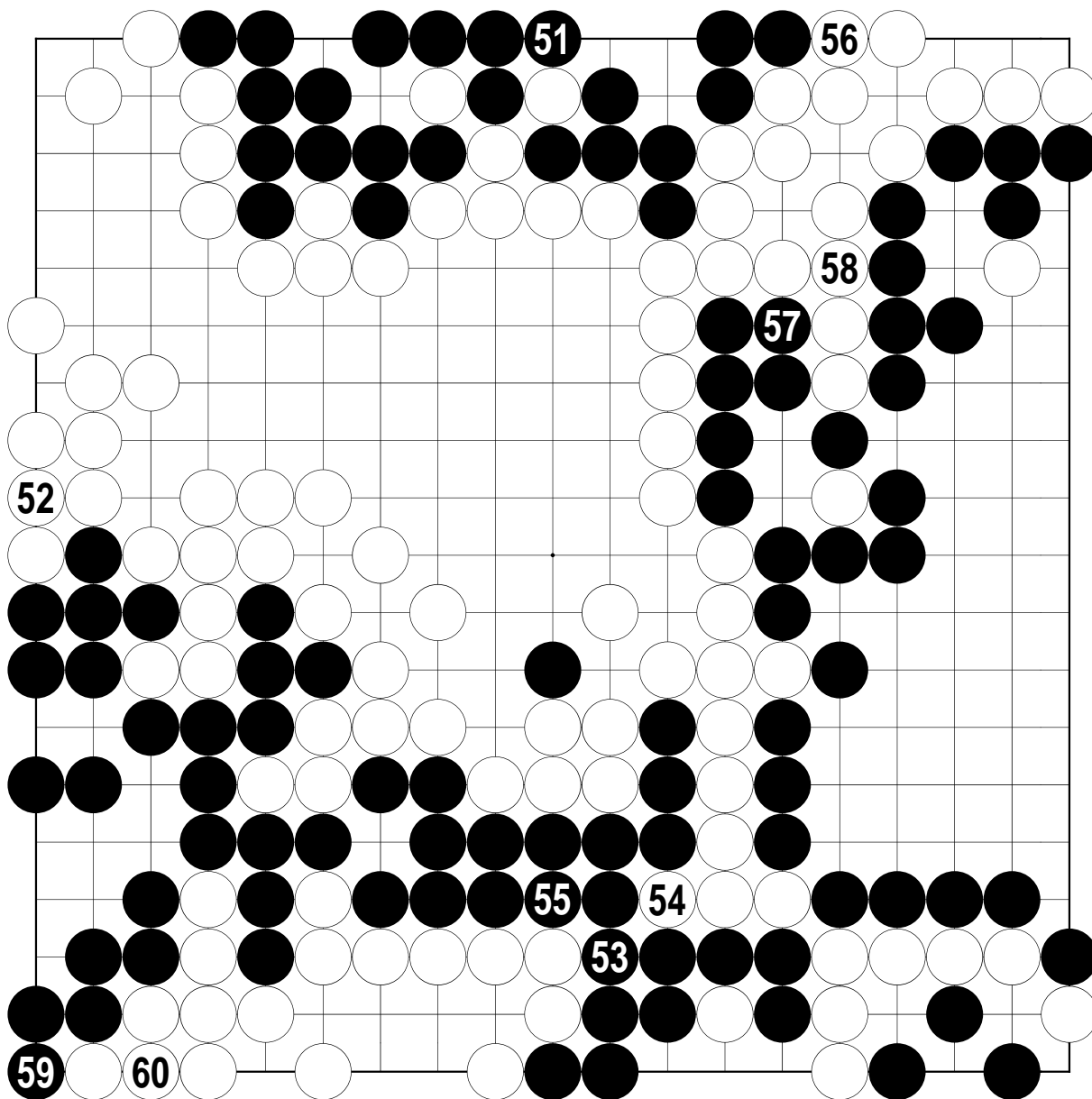


Diagram 6 (251-260)

Event	1st Saikoi League
Date	1956-02-22
Black	Iwamoto Kaoru
Black rank	8p
White	Takagawa Shukaku
White rank	8p
Komi	0.0
Handicap	0
Result	B+R
Place	Nihon Ki-in

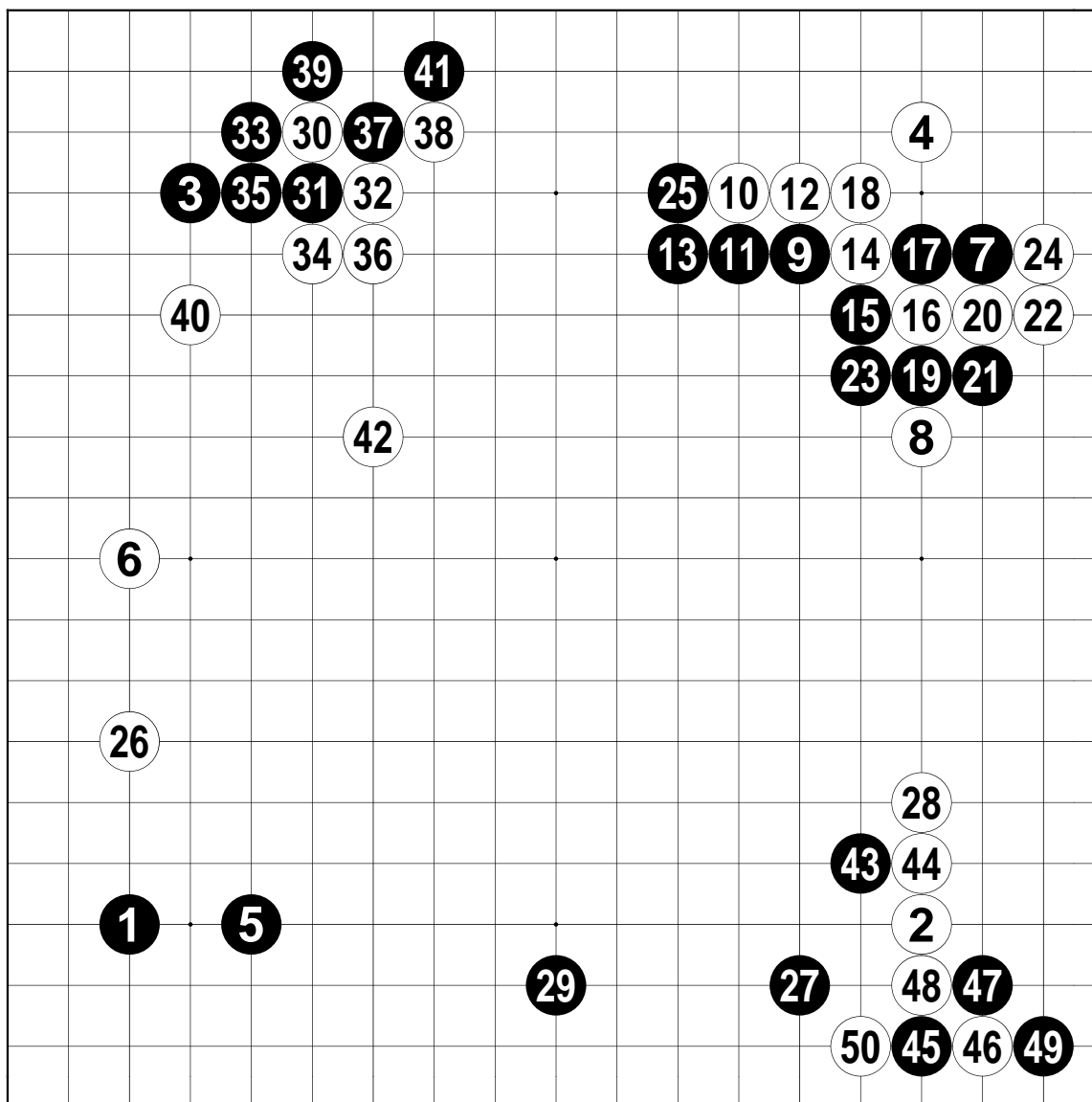


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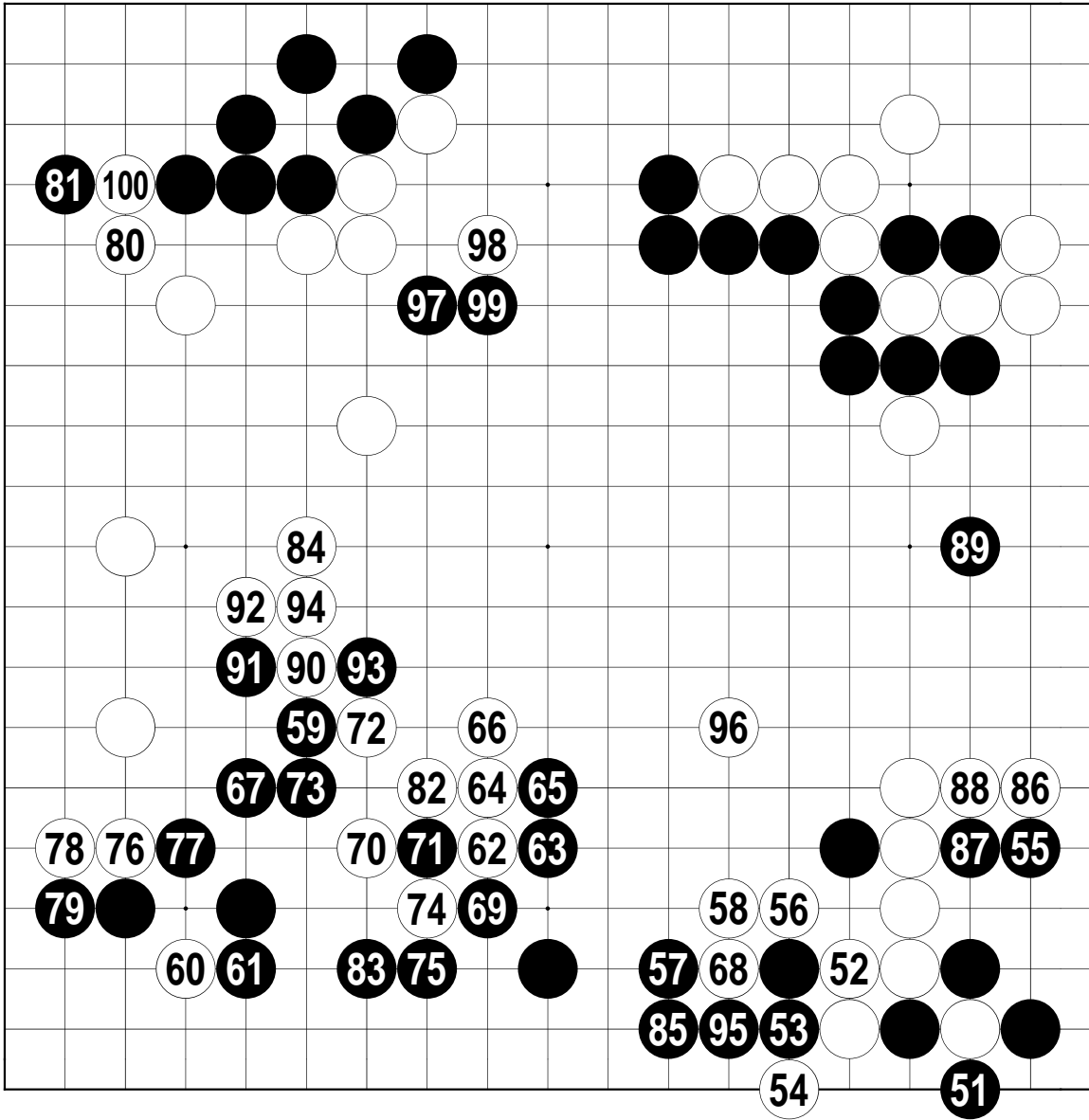


