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Sølvmedalje i NATO Mesterskabet 2017

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Formanden for den Dansk Militære Skak Komite, Finn Stuhr fra Køge Skakklub, har sendt en artikel til skak.dk om endnu et flot dansk resultat i NATO mesterskaberne der sluttede søndag i Ungarn.

DE DANSKE GULDDRENGE SLÅR TIL I BUDAPEST!

8 danskere drog til Budapest, hvor dette års NATO skakturnering blev afholdt i dagene fra den 23. til den 31. marts. Troen på et godt resultat var tilstede, da vi jo i Finn Pedersen, havde den forsvarende NATO-mester med i delegationen. Holdet var opsat på at mesterskabet skulle forblive på danske hænder. En tredje plads i holdkonkurrencen fra sidste år skulle også forsvares. Se artiklen fra sidste år: [HER](#)



Favoritværdigheden lå hos Tyskland, der har tradition for at være med helt fremme med mindst 4 spillere og favorit til at blive dette års individuelle mester lå hos IM Lorenz Drabke der sidste år ikke deltog.

Første runde byder normalt på ”lette” modstandere, men anderledes skulle det gå da Mester Pedersen måtte nøjes med remis mod en lavtrated ungarer . Gert Aagård måtte ligeledes nøjes med remis, mens resten vandt, og Danmark kunne dermed gå til næste runde med 4 point i banken. Når turneringen slutter er det de 4 bedste scorerer der tæller af de 6 spillere et hold består af.

Anden runde blev sort for de danske spillere. Jan Mose Nielsen skulle op mod IM Liptay Laszlo, der trods at være en ældre herre, godt kunne spille skak og Jan måtte lide et svidende nederlag. Erik Nilsson og Morten Majlund Nielsen måtte ligeledes lide nederlag. En trøst at de tre øvrige, Alexander Rosenkilde, Finn Pedersen og Gert Aagaard hentede et helt point.

Tredje runde så lidt mere lovende for Finn Pedersen der hentede et helt point lige som Alexander. De øvrige hev et halv point hjem hver. 6 spillere havde nu maximum, heriblandt Alexander Rosenkilde. Finn Pedersen havde $2\frac{1}{2}$ og Gert Aagaard 2 og de øvrige $1\frac{1}{2}$, så det så lovende ud.

I fjerde runde hev holdet 4 point hjem efter kun to tab. Bemærkelsesværdigt var det, at vi ikke havde mødt en eneste tysker efter 4 runder, så de næste runder ville nok byde på opgør mod tyskerne, Ligesom polakkerne havde undgået danske spillere. Holdstillingen var nu $12\frac{1}{2}$ point til Danmark, mens Tyskland lå i front med 13 point. Polen var på tredjepladsen med $11\frac{1}{2}$. Alexander og Lorenz Drabke var nu de eneste med max.

Femte runde bød på topopgør mellem Alexander Rosenkilde og IM Lorenz Drabke, Nervøsiteten begynde at indfinde sig hos holdlederen – kunne Alexander få en remis, ville det ikke være så tosset. Men bekymringen fra holdlederen var unødvendig. Efter flere genistreger fra Alexanders hånd måtte Drabke efter 32 træk strække våben i det vel nok bedste parti i turneringen. Alexander var nu et helt point foran de nærmeste forfølgere på nær holdkammerat Finn Pedersen som efter endnu en sejr havde $4\frac{1}{2}$ point. To danskere i front, det så godt ud! Holdet var stadig $\frac{1}{2}$ point efter Tyskland på 16 point og Polen og debutanterne fra Grækenland var lige efter begge med 13 point.

Sjette runde, spændingen stiger: Bræt 1 IM Pavlidis Anastasios – Rosenkilde Alexander $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Bræt 2 IM Lorenz Drabke – Pedersen Finn 0-1. HELT VILDT! Storfavotitten fra Tyskland helt nede med knock out i runde 5 mod en dansker og nu igen. De øvrige danskere har svært ved at følge med, men kæmper længere nede i rækkerne for at score point til holdet. Inden sidste runde har Tyskland 18 point, Danmark $17\frac{1}{2}$, Polen og Grækenland er på $17\frac{1}{2}$. Det kan ikke blive meget mere tæt. Finn og Alexander har $5\frac{1}{2}$ og nærmeste forfølger er nu 3 dobbelte Natomester Mark Helbig med 5 point.

