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MYUNGWAN KIM WINS U.S. OPEN: Myungwan Kim 8P has won the 2008 U.S. Open, beating Mingjiu Jiang 7P by just 1.5 points in a grueling 4-hour final match Saturday at the U.S. Go Congress in Portland, Oregon. Kim, a 30-year-old Korean pro now living and teaching in Los Angeles, is from Seoul, South Korea, became a pro in 1994 and took second place in the 12th BC Card Cup.

FENG YUN WINS '08 ING MASTERS: Feng Yun 9P (center) defeated Yilun Yang 7P (l) won the 2008 North American Ing Masters (NAIM) tournament Friday night in a thrilling game watched live by well over 600 people as Takemiya Masaki 9P ® provided commentary, assisted by Maeda Ryo 6P. The game – played at the U.S. Go Congress in Portland, OR -- was simulcast to over 300 Congress attendees in the main playing area, as well as online on KGS to a worldwide audience of hundreds more. The 191-move game quickly turned into a knife-edged “yamijiai” or “fight in the dark” where both players threw their best punches right up until the final move.
- report by Chris Garlock; photo by Steve Colburn

'08 U.S. OPEN MARKS MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT: In addition to being the largest U.S. Go Congress ever, with 507 registered, the 2008 Congress marked another major achievement when the U.S. Open – the largest field of the year with nearly 400 players – started on time every round, with no delays for late arrivals, re-pairings or software glitches. Many players wondered how Tournament Directors Chris Sira and Jeff Shaevel managed this seemingly impossible feat; the accompanying photo may help explain the secret of their success. Rumors that the two are being recruited to assist major airlines with improving their on-time departures and arrivals could not be verified at presstime.
- photo by Chris Garlock

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