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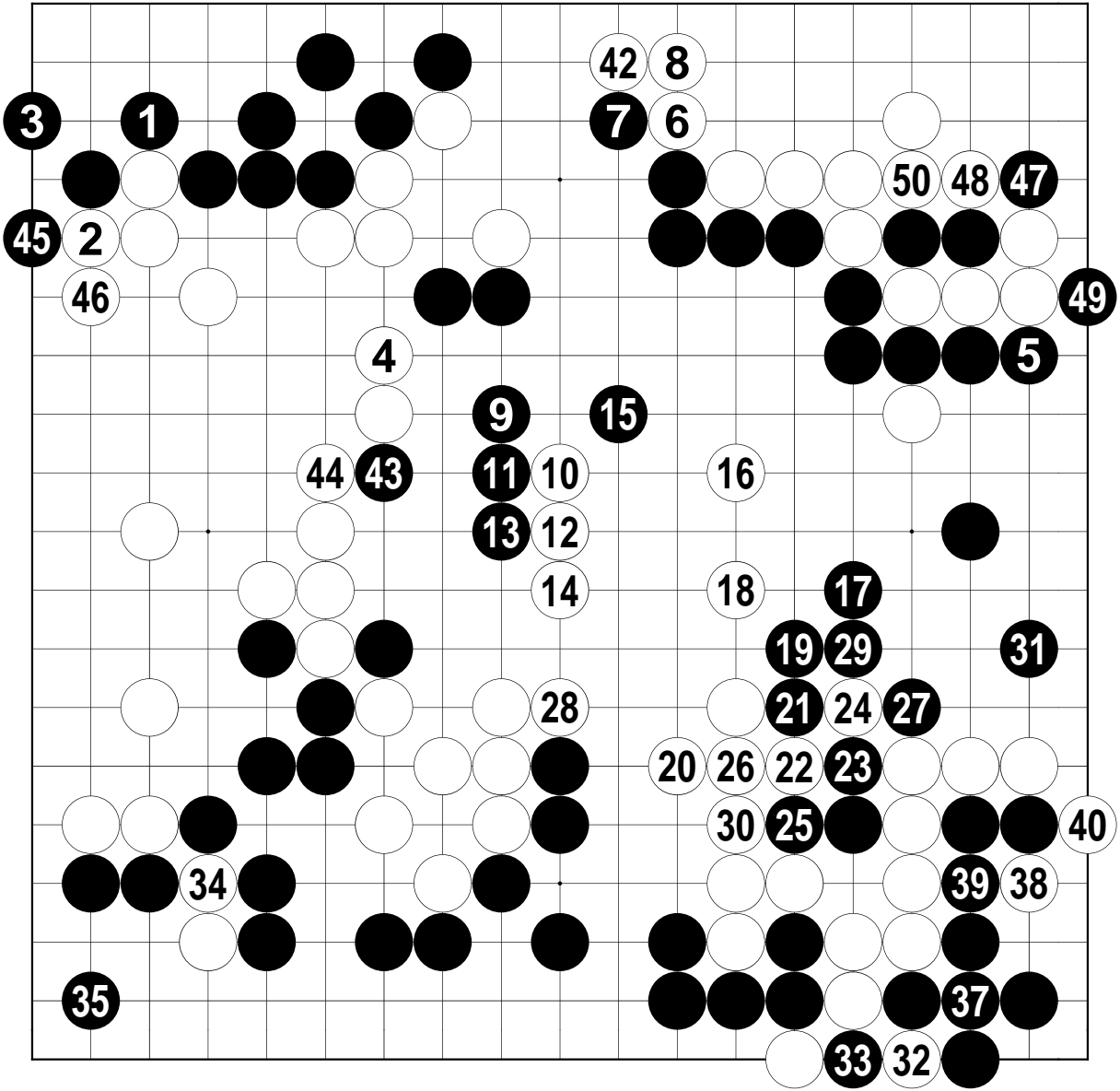


Diagram 3 (101-150)

③⑥ at ③②, ④① at ③③.

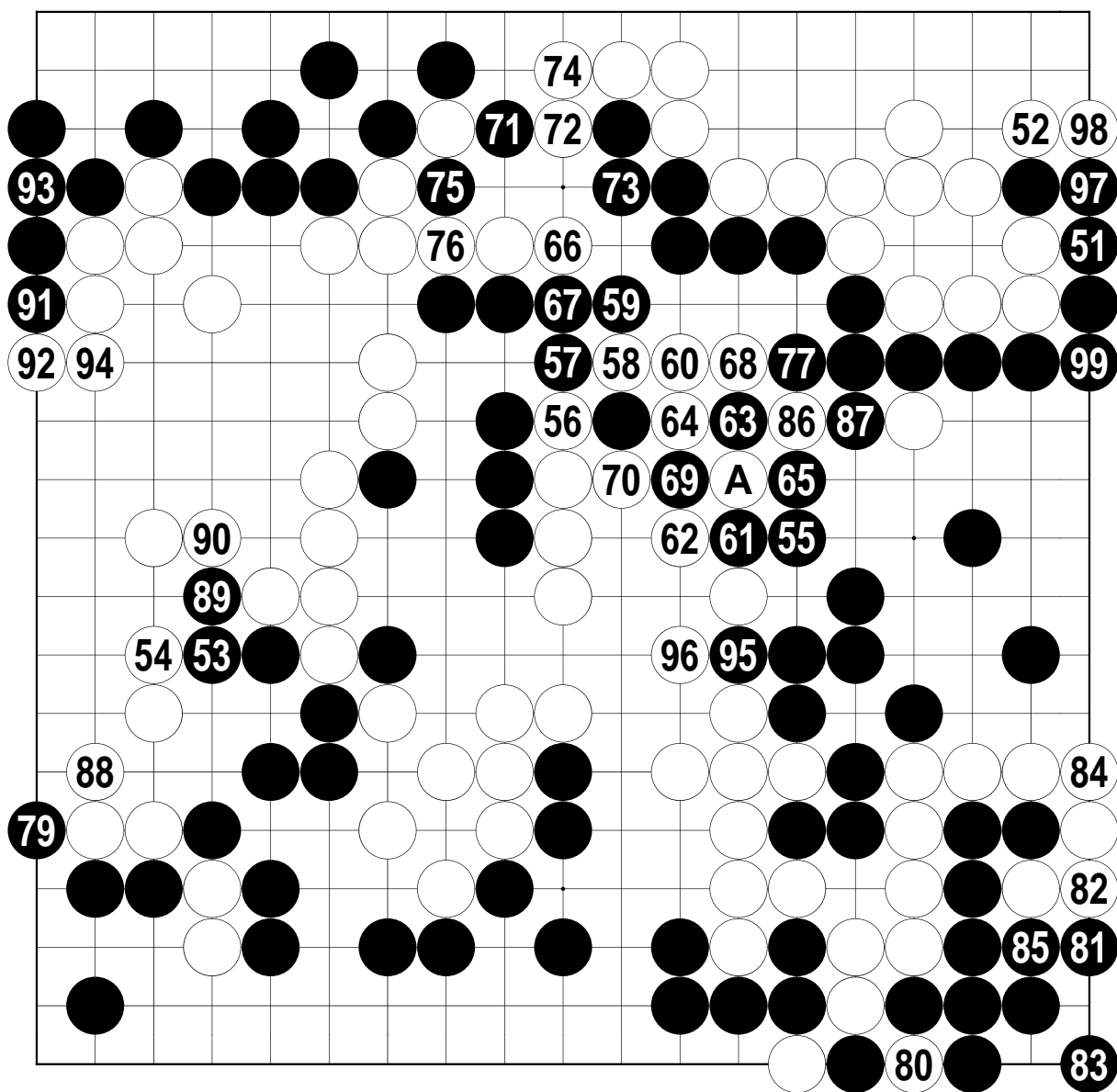


Diagram 4 (151-199)

78 at A.

Event	40th Honinbo
Date	1984-08-20
Black	O Rissei
Black rank	7p
White	Otake Hideo
White rank	9p
Komi	5.5
Handicap	0
Result	B+1.5
Place	Nihon Ki-in
Round	3rd Preliminary, Group 1 Semi-final

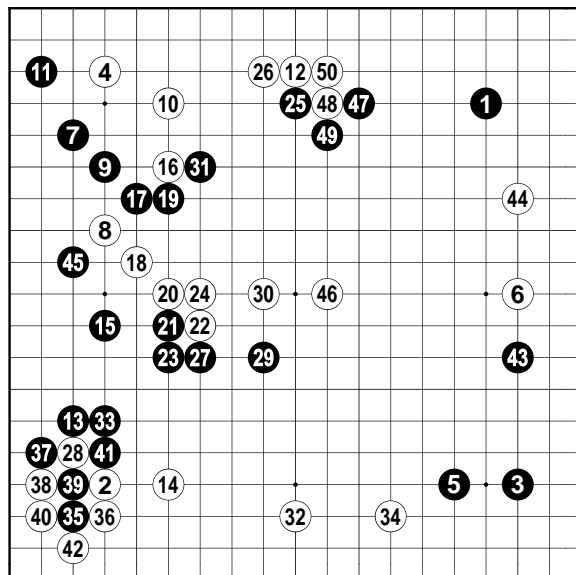


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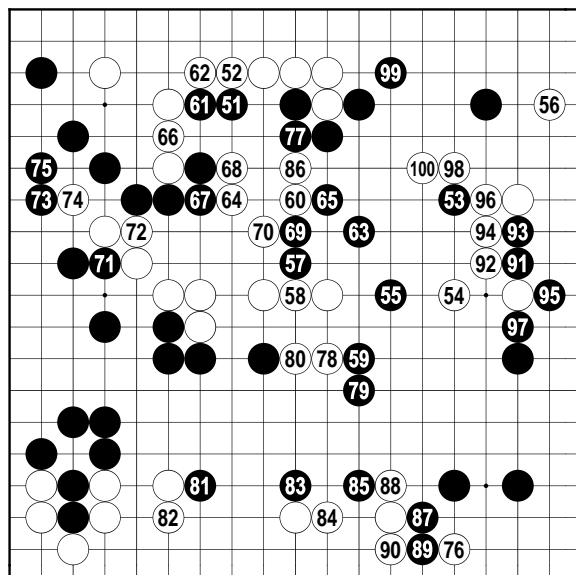


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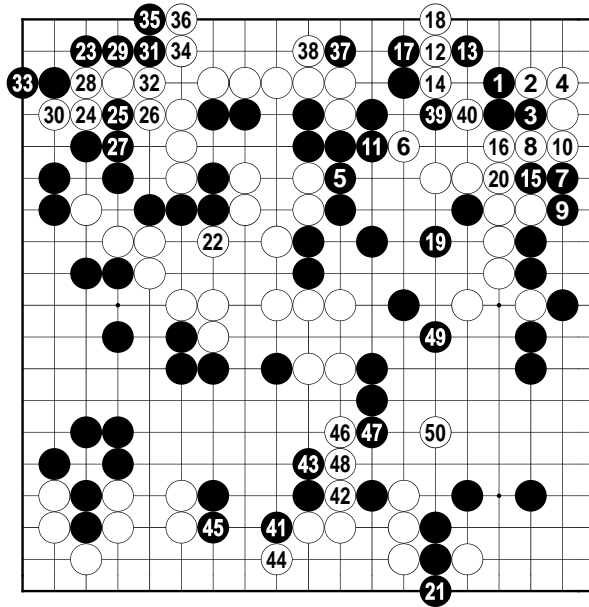


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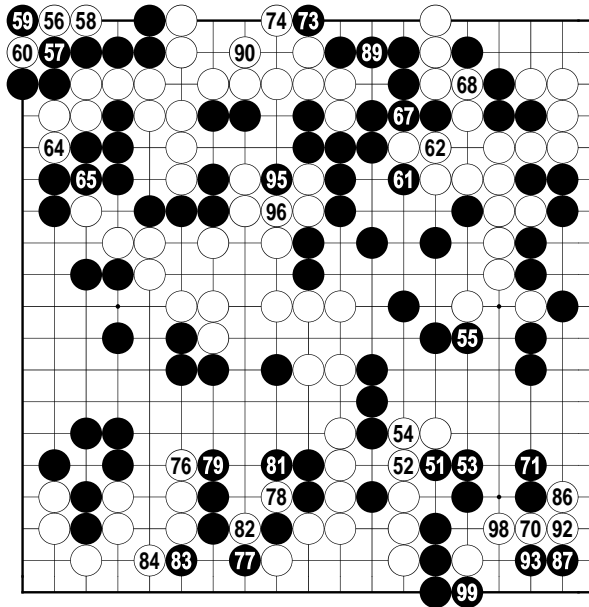


Diagram 4 (151-200)

63 at 59, 66 at 60, 69 at 59, 72 at 60, 75 at 59,
 80 at 60, 85 at 59, 88 at 60, 91 at 59, 94 at 60,
 97 at 59, 100 at 60.

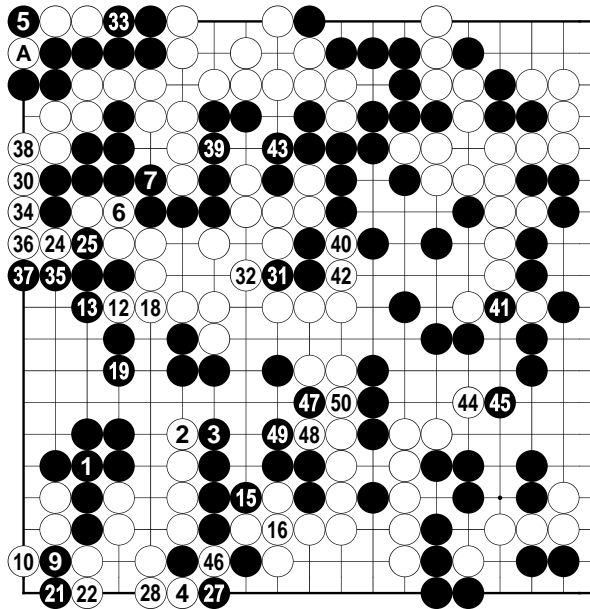


Diagram 5 (201-250)

⑧ at A, ⑪ at ⑤, ⑭ at A, ⑰ at ⑤, ⑳ at A, ㉓ at ⑤,
 ㉖ at A, ㉑ at ⑤.

