# UNSUNG HEX HEROES IN MEMORY OF FRÉDÉRIC MAFFRAY

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# MY MEMORIES OF FRÉDÉRIC

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- 1984 Paris
- optimizing weakly triangulated graphs
- 2010 Grenoble (math, apartment, ski)
- 2016 email (Fermat)
- 1984 Chính was correct ... mostly

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# 1977 Claude Berge

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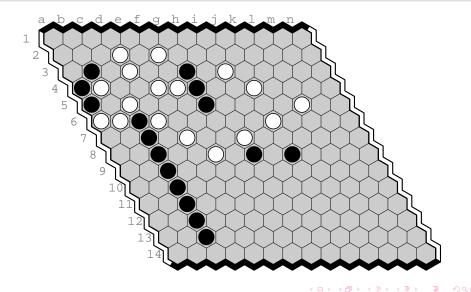
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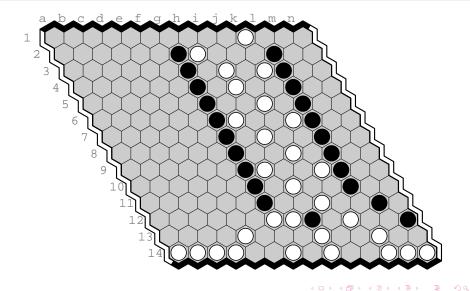
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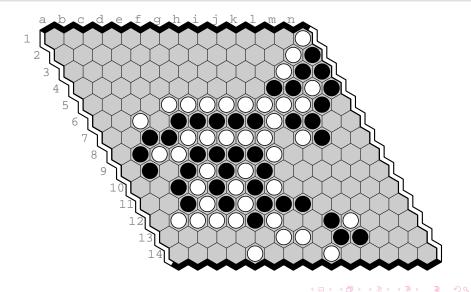
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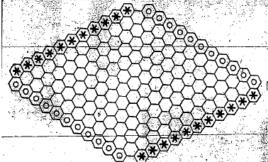
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# 1942 PIET HEIN INVENTS POLYGON [HEX]

Vil De lære Polygon

Piet Hein har konstrueret et Spil, der med lige stor Glæde kan dyrkes af Skakeksperten og den, der blot kan holde en Blyant

"Politiken" udskriver hDag en Præmieopgave, der vil volde Hovedbrud for Begyndere



#### 26. December 1942

ten kan albreid Forbindalen ved at henatte det mehrningsnöde Fölt dans kanvenskuber den se Butkerner gaerring i den videre Duern 1 det hele taget viser det sig start medvendigt at bag en darte Det af Spillebreitsbined Földengefikt

En anden Erfaring, som kommer senere, mer kom man kan feite Spilles Be-Spädelas Vord är neke efter stat se belar stat är begynde i hvirt Tald nogenlunde pas Målten. Da fimelig men pås ingen Mante medvendig Aabning af Spillet er denne:

Pros Spillaberstet i Midten er Heudengyndt i Midtenfeitet. See men Sort est i Kontaktfeltet til des ned inde Midtenaat Hvids Front og derved giort is nytte Felter, som staar i Vinkelsmilleg ut Midterfolet, uniker, frivid har ess veigt et Felt i Kontakt med als første, Og nu svarer Sort med at besætte av Minetelis, som vilde være meget nyttigt for Hvid. Hvor skal au Hvid sætler. Der er fortelling og Multgheder.

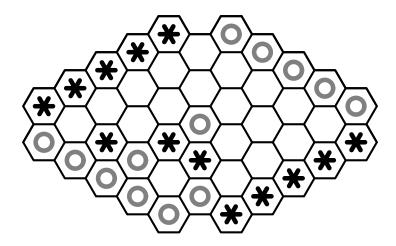
Siadan er dette Spil nu begyndt. Nu krasenhver fortseite. Die er ellaga Hyle, Duri Man skal ikke være odspekuleret fra Begyndersen. Der er ingen bekre Vef til at imre Spilleft end at spille las. Det er nyttigt at se stiltævis offensivt og defensivt mas Situationen. d. v. stil.

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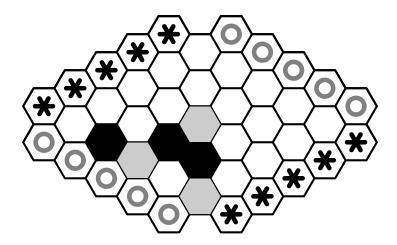
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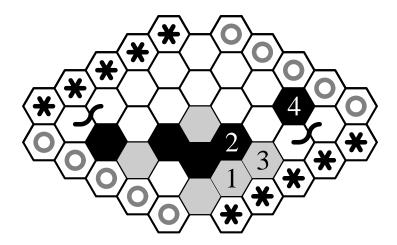
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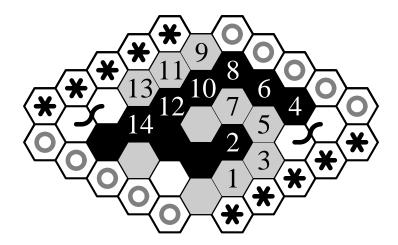
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# **HEX** The Full Story

# Ryan B. Hayward with Bjarne Toft



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https://webdocs.cs.ualberta.ca/~hayward/hexbook/hex.html

- Martin Gardner archives, Stanford University
- Piet Hein archives, collection of Hugo Hein, Denmark
- ? archives, Aarhus University

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# WHO POSED THE PUZZLES?

