

Kim Seung-jun was born in 1973, 23rd of March (according to the Chinese calendar). He started playing go when he was 10; he learned to play from his father (about EGF 2dan). Although his brother and sister quit baduk rather quickly he kept playing. Two years later he became yonguseng (insei) and another 3 years later he became professional player (1988). In this 5 years he did nothing, but play Baduk. According to his personality, it's hard to image. He is a very outgoing person; these days he enjoys much kind of games and sports. In addition to playing Baduk, he enjoys all kind of sports; his most recent hobby is golf. He is very skillful in billiard and foot volleyball.



He enjoys singing as well:

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Since he became pro, he qualified at least to the final selection (best 32) of several tournaments (Dongyang Cup, Myeong-in Cup, BC Card Cup, LG Cup /World Champ/, Gukki Cup, King of Kings Cup, Kiseong Cup, New talents Cup, Samsung Cup /World Champ/, Guksu Cup, Pakasu Cup, Maxim Cup, Chunlan Cup, Wonik Cup, etc...).

Some of his most remarkable results:

-In 1994, he made it to the final of Gukki Cup. He got second place, after losing against Lee Chang-ho (1-3). In this time he was in army (has to be for 2 years), and

he just got holiday to play for the final. ^^ After the first round he won, his senior let him study a bit in evenings (of course it can't be compared with studying diligently, but still ^^).

-In 1996, he made it to the semi-final of the Samsung World Championship.

-In 2003, he was the member of the Winner team in the Nongshim Korean-Japanese-Chinese Team World Championship.

-In 2005 March, he became 9 dan pro.

-In 2006, 2nd place of the King of Kings tournament (age 25~35)

-He has been participated several times of the Korean Baduk League (The best 25 players on the rating list are automatically qualified, plus about 16 players can qualify from a qualification tournament. The pro players are divided into teams (6 people per team) and each team play twice against the other teams. This is one of the biggest events in Korea. It is held during the whole year; games are played from Thursday to Sunday and shown live on Baduk TV.

-He has been played on Chinese league as well. (It is a similar team tournament like in Korea.) Therefore he has been in China several times, thanks to his friendly outgoing style, he learnt Chinese very fast, now he speaks fluent Chinese.

-In this year he qualified to Wonik Cup, but the final selection hasn't started yet.

-There are not so many professional players who are commenting on Baduk Tv, but he is one of the well-known commentator among of them.

He is passionate about spreading Go in the west.

He was in Europe for a short European Baduk tour with fellow pros Mok Jinseok 9p and Diana 1p. They played simultaneous games in Budapest, and they commented games from the Romanian Shusaku Tournament. He played with a lucky player who won his chance on the lottery. ^^ (4 stones against a 5 dan)

His Korean nickname's meaning is BlackKnight due to his dark complexion; however in Europe he got a similar, but new nickname; Blackie.

He did a live Web-cam commentary with Diana on [The Amsterdam Pandanet Tournament in English and he has been working on his English continuously.](#) ^^