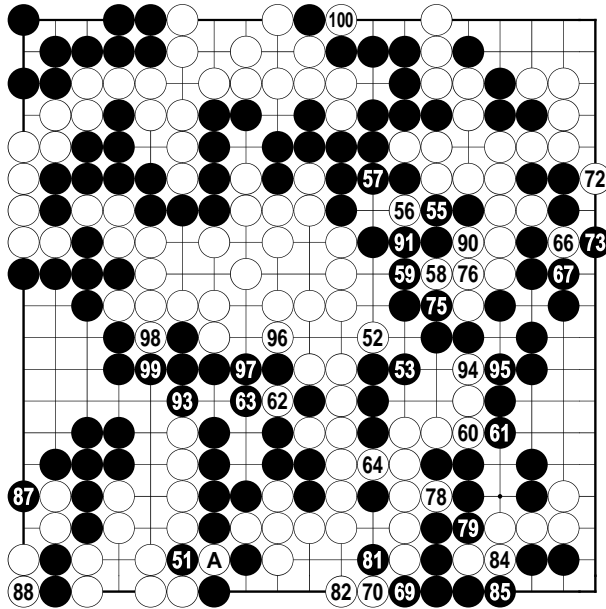


Diagram 6 (251-300)

⑤④ at A, ⑥⑤ at ⑤①, ⑥⑧ at A, ⑦① at ⑤①, ⑦④ at A, ⑦⑦ at ⑤①,
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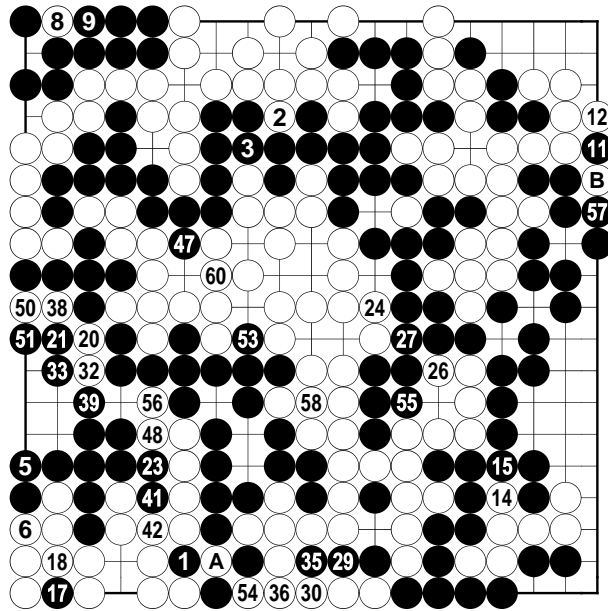


Diagram 7 (301-361)

④ at A, ⑦ at ①, ⑩ at A, ⑬ at ①, ⑯ at A, ⑲ at ①,
 ⑳ at A, ㉓ at ①, ㉔ at A, ㉖ at ①, ㉗ at A, ㉙ at ①,
 ㉚ at A, ㉛ at ①, ㉜ at ㉚, ㉝ at ㉛, ㉞ at A, ㉟ at ①,
 ㊱ at A, ㊲ at ⑪, ㊳ at B.

Date 1932-12-19
 Black Hashimoto Utaro
 Black rank 4p
 White Kubomatsu Katsukiyo
 White rank 6p
 Komi 0.0
 Handicap 0
 Result B+R
 Place Kobe Suwayama Club

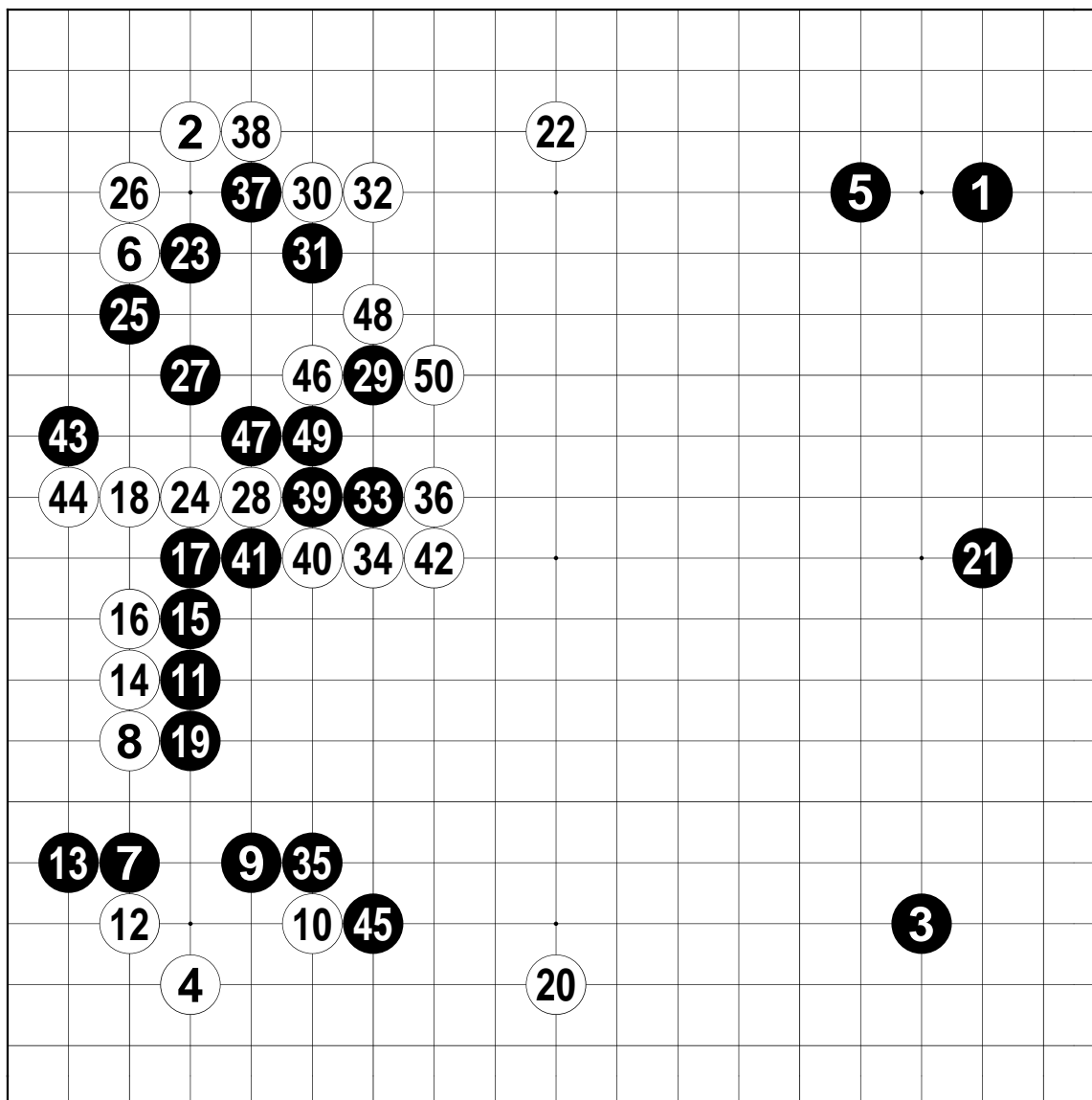


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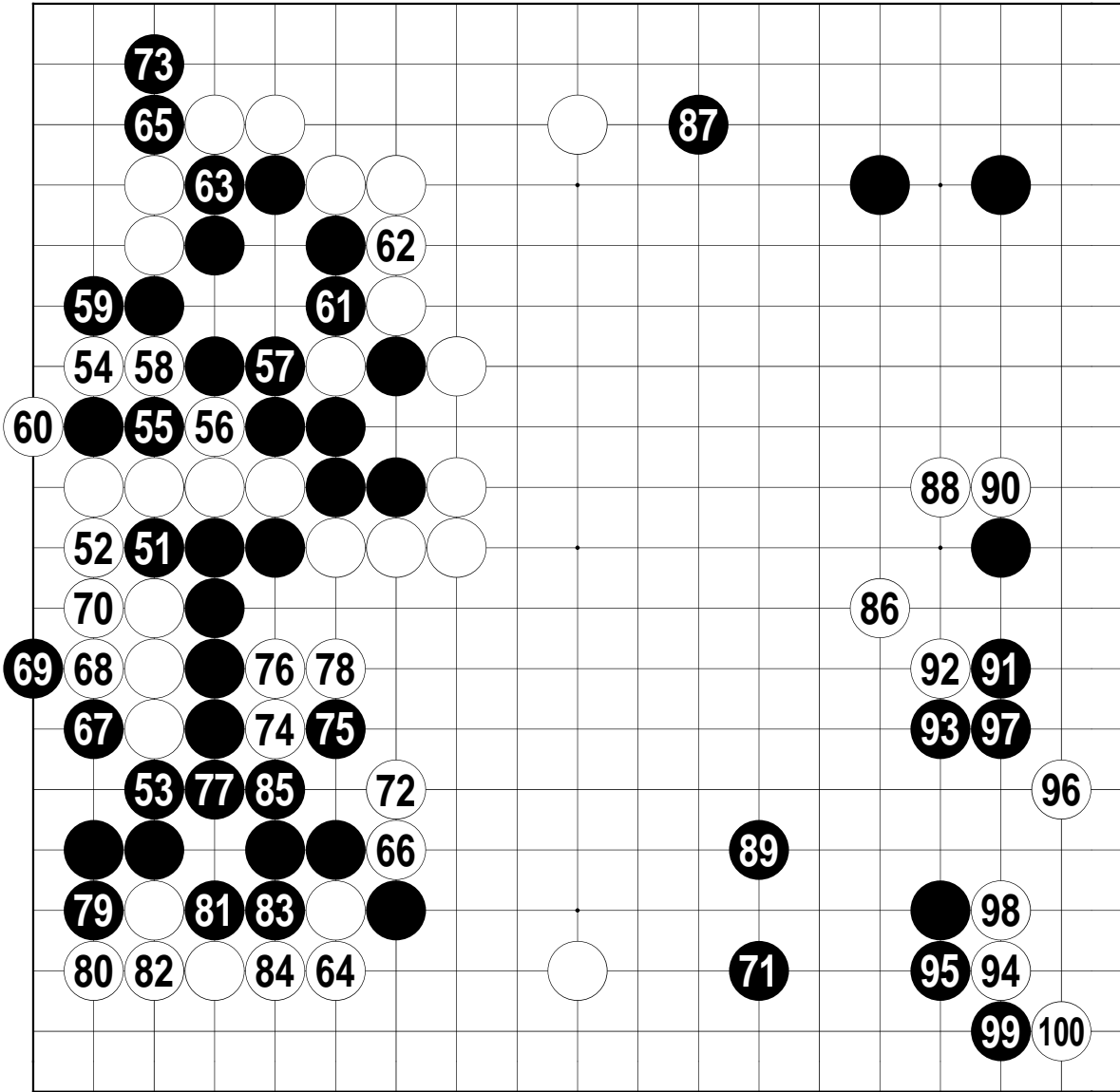


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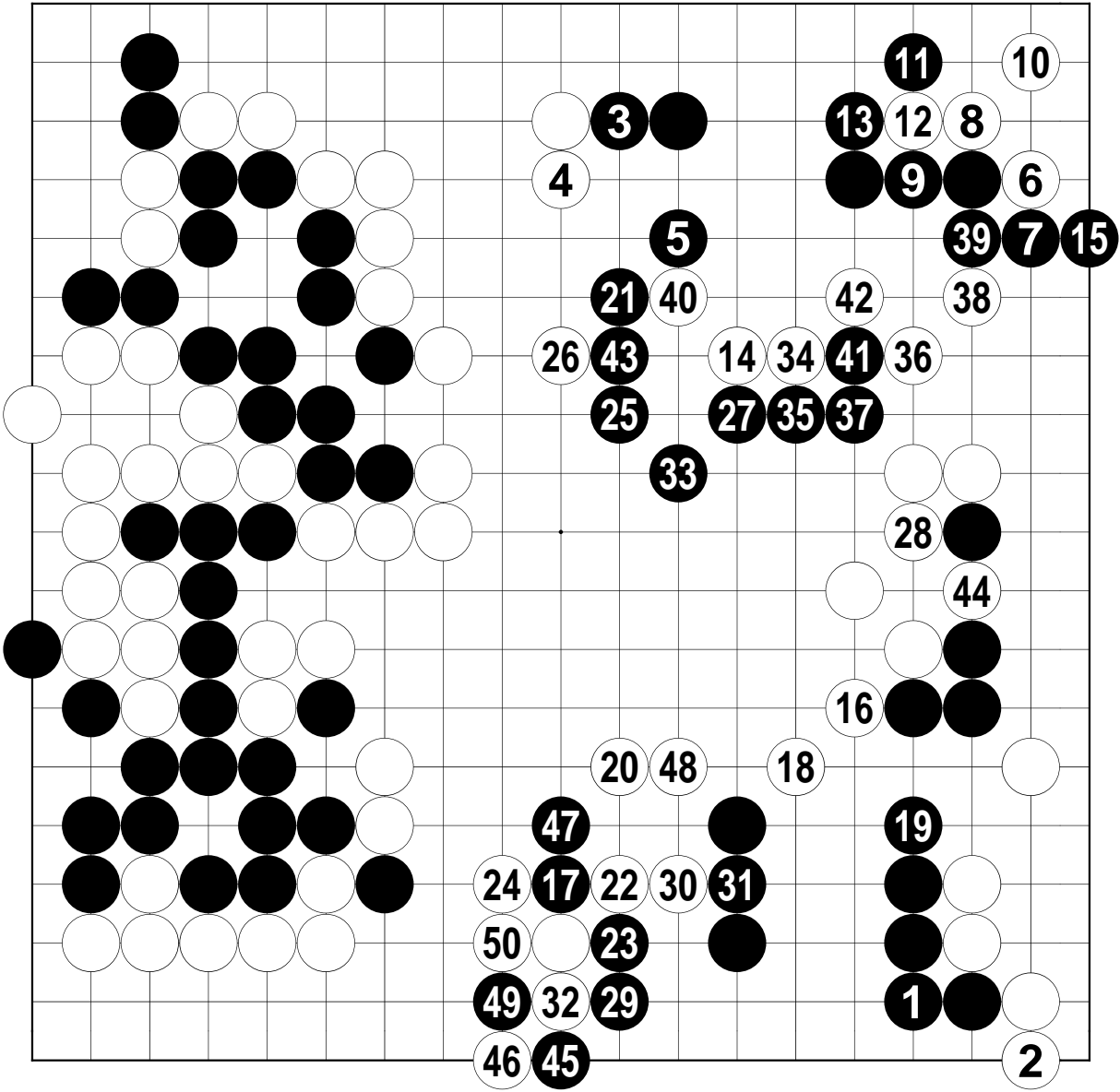


