Kobayashi Koichi (W) vs. Cho Chikun (B)
23rd Kisei title match, Game 1 (best of 7)
White: Kobayashi Koichi 9d
Black: Cho Chikun 9d
1999-01-13
Komi: 5.5
Result: B+Resign

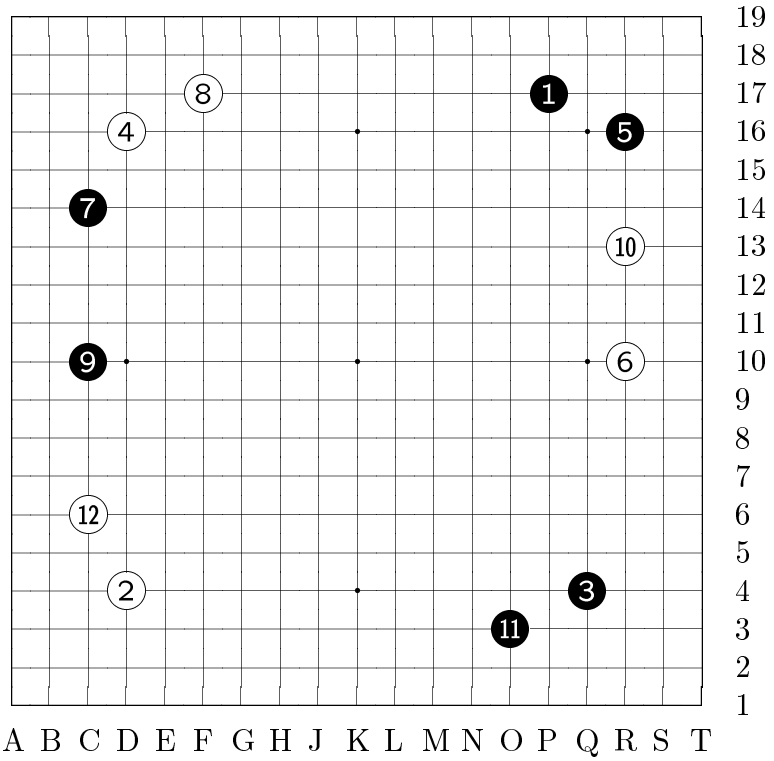


Diagram 1: 1-12

12: **Kataoka 9d:** ⓫ and ⑫ are cool

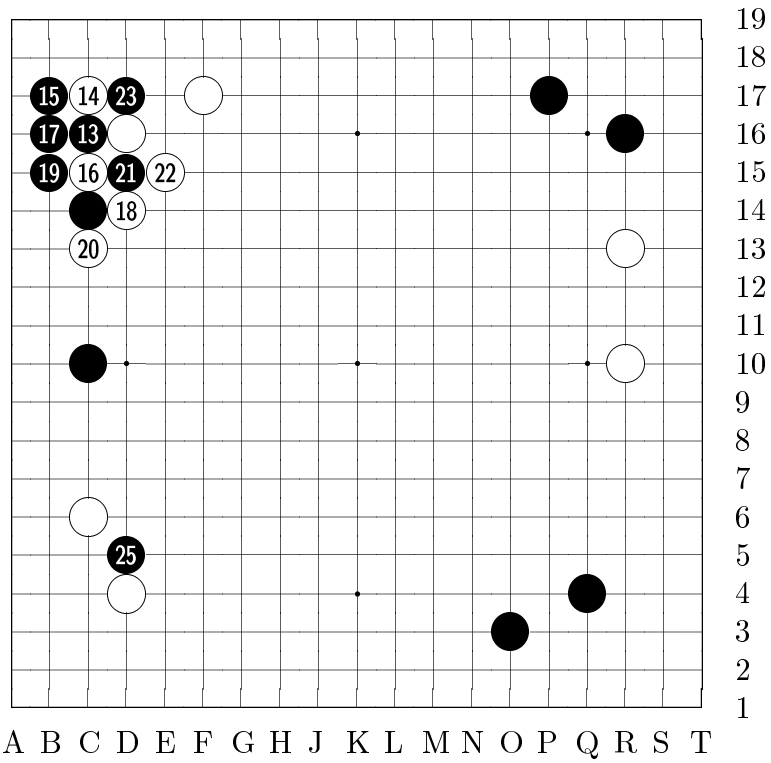


Diagram 2: 13-25

(24) at (16)

16: **Kataoka 9d:** Kobayashi took 30 minutes on (16) because playing C15 meant losing the corner

25: **Kataoka 9d:** 25 is the only available ko threat but this threat removes a lot of potential for black in this corner