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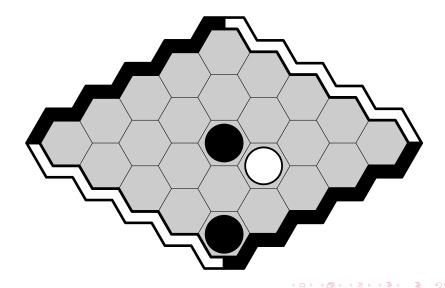
#### A CLUE

#### Politiken 1943 January 26

Monday February 1 at 8pm: Polygon-evening. In response to the spreading Polygon-mania, the game's creator Piet Hein, together with expert player Jens Lindhard, will demonstrate the game's strategy and finer points. They will use a giant game board to play members of the audience and answer questions. Tickets available at "Polygon" ticket office at the Town Hall Square today from 9am to 6pm. Free subscriber admission by handing in Coupon 1 from the subscription receipt. Cloakroom payment only 25 [cents].

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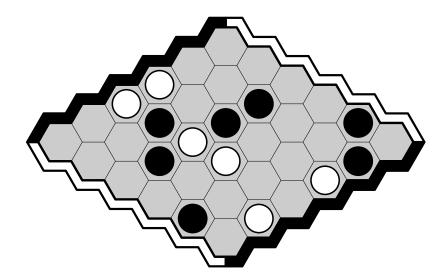
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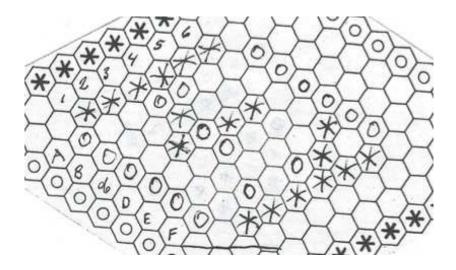
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# 1943 JENS LINDHARD (MOST PUZZLES)

- 1 Feb Polygon salon: Jens Lindhard played simultaneous games
- Danish chessmaster at 18, studied with Aage Bohr under Niels Bohr, physics prof Aarhus U (while Toft student)
- Polygon puzzlist?
- never married, post-retirement to office each day
- any papers left?
- 2017 Nov Toft to Aarhus

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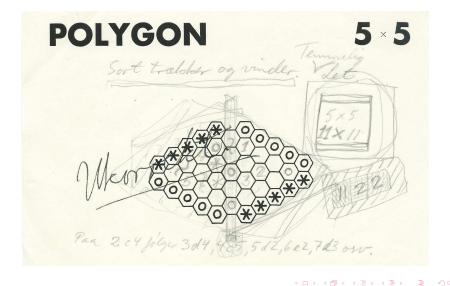


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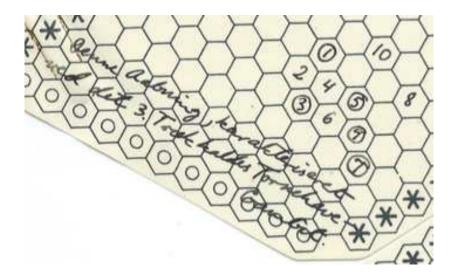
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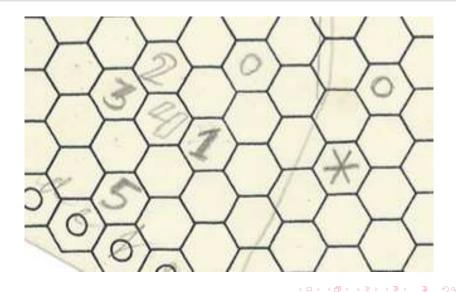
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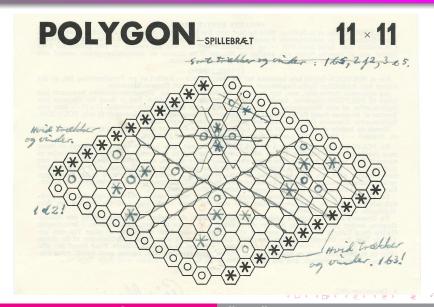


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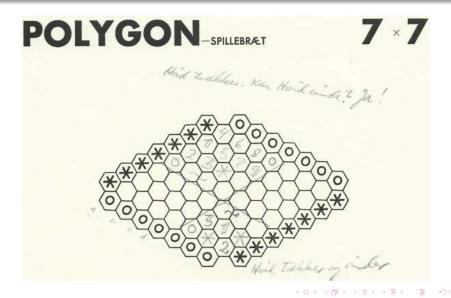
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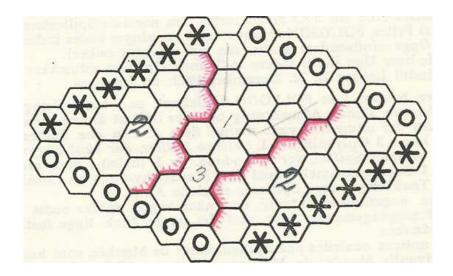


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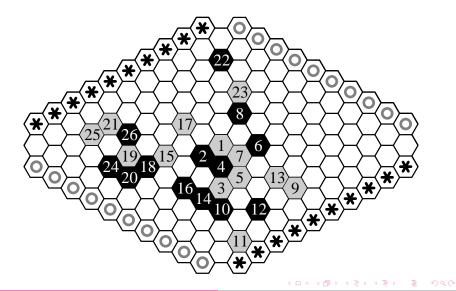


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# HEIN-LINDHARD GAME



#### LOUIS ESPERET: SHOW ME THE MATH

# new hex results for fill and prune

# 2019 Nicolas Fabiano + RBH

https://webdocs.cs.ualberta.ca/~hayward/talks/hex.nfp.pdf

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