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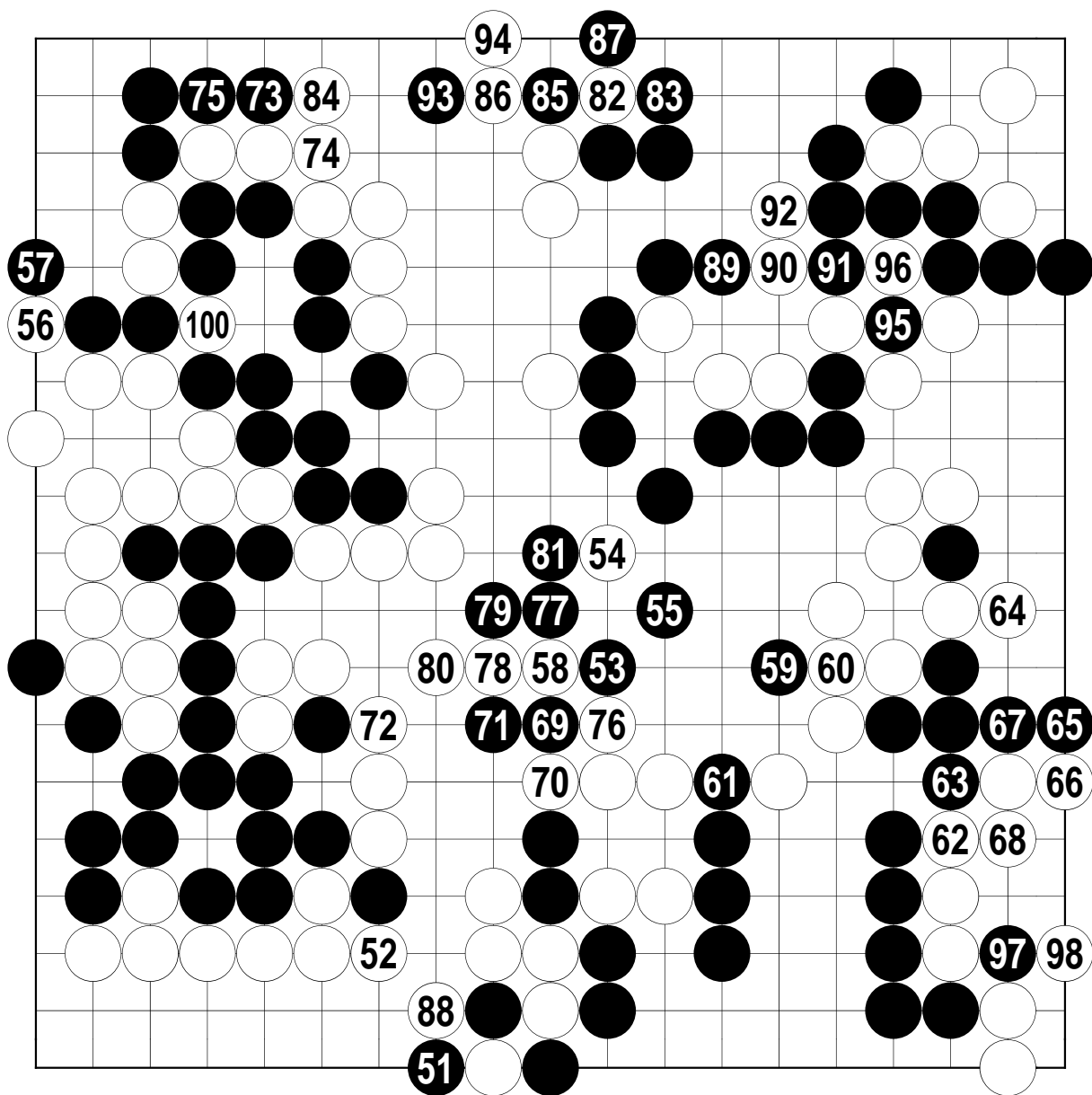


Diagram 4 (151-200)

99 at 95.

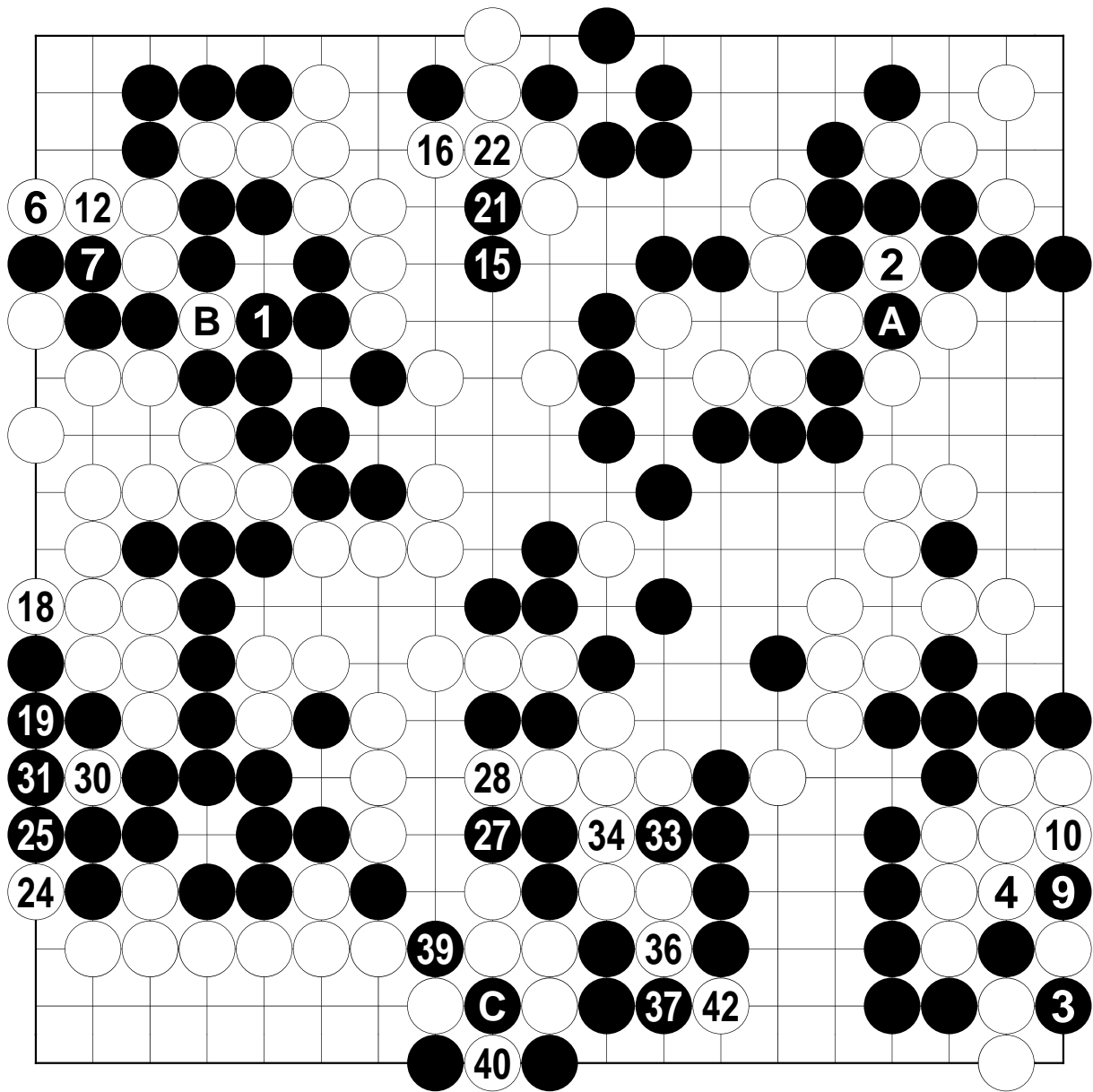


Diagram 5 (201-243)

⑤ at A, ⑧ at ②, ⑪ at A, ⑬ at B, ⑭ at ②, ⑰ at A,
 ⑳ at ②, ㉓ at A, ㉖ at ②, ㉙ at A, ㉓㉒ at ②, ㉓㉕ at A,
 ㉓㉘ at ②, ㉓㉙ at A, ㉓㉚ at C.

Event	3-game match
Date	1944-01-01
Black	Hashimoto Utaro
Black rank	7p
White	Go Seigen
White rank	8p
Komi	0.0
Handicap	0
Result	B+2