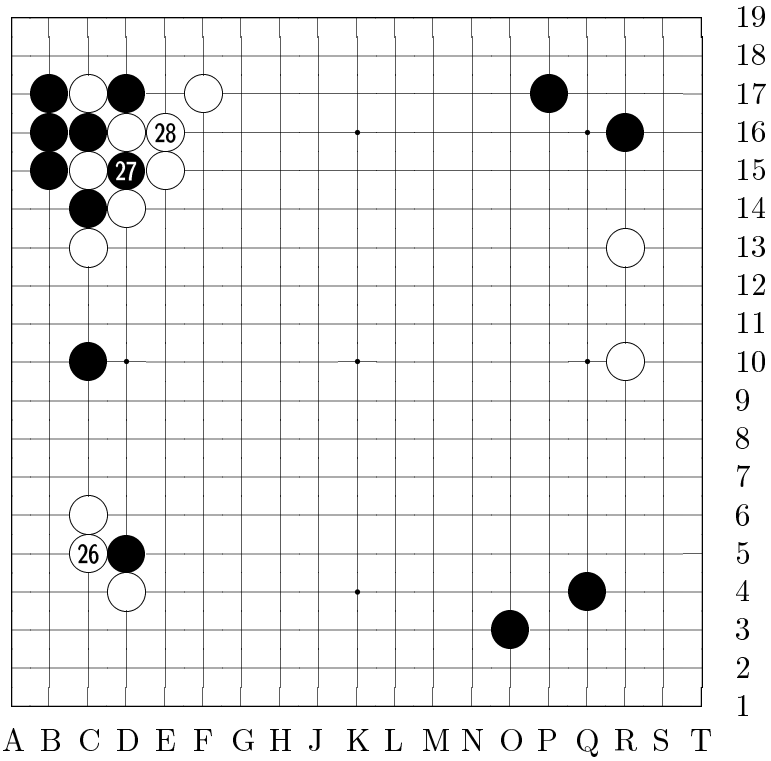


Diagram 3: 26-28

28: **Kataoka 9d:** white has no ko threat

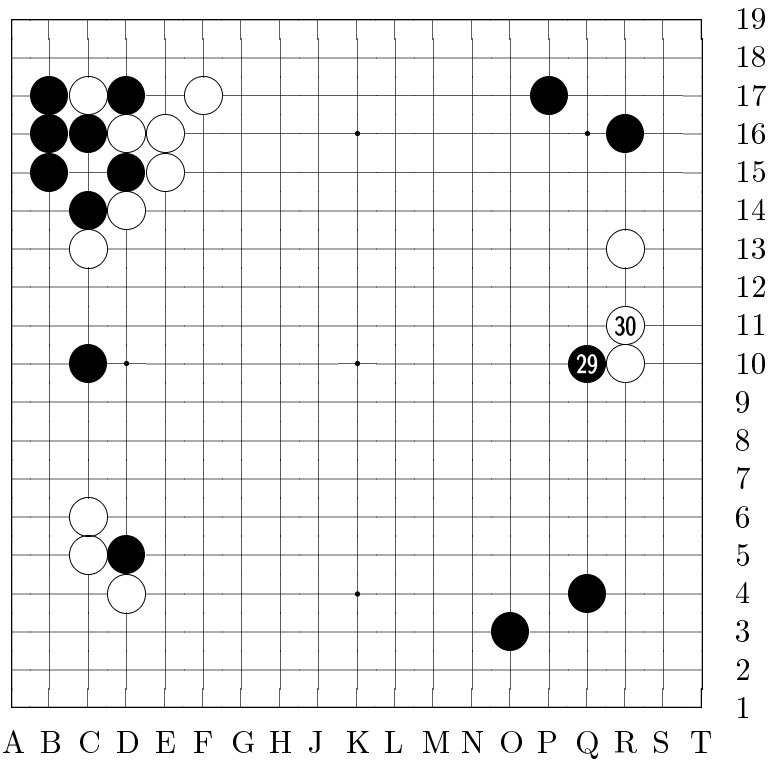


Diagram 4: 29-30

30: **Kataoka 9d:** white must not lose the ko, too important

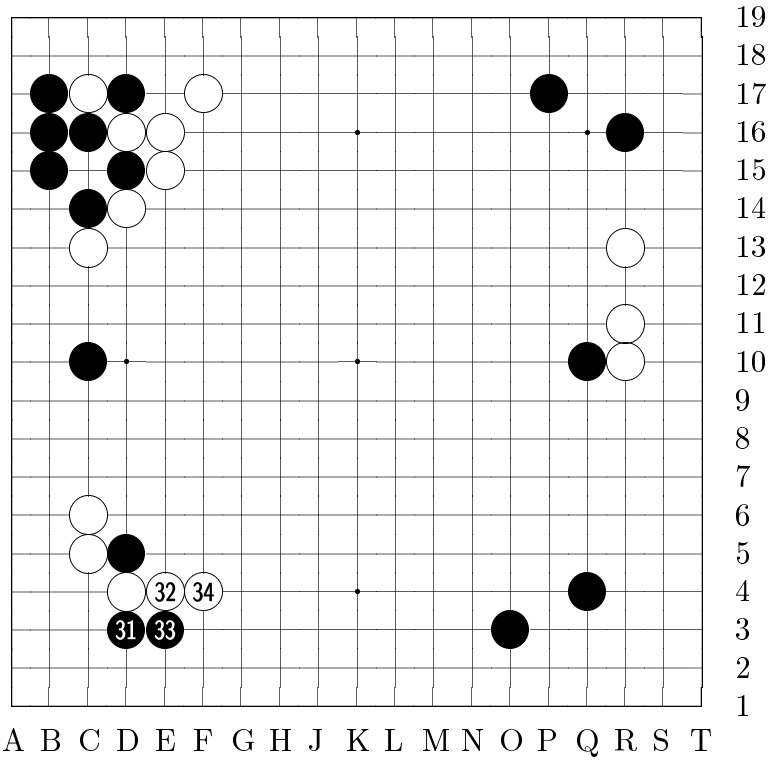
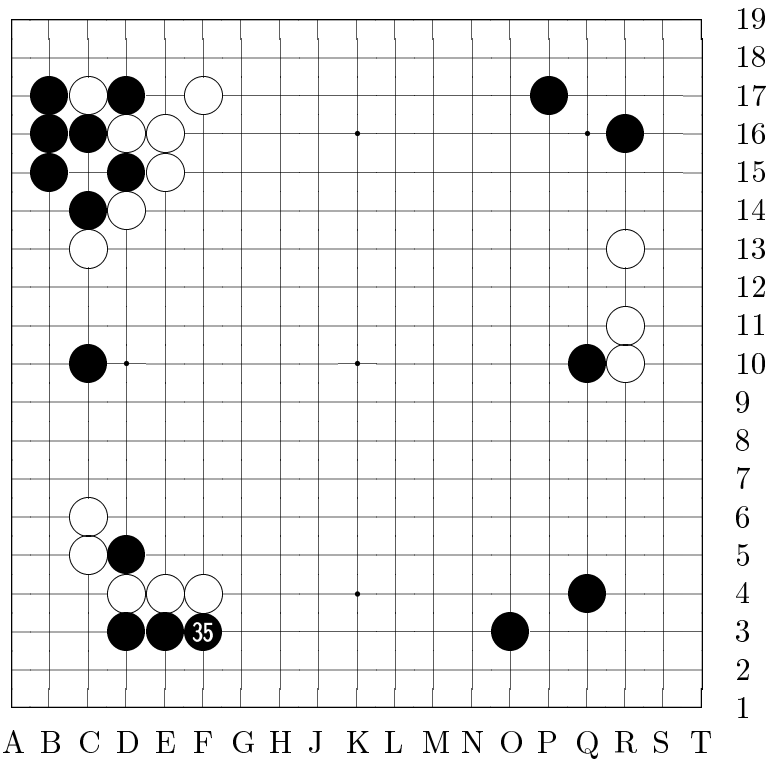


Diagram 5: 31-34

33: **Takemiya 9d:** 31 and 33 are in same logic as 29: create ko threats. The ko would start after black D13

34: **Takemiya 9d:** white must answer solidly because of this ko



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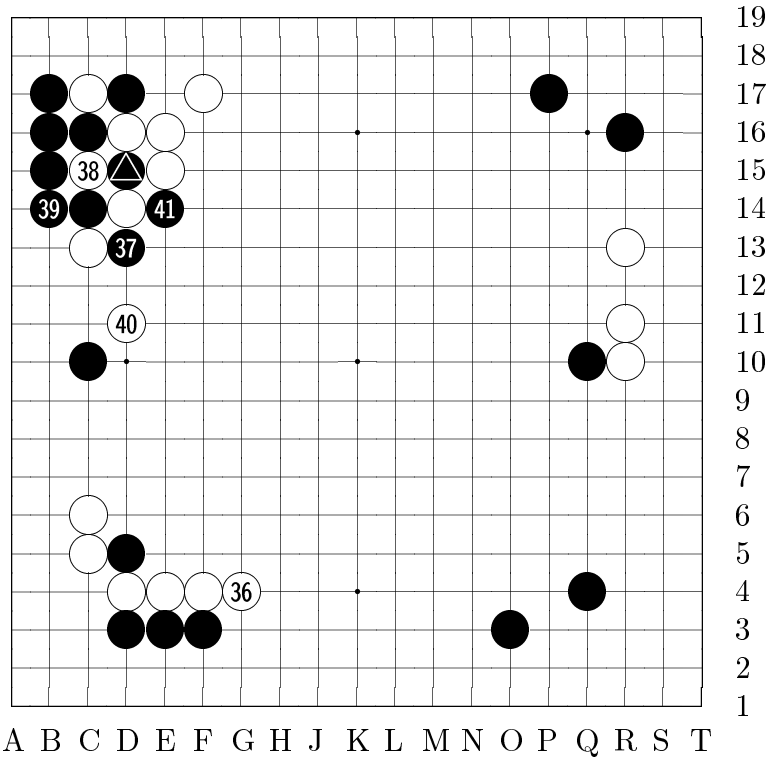


Diagram 7: 36-42

(42) at △

42: **Otake 9d:** (25) (diagram 2) was a very good ko threat. We see at move (42) that it worked. White's 6 stones are now inefficient

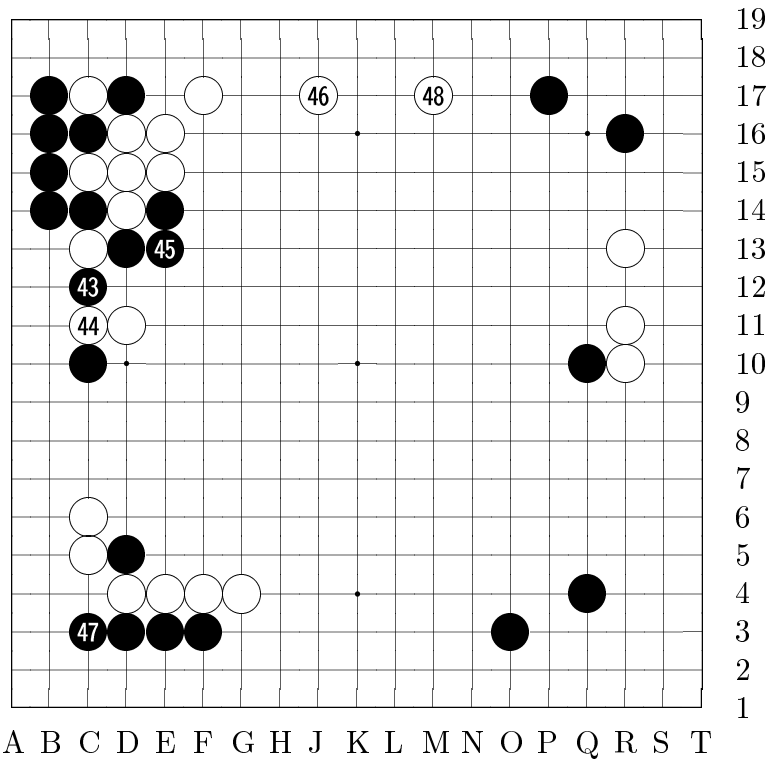


Diagram 8: 43-48

48: **Takemiya 9d** suggests black B10 next

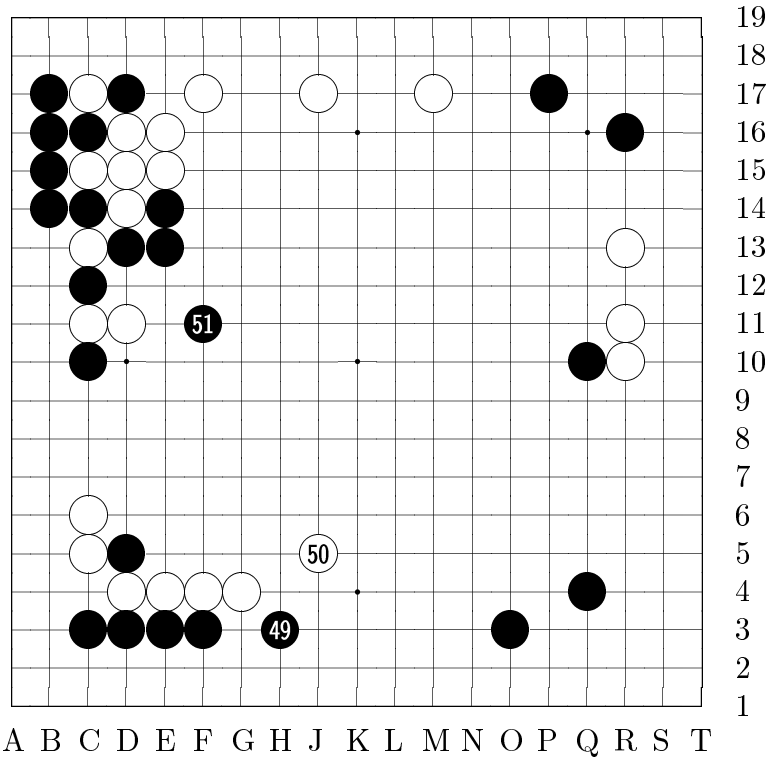


Diagram 9: 49-51

50: The game was adjourned for lunch here. Black has one hour left before byo-yomi, White has 4 hours left.
Otake 9d: at (51) Cho has 4 corners, he only has to erode the center