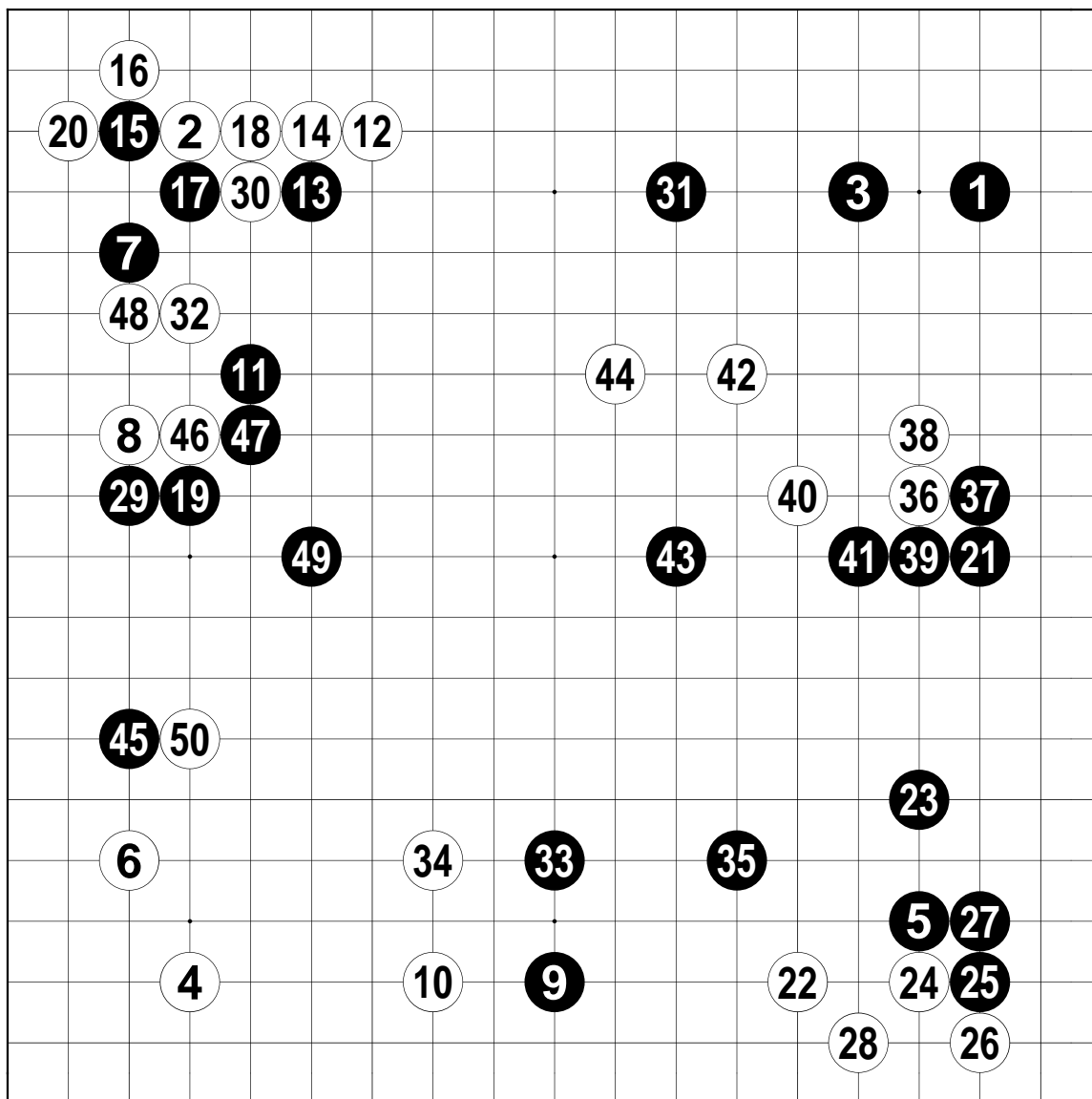


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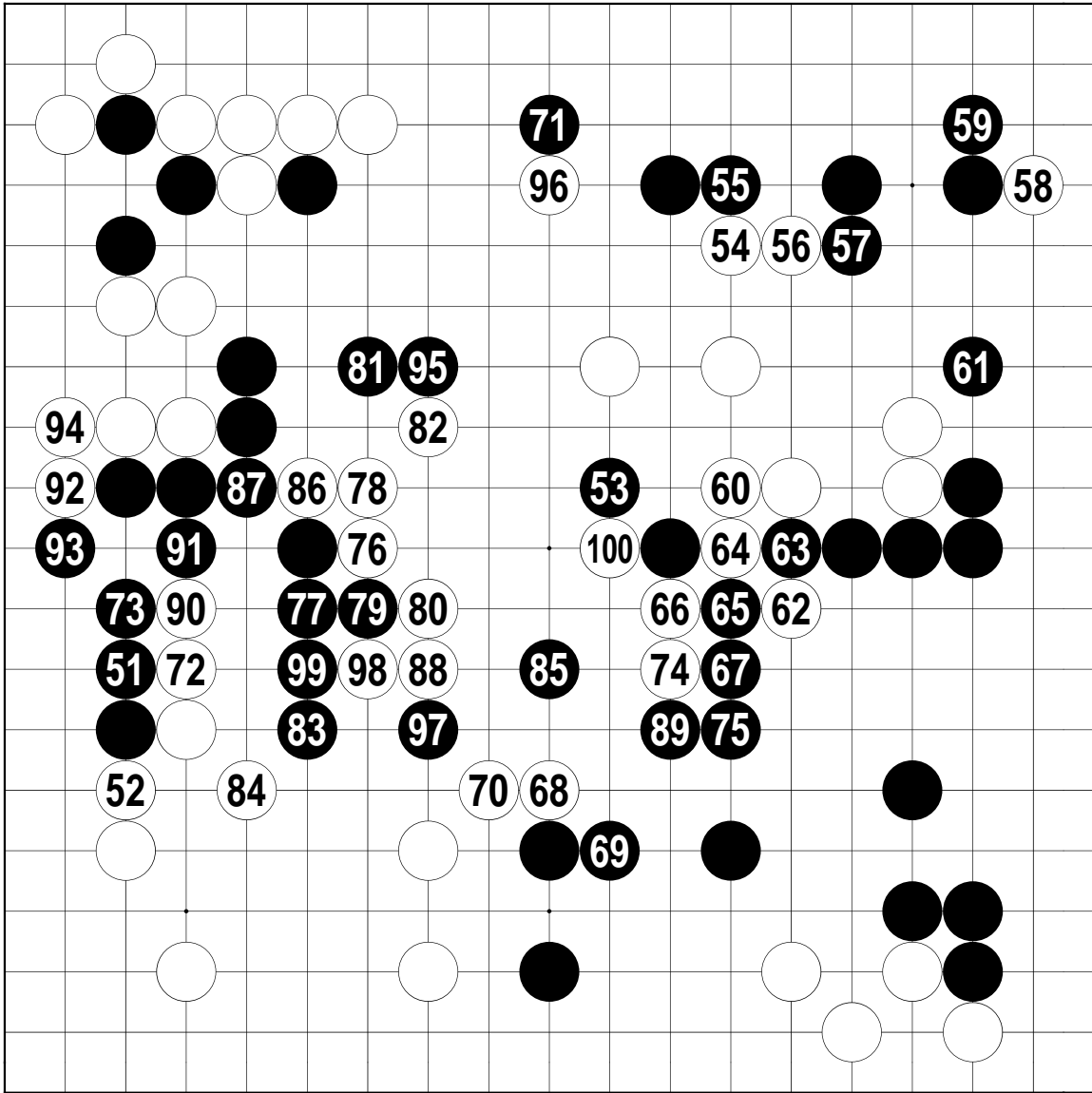


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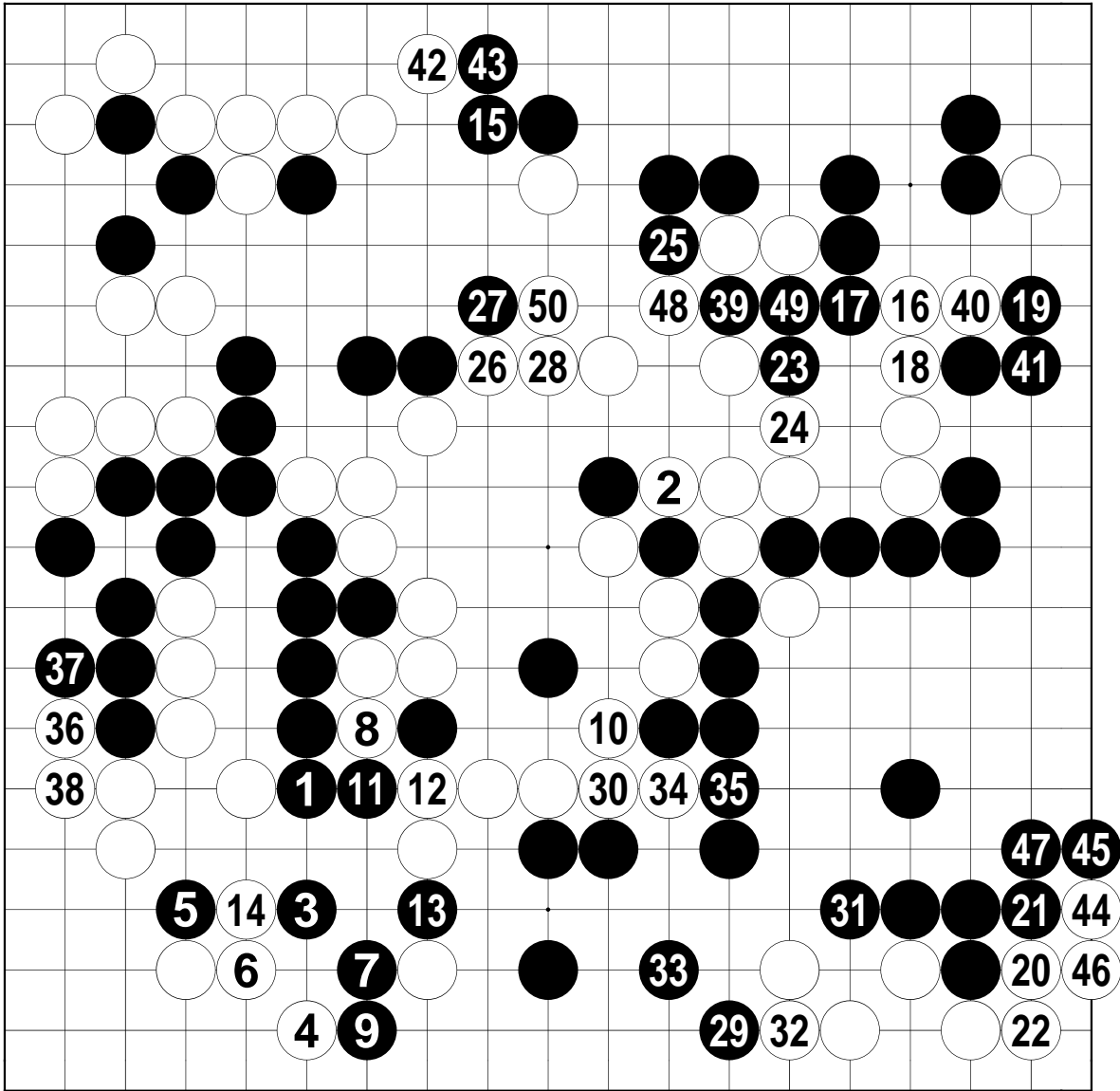


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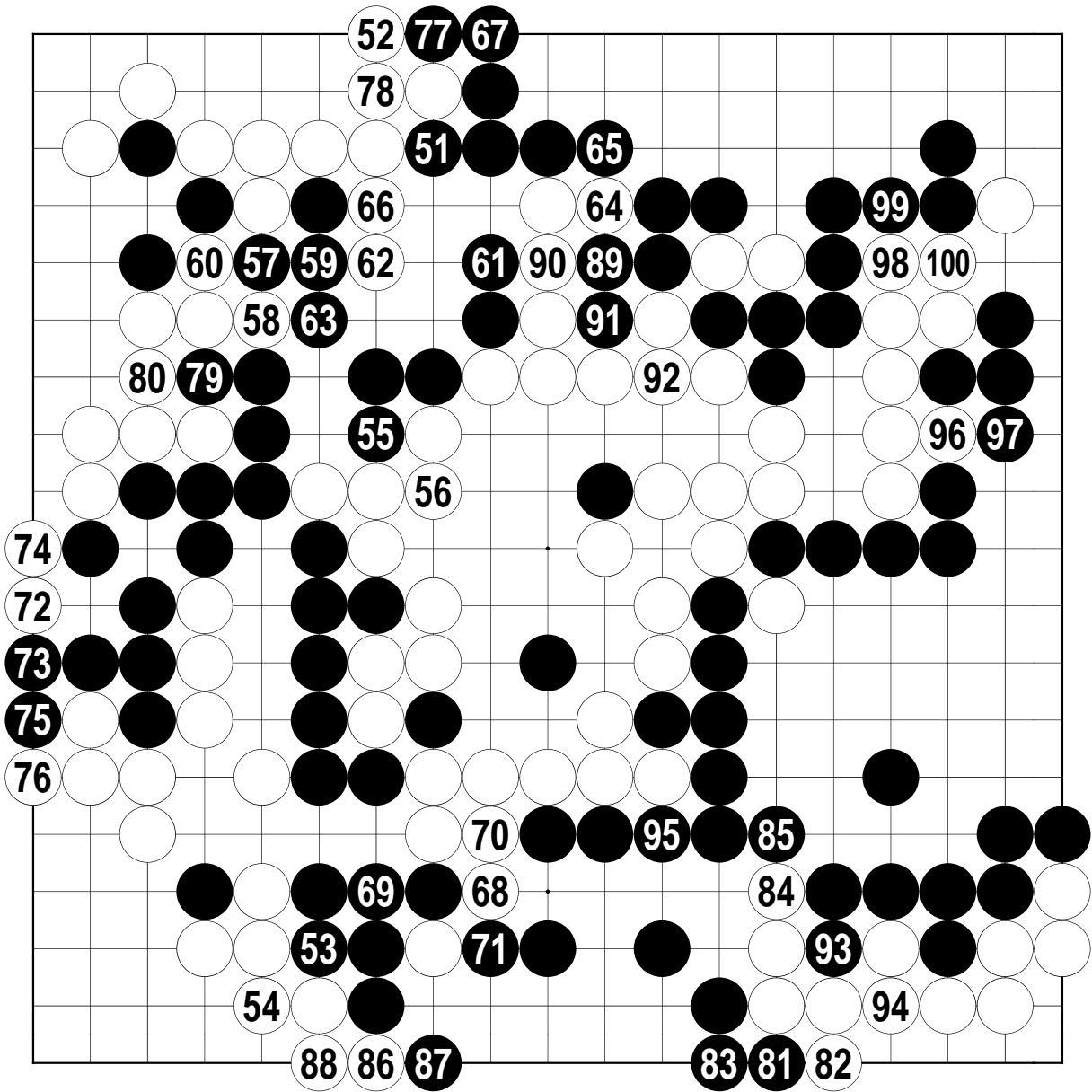


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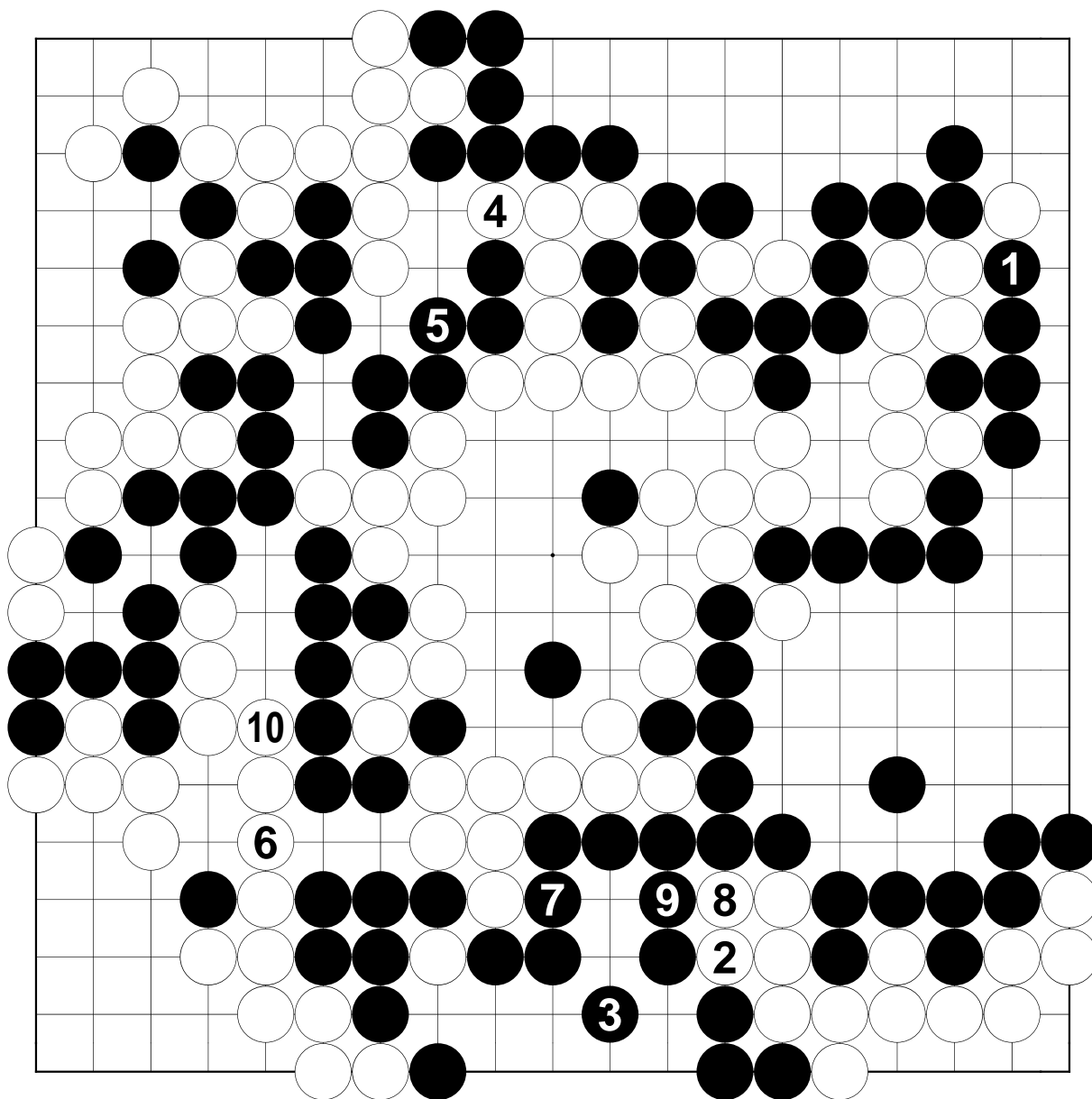