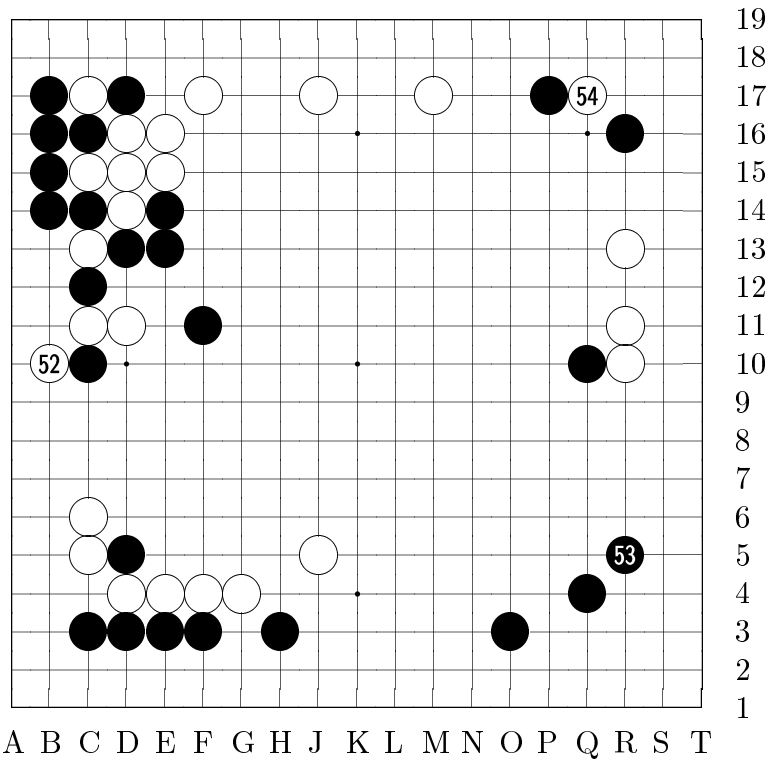
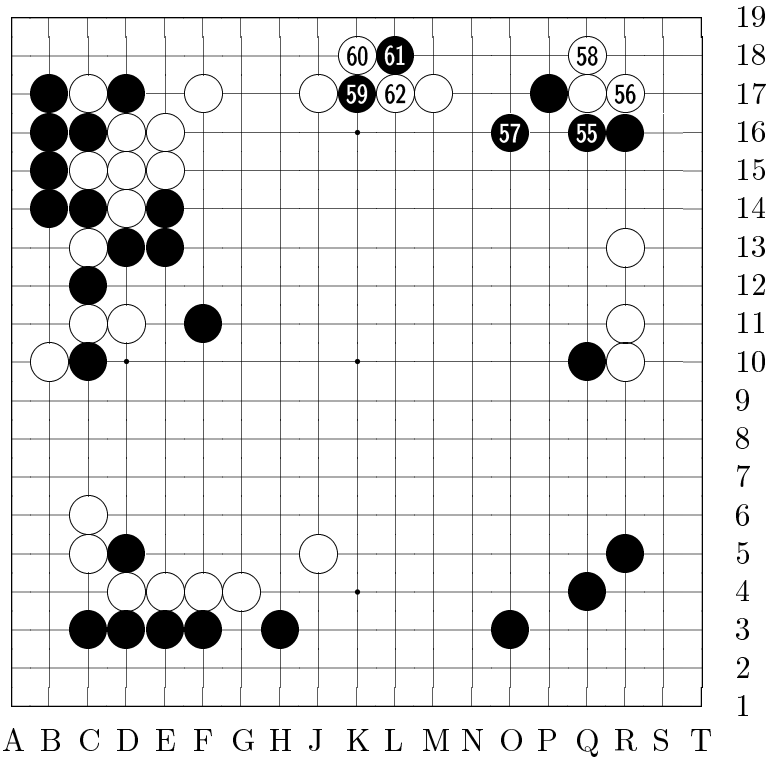


Diagram 10: 52-54

53: **Otake 9d:** (53) is very big
54: **Otake 9d:** (54) is forced, White has nothing else



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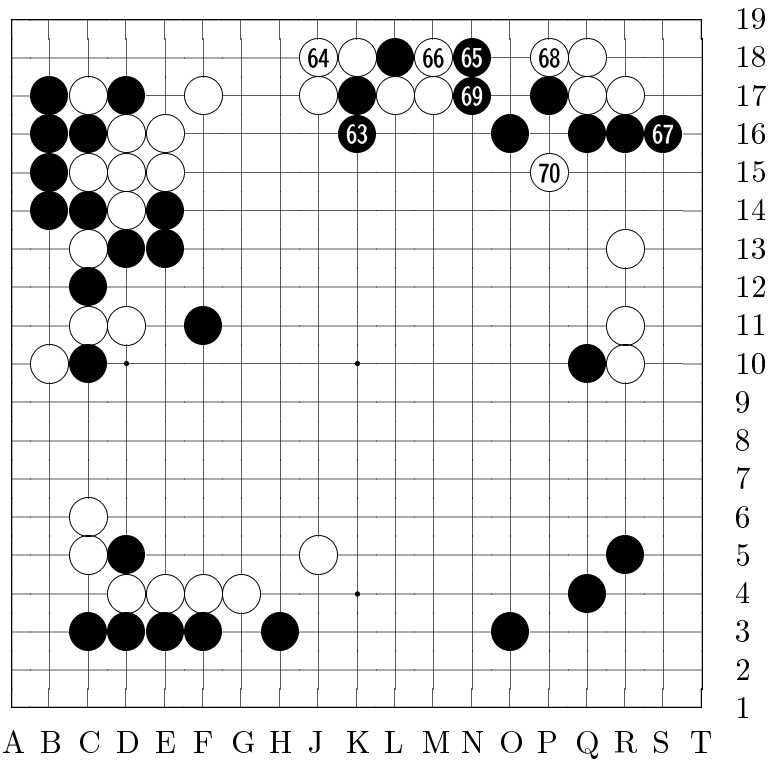


Diagram 12: 63-70

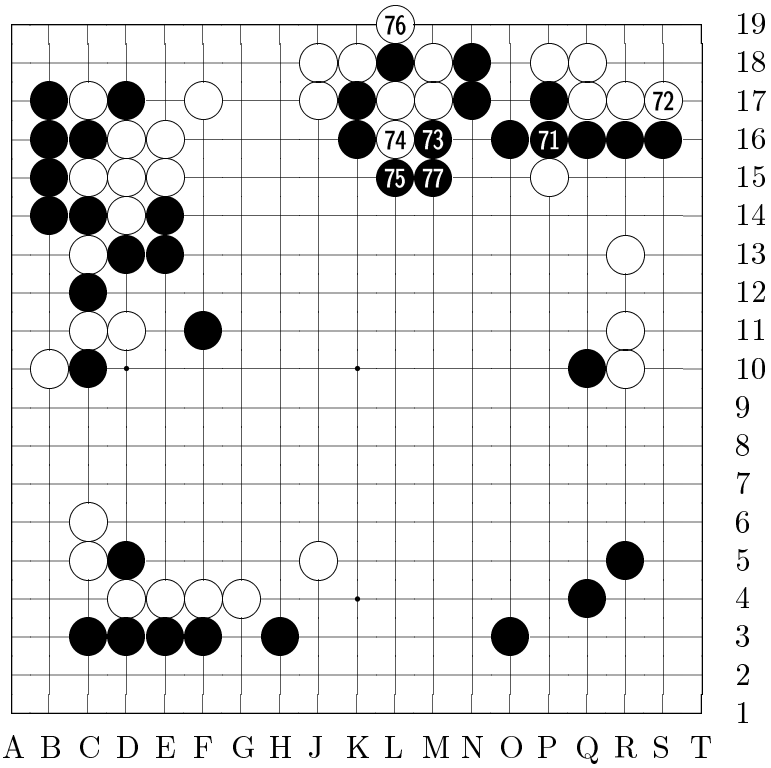


Diagram 13: 71-77

77: **Otake 9d:** after the sequence terminating in 77, white is still 10 to 12 points behind, he must invade at M4.

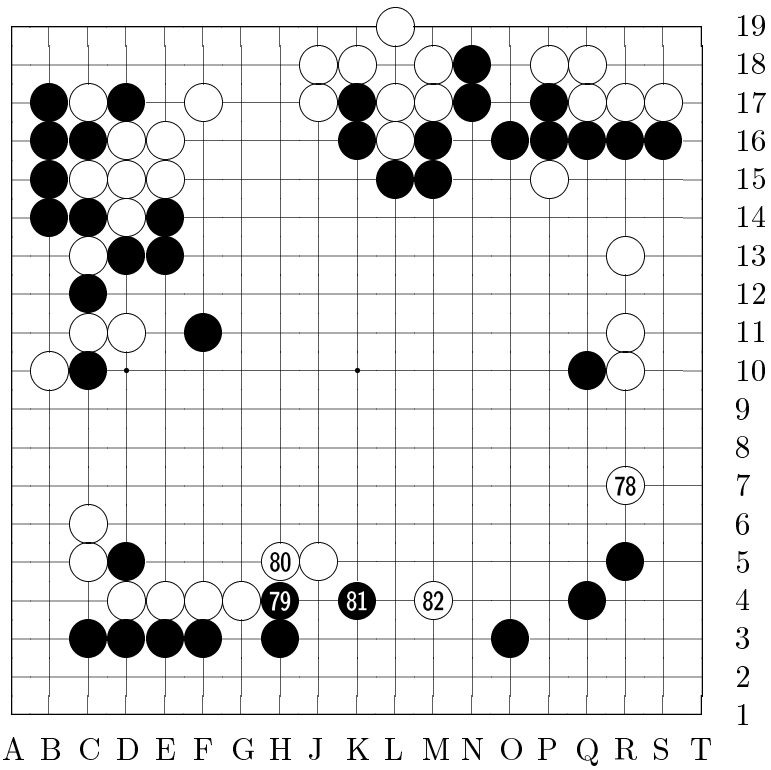
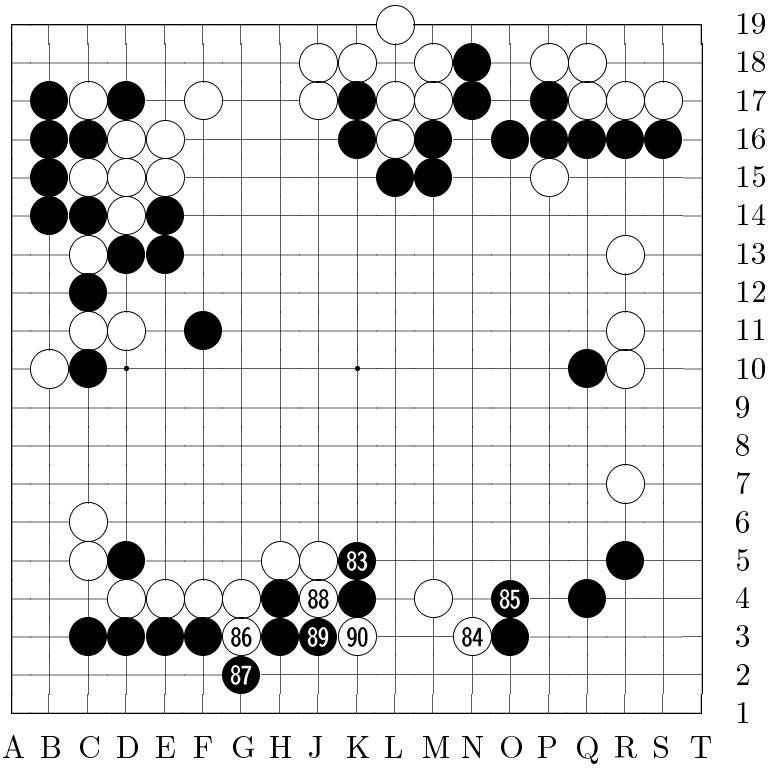


Diagram 14: 78-82

82: **Takemiya 9d:** the result for white after q17 is not good. White must overplay with M4 to have a chance.



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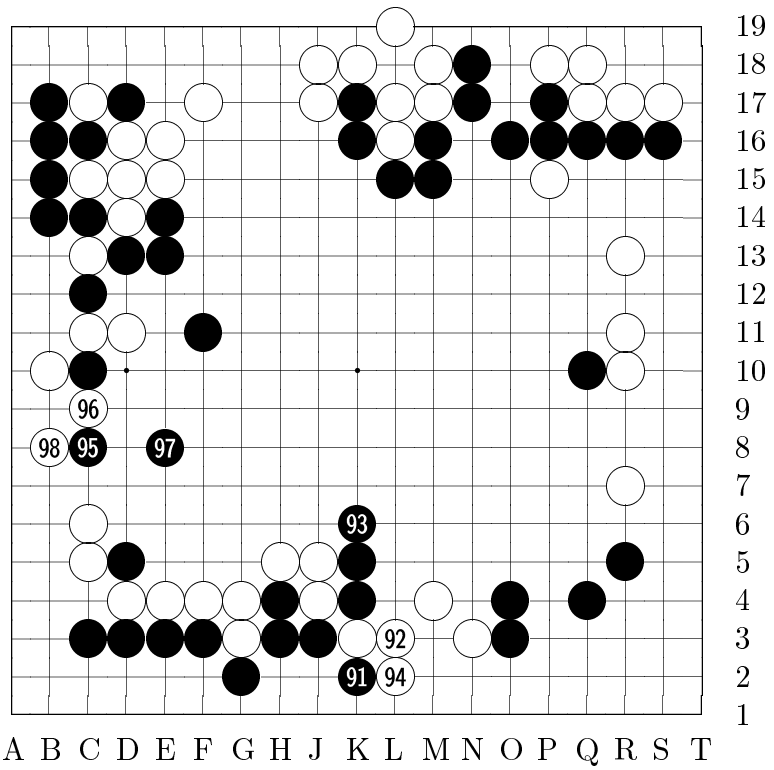


Diagram 16: 91-98

98: **Takemiya 9d:** (96) and (98) are the last losing moves, white had to defend against g5