Diagram 5 (201-210)

Event	16th Oza
Date	1968
Black	Sakata Eio
Black rank	1p
White	Fujisawa Hosai
White rank	1p
Komi	5.5
Handicap	0
Result	B+R
Place	Nihon Ki-in

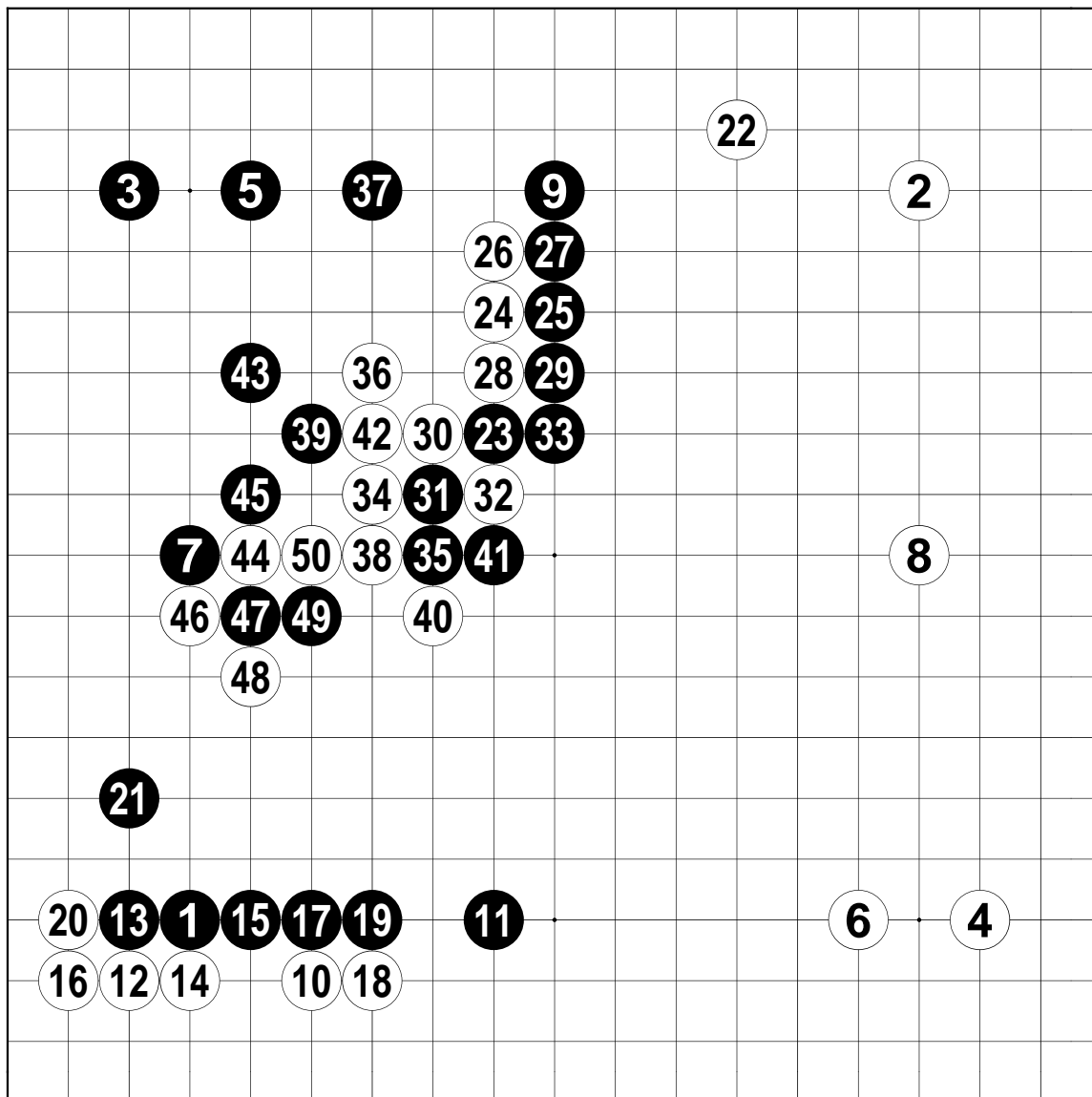


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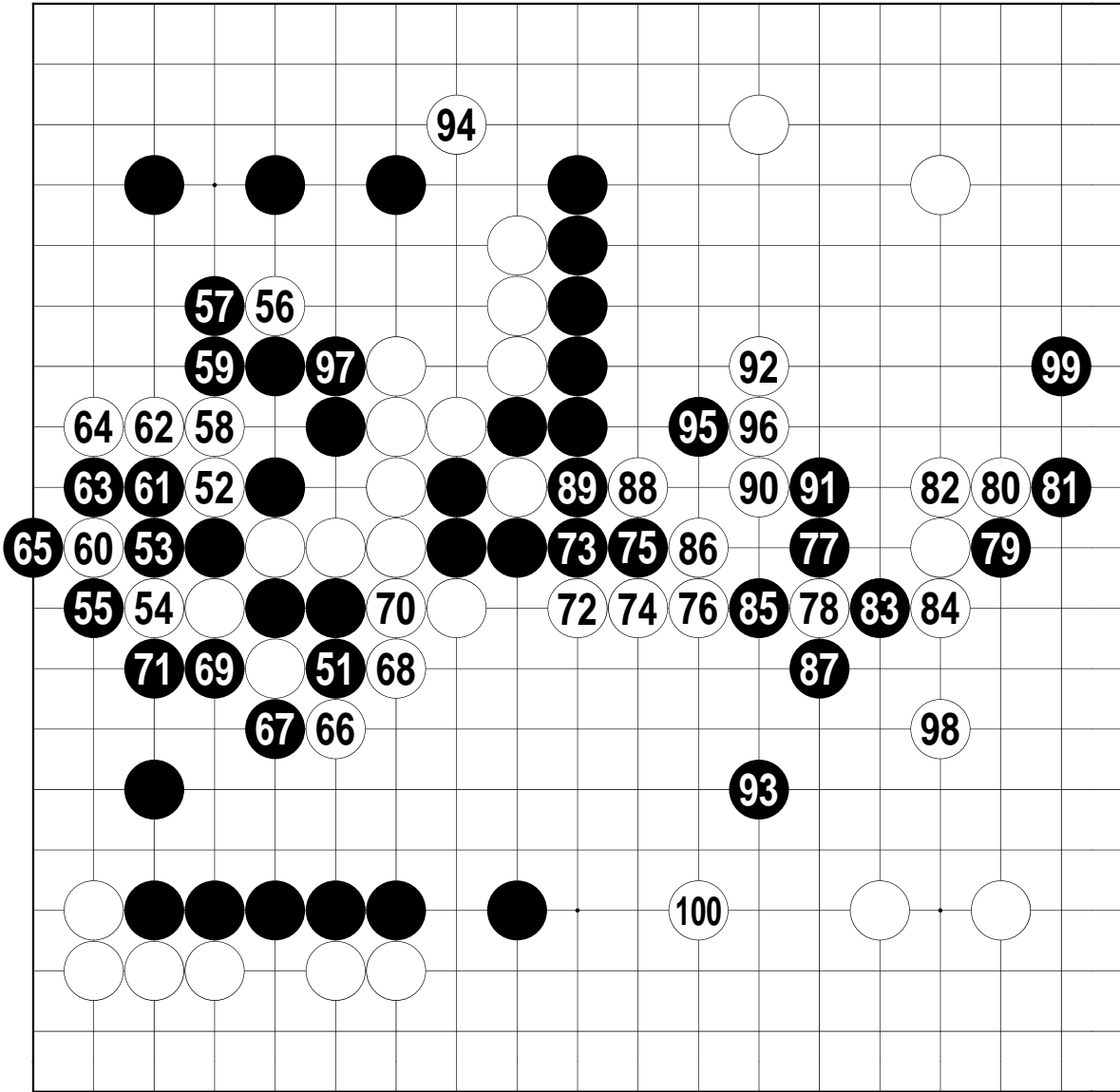


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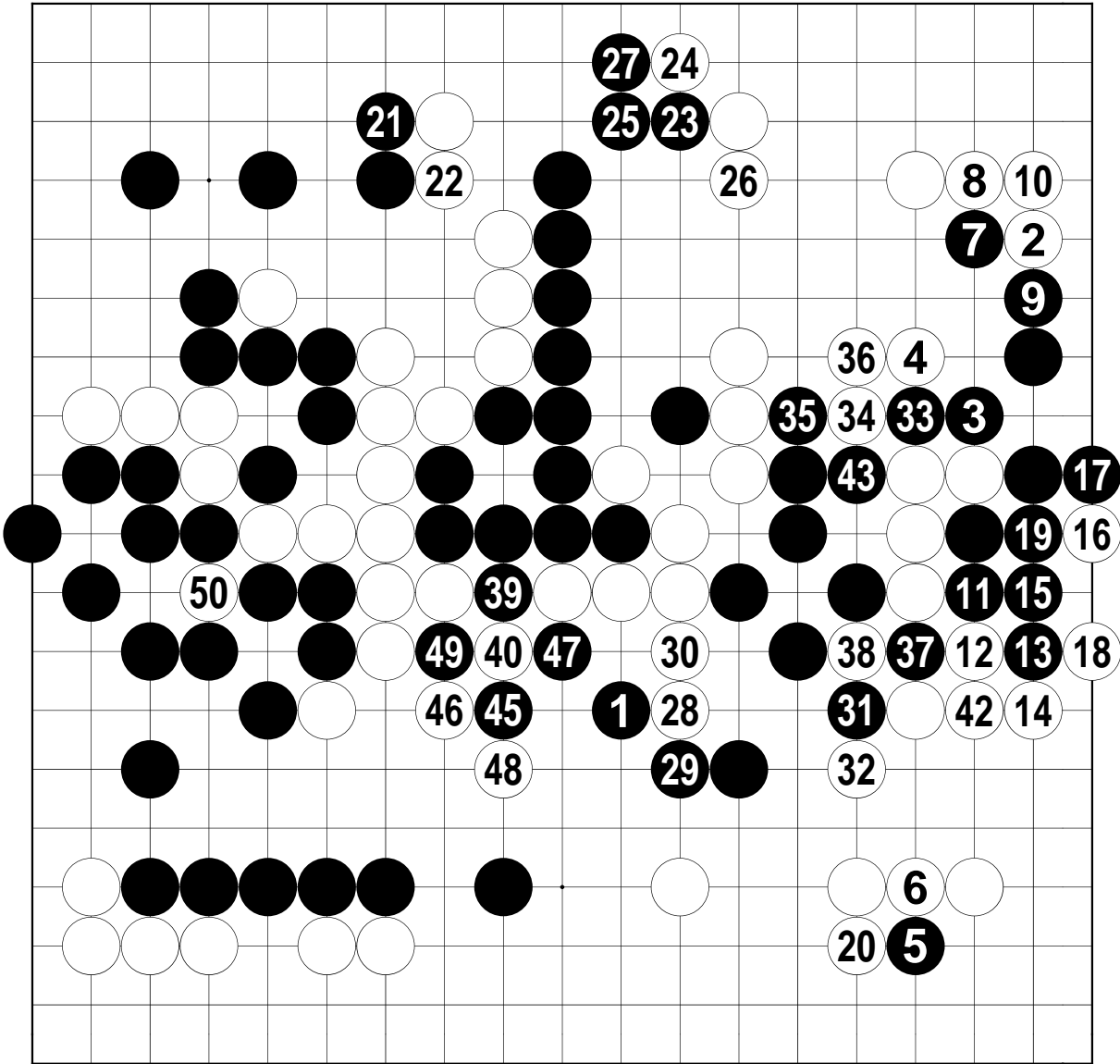


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41 at 37, 44 at 38.