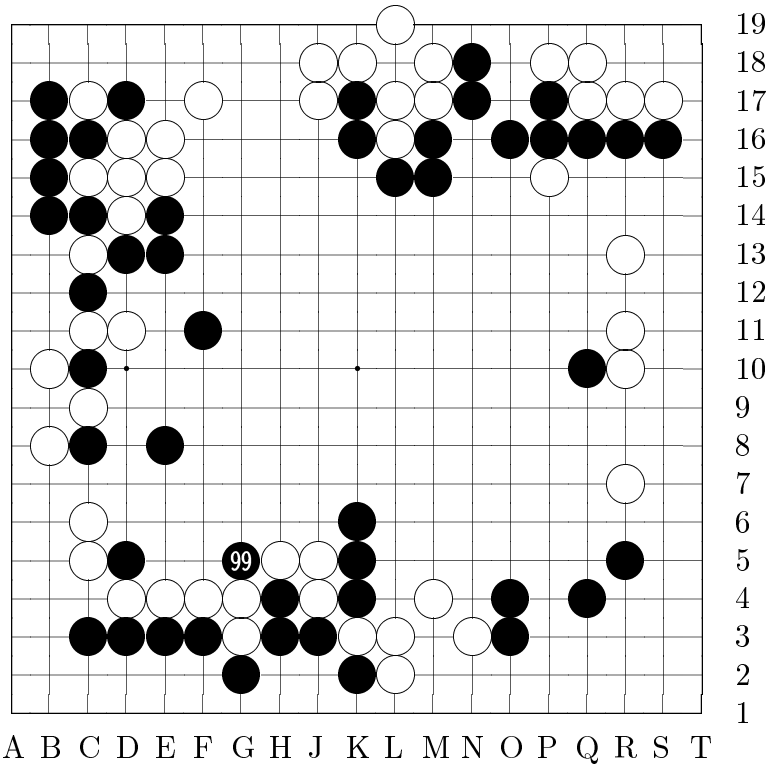
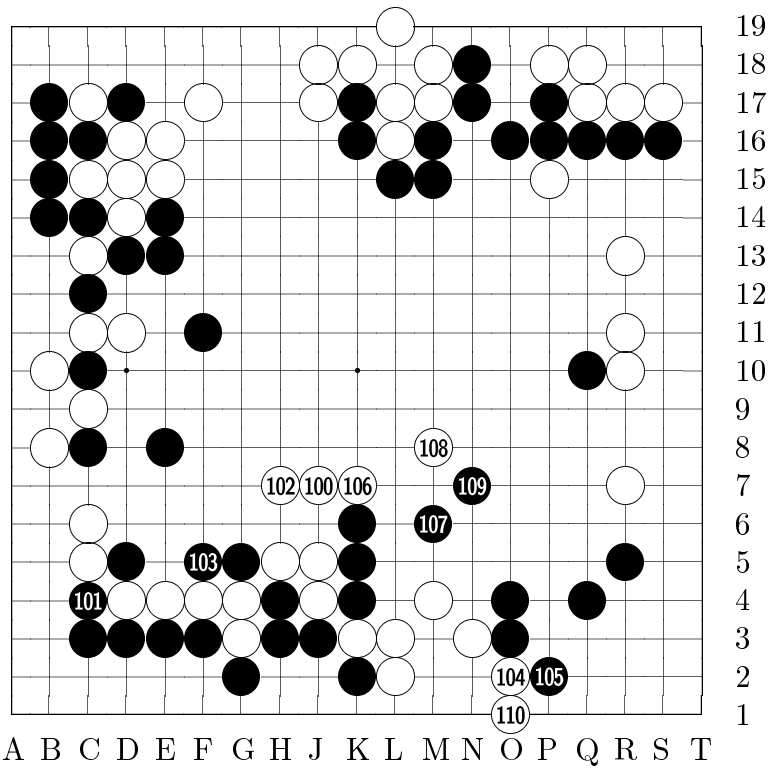


Diagram 17: 99-99

99: **Takemiya 9d:** after black 99 the game is over



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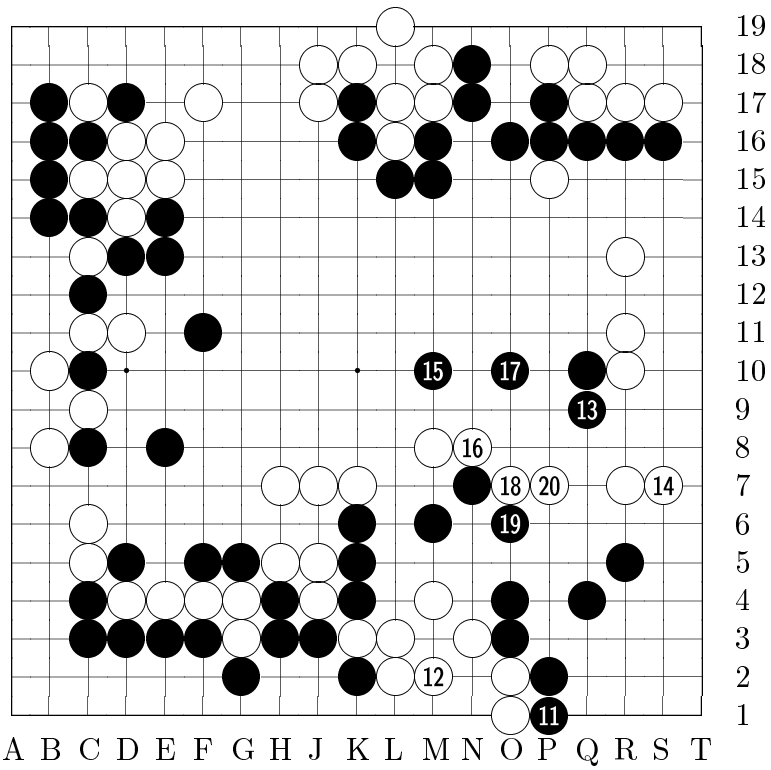

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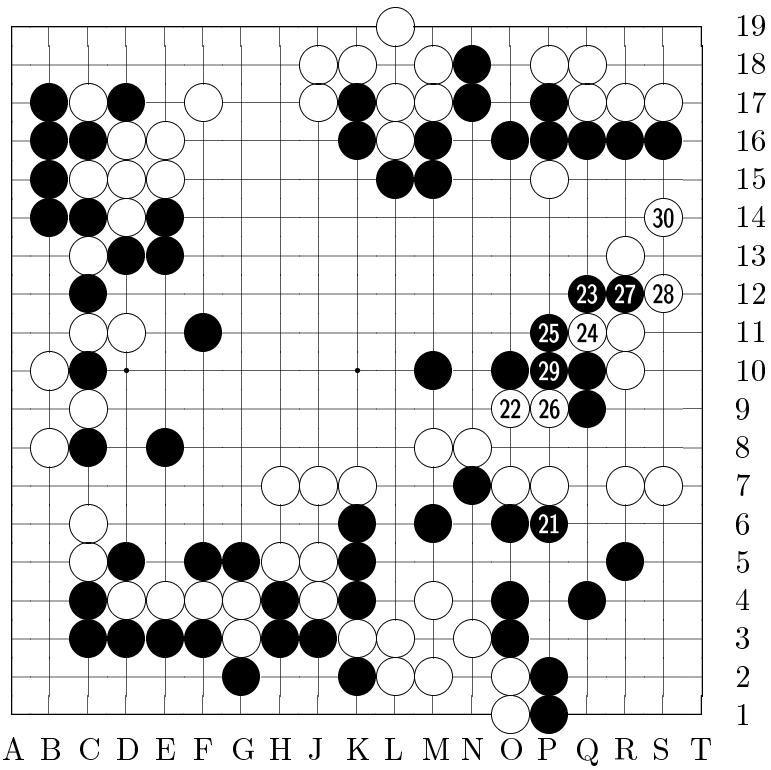

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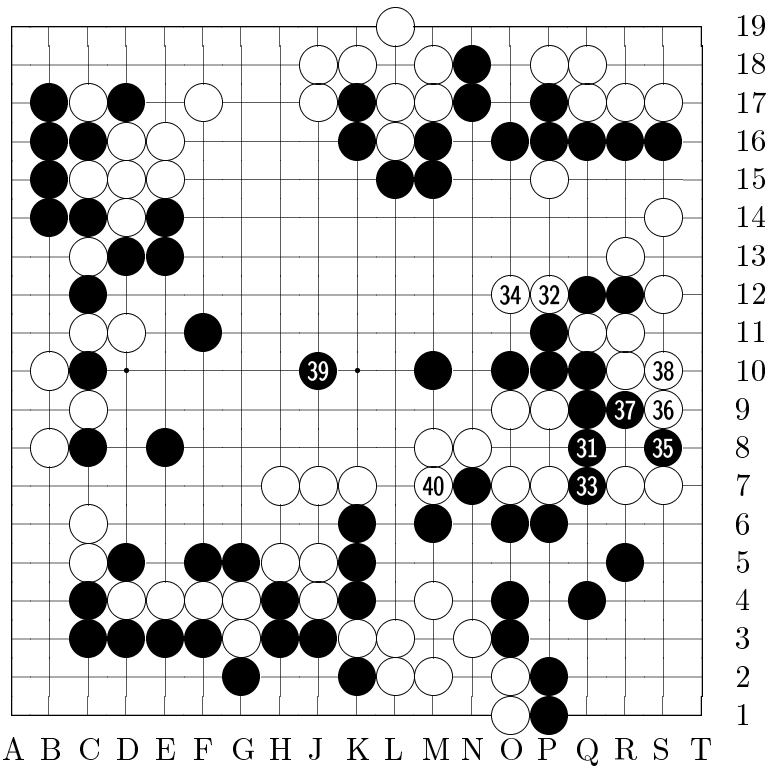

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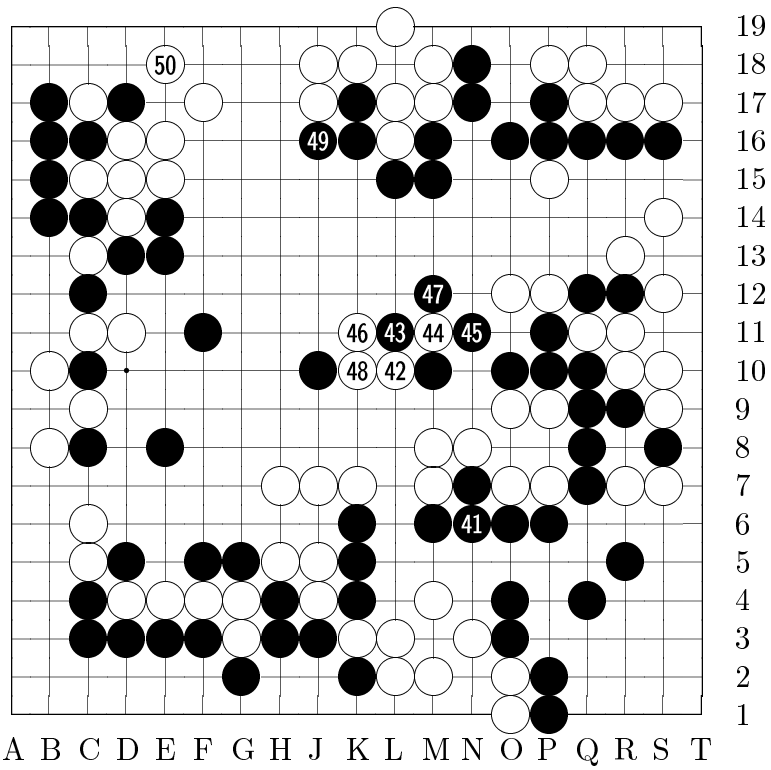

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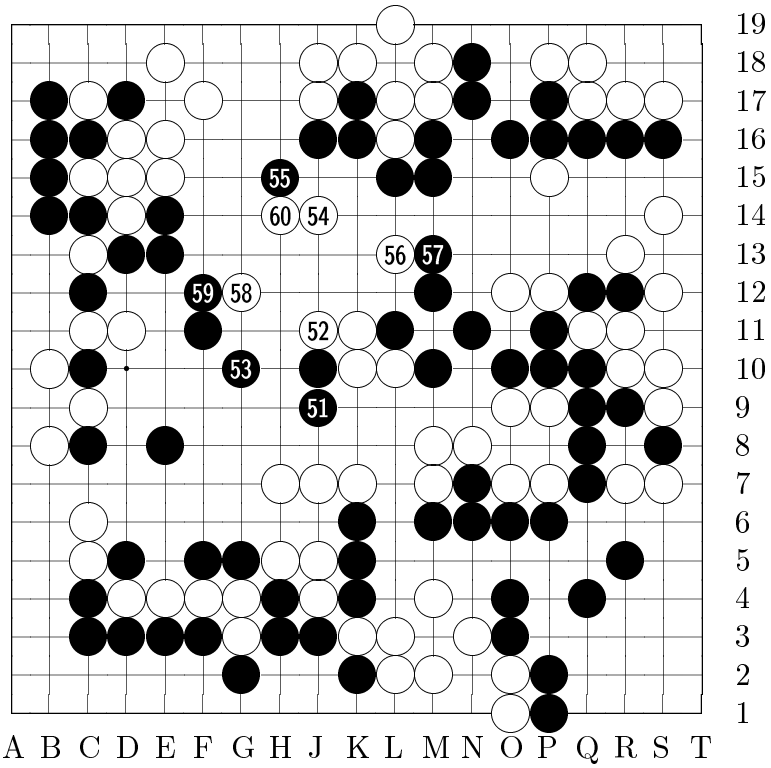

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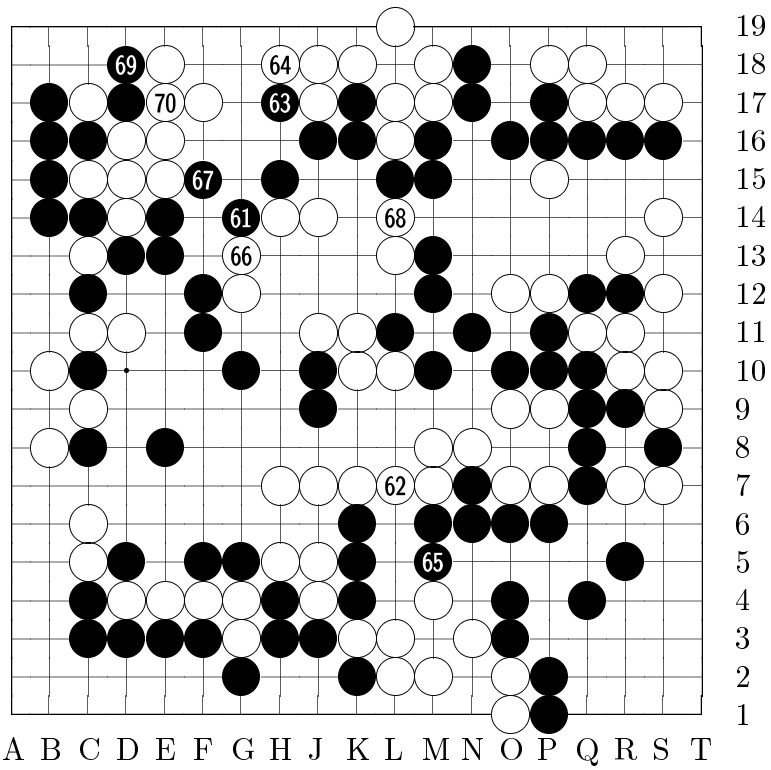