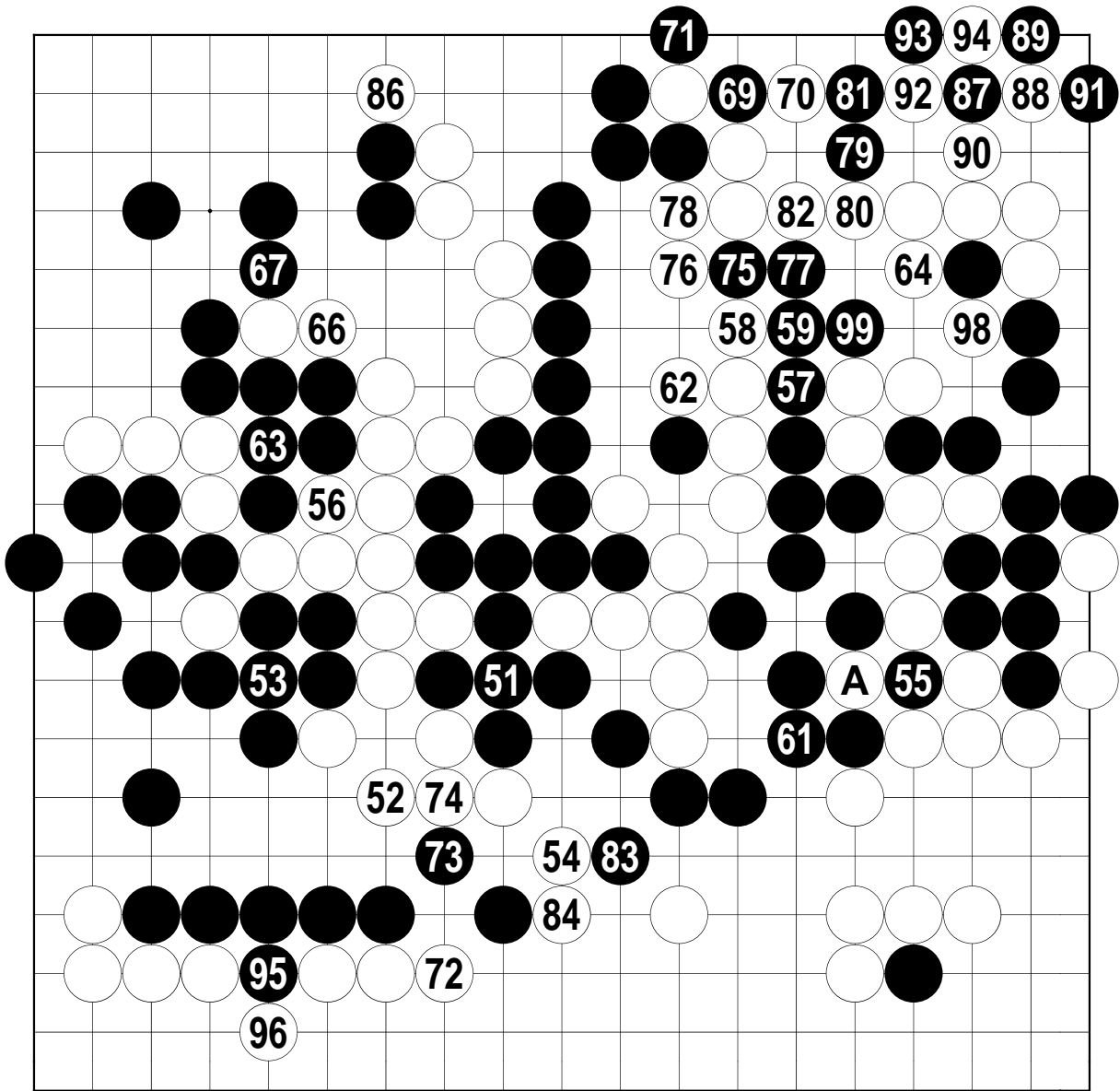


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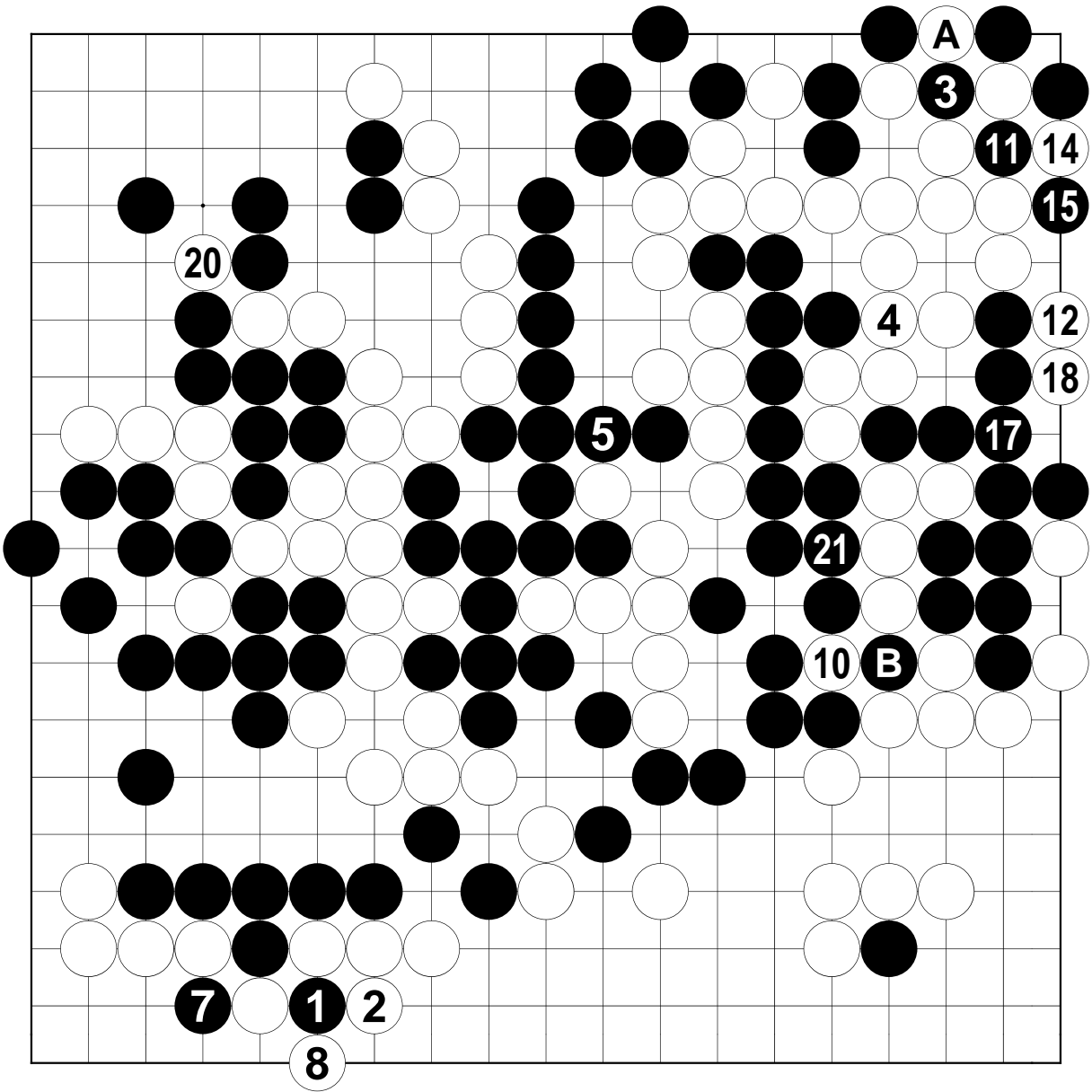


Diagram 5 (201-221)

⑥ at A, ⑨ at ③, ⑬ at B, ⑯ at ⑩, ⑲ at B.

Event 9th Chinese City League A
 Date 2007-07-07
 Black Fu Chong
 Black rank 4p
 White Zhang Xuebin
 White rank 5p
 Komi 7.5
 Handicap 0
 Result W+8.5
 Round round 8

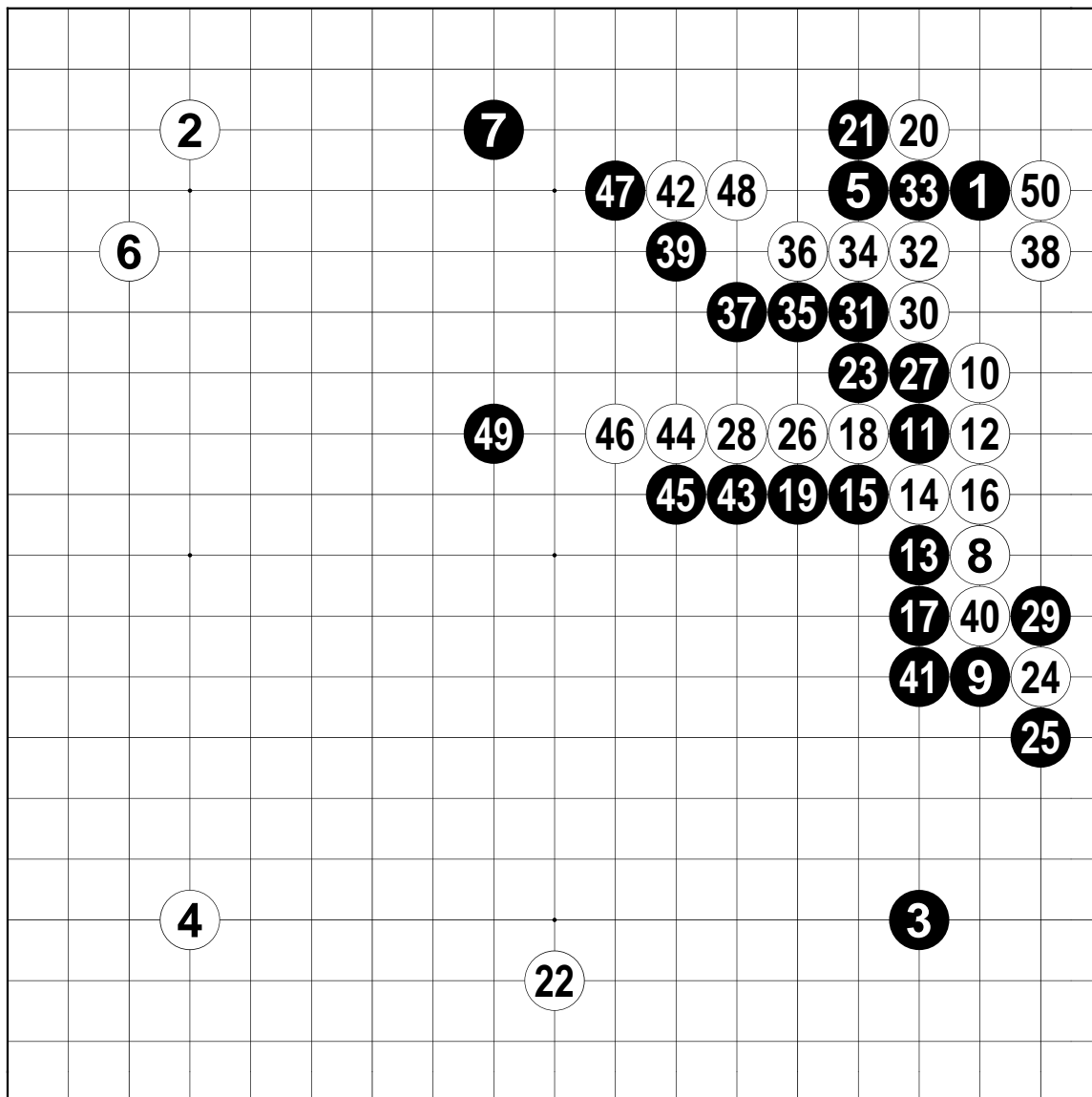


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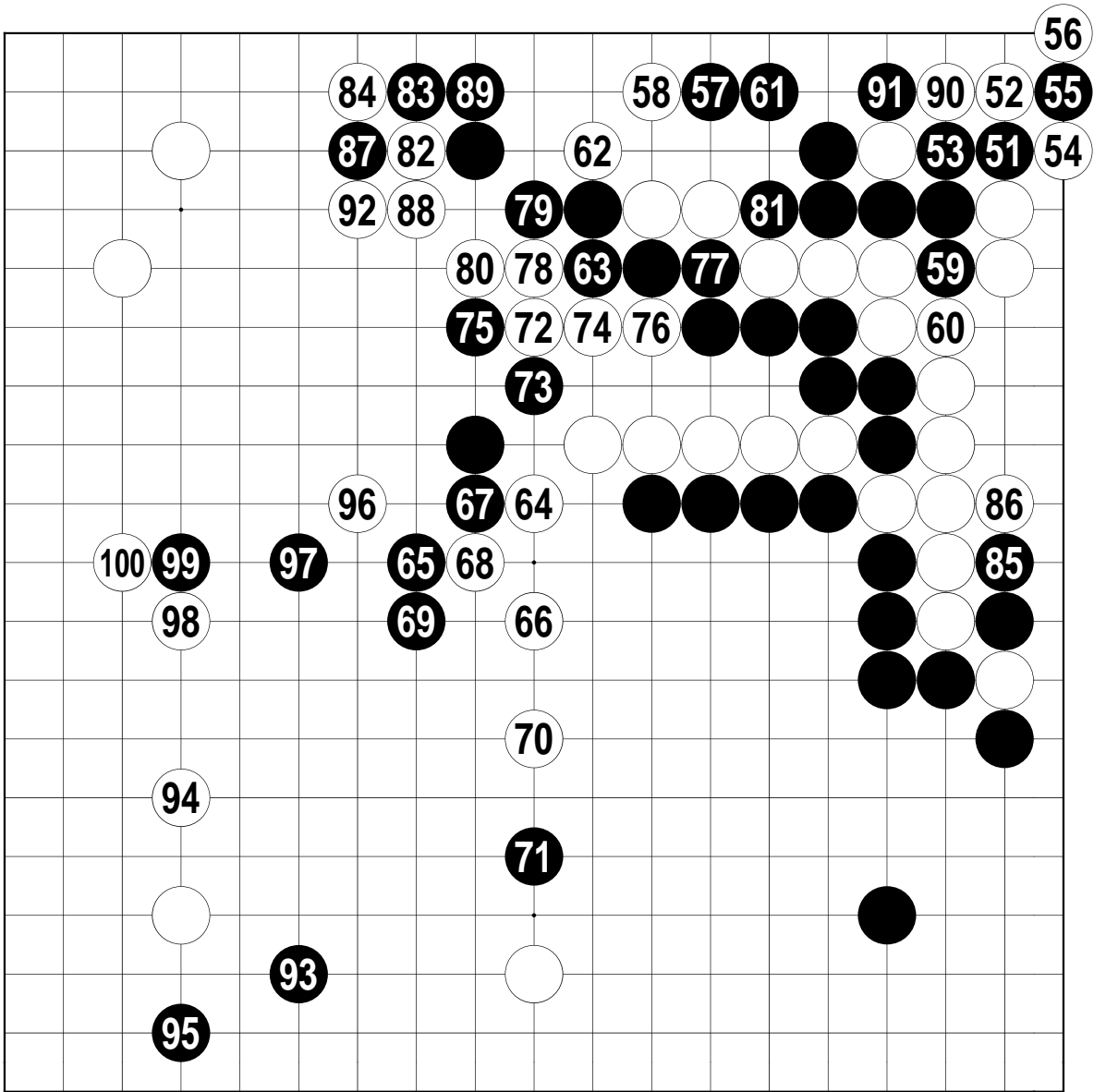