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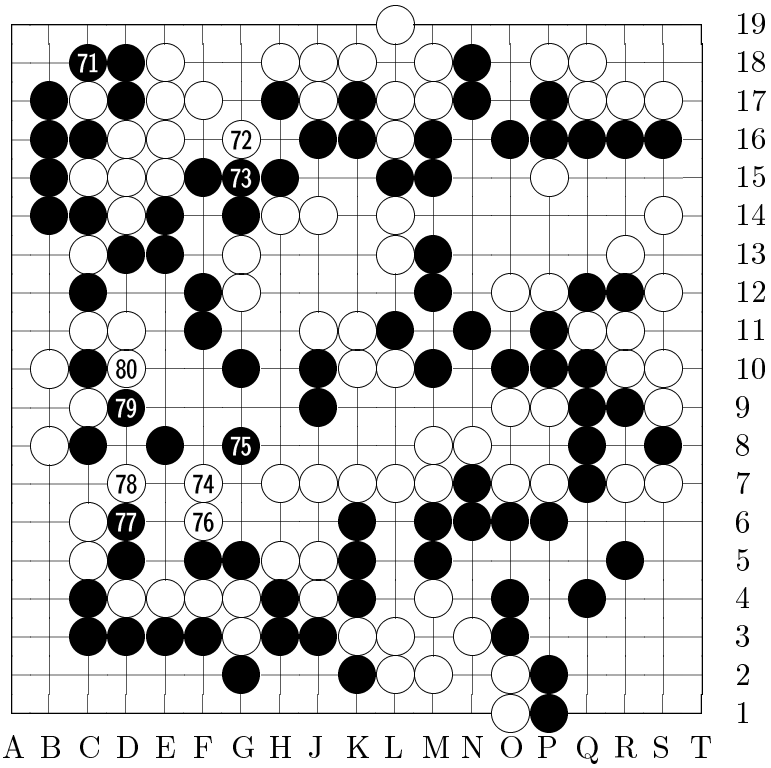

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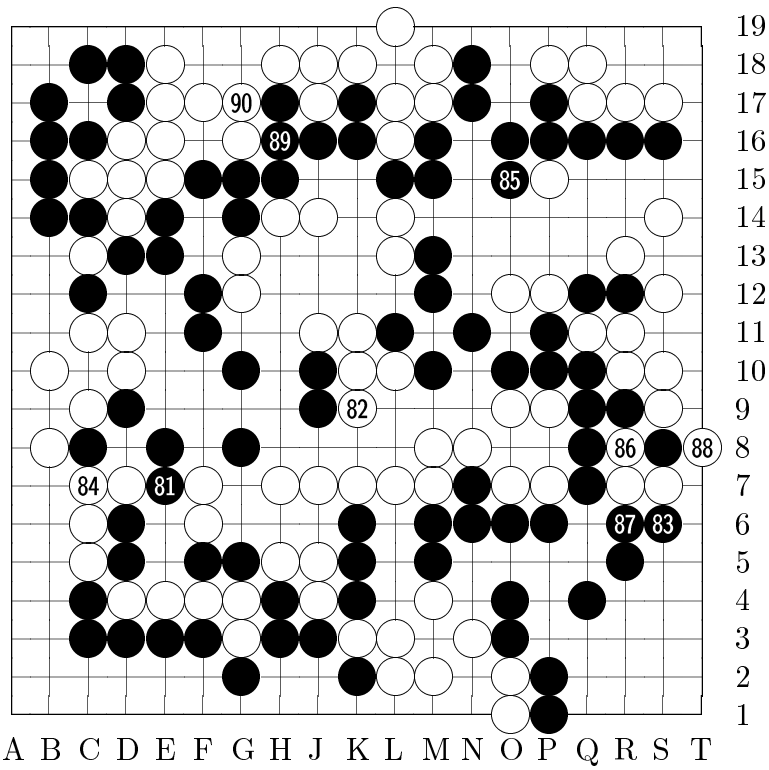

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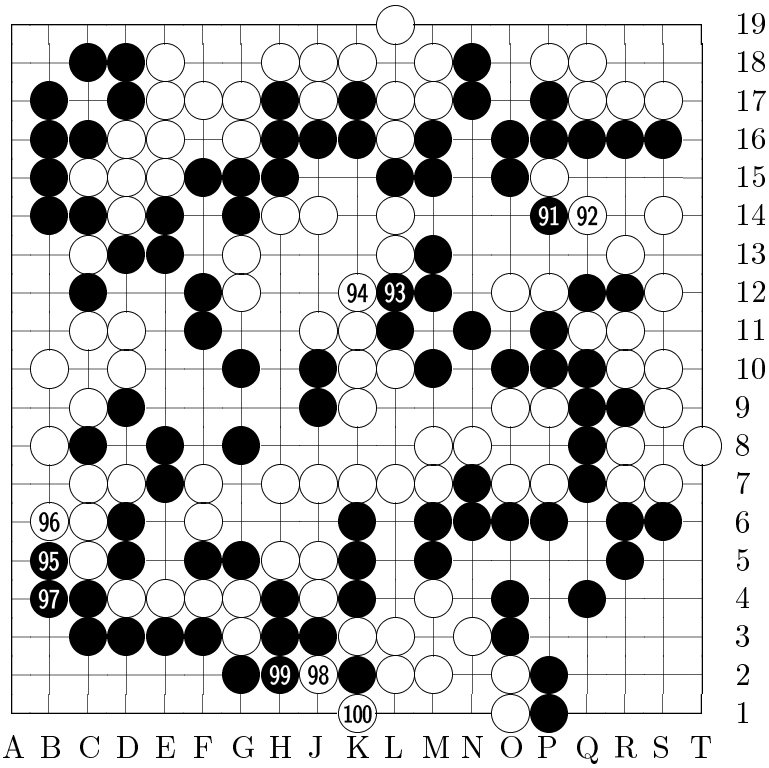

Diagram 27: 191-200

100: White resigns after black's next move (not recorded)