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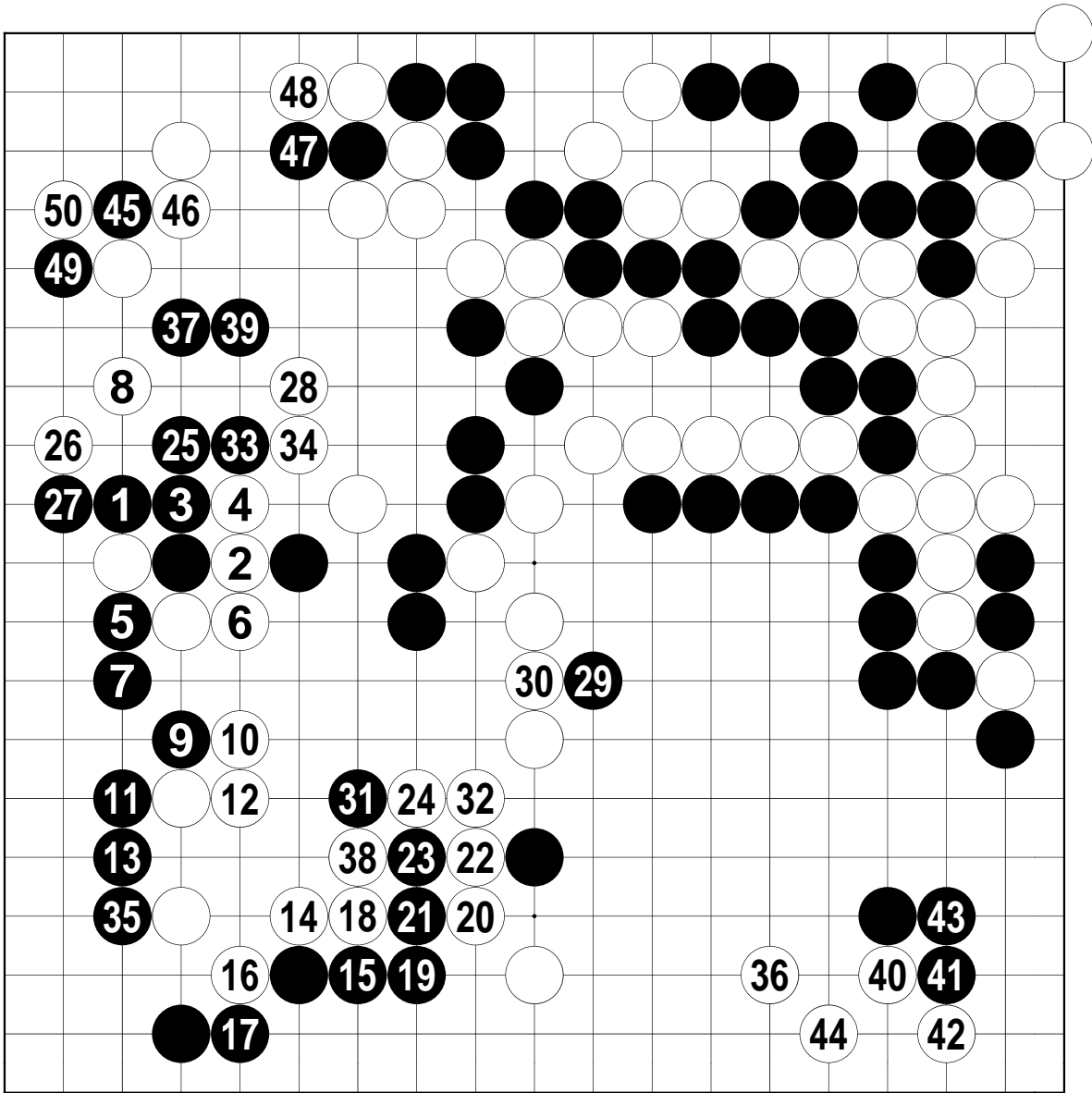


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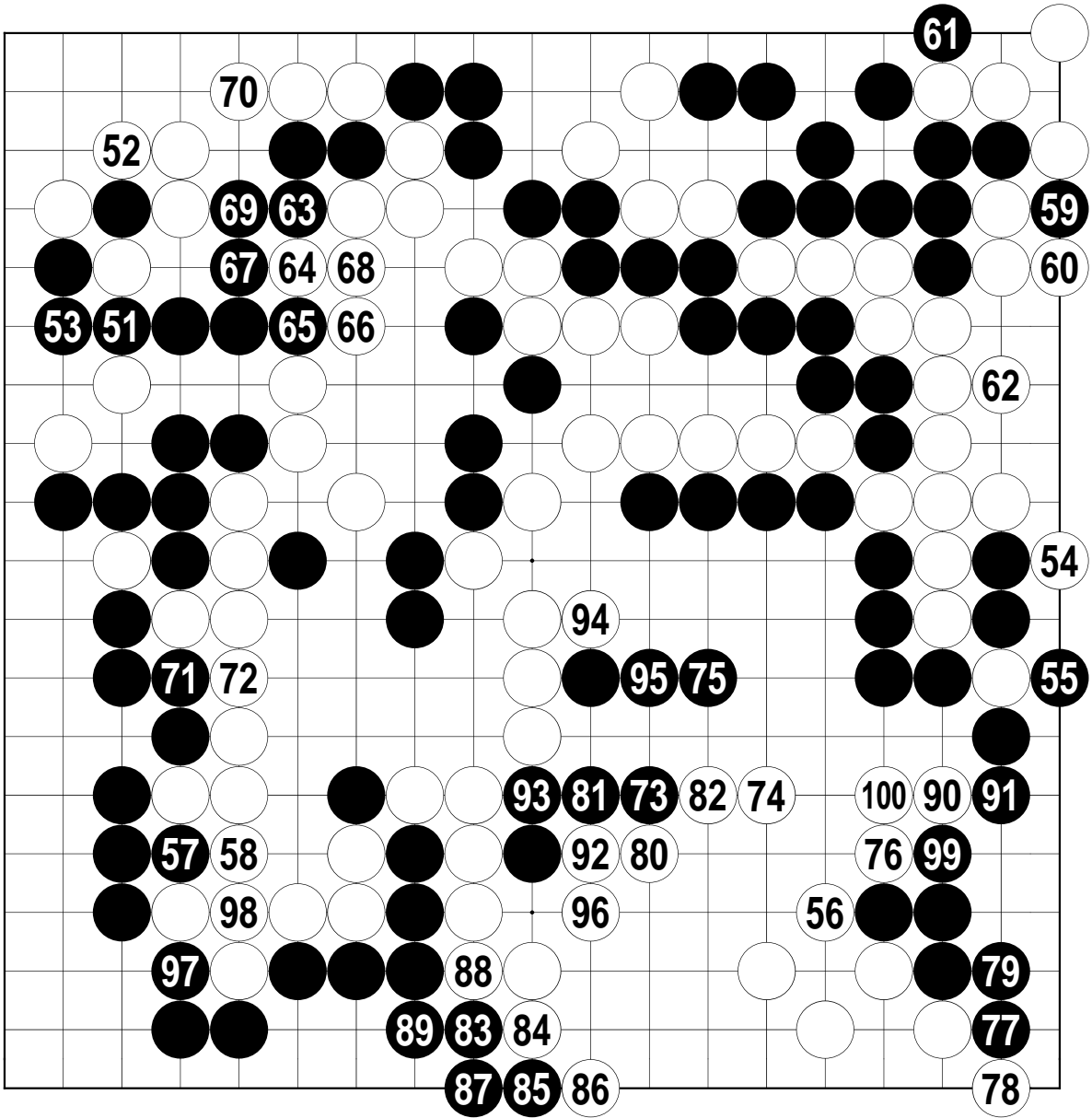


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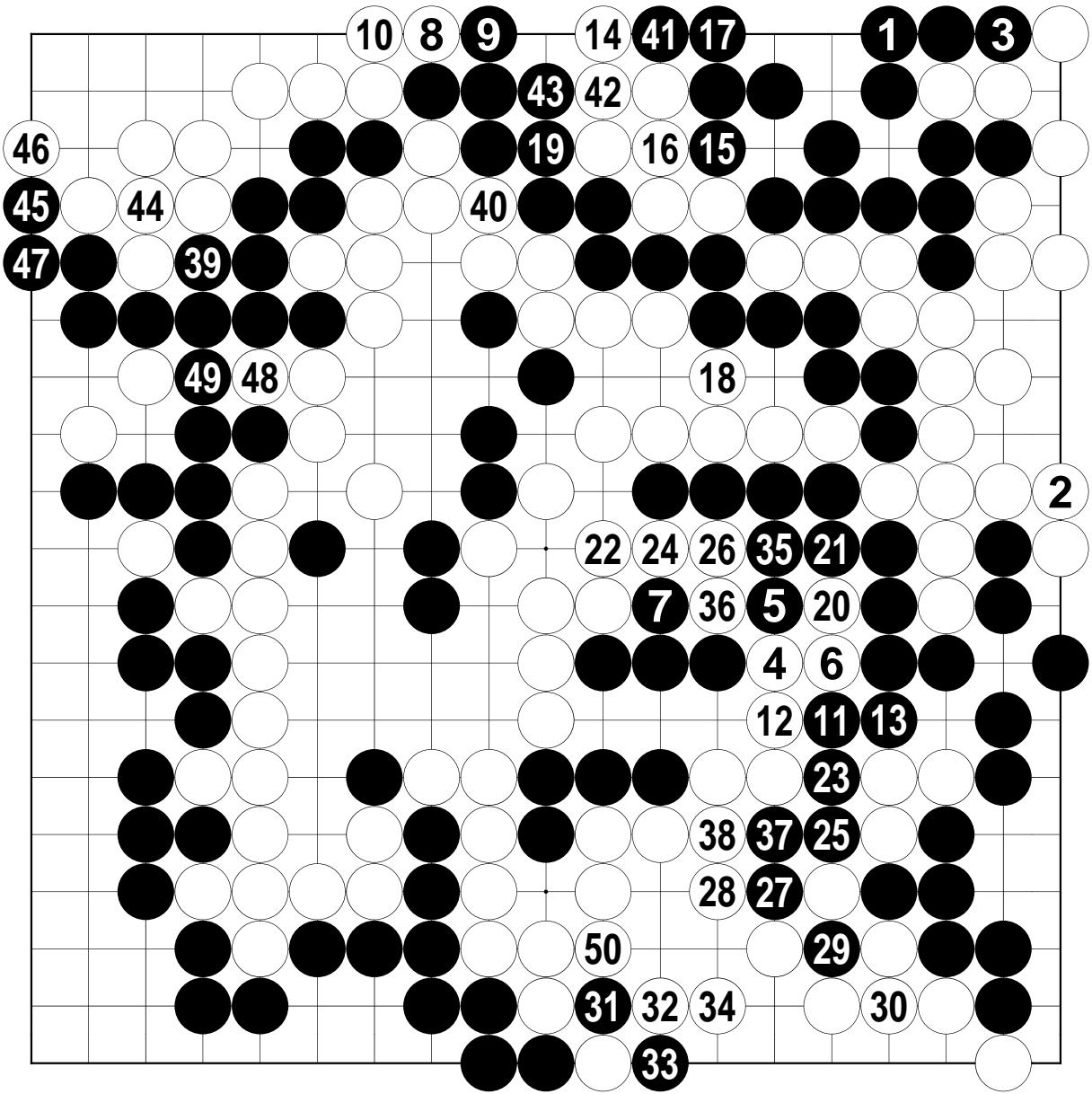


Diagram 5 (201-250)