Syvende runde. Det er nu det gælder! Topopgørene er på Bræt 1 Finn Pedersen – FM Mark Helbig og på Bræt 2 Valeinis Janis – Alexander Rosenkilde. Her skulle slaget stå og NATO-mesterskabet afgøres. Hvis det blev a point mellem de 2 danskere, ville Alexander blive mester, men tabte de begge ville Mark Helbig vinde sit 4. mesterskab. Efter $4\frac{1}{2}$ times spil kunne Alexander ikke se sejren komme i hus og tog remis, slaget skulle nu afgøres på bræt 1 og 20 minutter senere tog Finn et forkert træk, hvilket blev udnyttet af modstanderen og en remis var eneste udvej. Med det korrekte træk var Finn blevet vinder og Mester og Danmark havde vundet hold guld. På 6. brættet udspillede sig et drama hvor den eneste kvindelige spiller WIM Pavlidou Ekaterini var oppe imod IM Lorenz Drabke. Dramaet udviklede sig, og det så længe ud til at det skulle blive en sejr til det svage køn, der så stærk ud i det opgør. Desværre var hun ikke opmærksom på matrusler, og Drabke satte et angreb ind, der kunne have været reddet i land, med forkerte træk, gjorde udslaget og matten var uundgåelig. Havde hun set overlevelsestrækket, havde Grækenland indtaget 3. pladsen, mens Tyskland var blevet nr. 4. Så kan det ikke blive ret meget mere tæt!



Alexander Rosenkilde vandt individuel guldmedalje. *Foto: Finn Stuhr*

Slutstillingen efter 7 runder:

1. Tyskland 20 point (Buckholz 122)
2. Danmark 20 point (Buckholz 108)
3. Polen 19,5 point
4. Grækenland 18,5 point

Der deltog 18 hold i turneringen.

Danske placeringer individuelt:

1. Alexander Rosenkilde, 6 point
2. Finn Pedersen, 6 point
39. Gert Aagaard, 4 point
44. Erik Nilsson, 4 point
59. Henrik Nielsen, 3,5 point
60. Jan Mose Nielsen, 3,5 point
67. Morten M. Nielsen, 3 point
90. Finn Stuhr, 2 point

Link til turneringen på Chess-results.com: [HER](#)

Næste års mesterskab bliver afviklet i Texas, USA.

Translation

Silver medal in the NATO Championship 2017

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The chairman of the Danish Military Chess Committee, Finn Stuhr from Køge Chess club, has sent an article to skak.dk about another great Danish result in the NATO championships that ended on Sunday in Hungary.

THE DANISH GOLDEN BOYS BEAT IN BUDAPEST!

8 Danes went to Budapest, where this year's NATO chess tournament was held from 23 to 31 March. The belief in a good result was present, as we in Finn Pedersen had the defending NATO champion in the delegation. The team was determined that the championship should remain in Danish hands. A third place in the team competition from last year also had to be defended. See the article from last year: [HERE](#)

<photo Danish team>

The heaviest favorite was Germany, which has a tradition of being at the forefront with at least 4 players and the favorite to become this year's individual champion was IM Lorenz Drabke who did not participate last year.

The first round usually offers "easy" opponents, but it should have been different when Master Pedersen had to settle for a draw against a low-rated Hungarian. Gert Aagård also had to settle for a draw, while the rest won, and Denmark could thus go to the next round with 4 points in the pocket. When the tournament ends, it is the 4 best scores that count of the 6 players a team consists of.

The second round was dark for the Danish players. Jan Mose Nielsen was up against IM Liptay Laszlo, who despite being an older gentleman, could play chess well and Jan had to suffer a scorching defeat. Erik Nilsson and Morten Majlund Nielsen also suffered defeats. A consolation was that the other three players, Alexander Rosenkilde, Finn Pedersen and Gert Aagaard, picked up a whole point.

The third round looked a little more promising for Finn Pedersen who picked up a whole point just like Alexander. The others raised half a point home each. 6 players now had the maximum scores, including Alexander Rosenkilde. Finn Pedersen had 2½ and Gert Aagaard 2 and the others 1½, so it looked promising.

In the fourth round, the team lifted 4 points home after only two losses. It was remarkable that we had not met a single German after 4 rounds, so the next rounds would probably offer a showdown against the Germans, just as the Poles had avoided Danish players. The team ranking was now 12½ points to Denmark, while Germany was in front with 13 points. Poland was in third place with 11½. Alexander and Lorenz Drabke were now the only ones with maximum scores.

Fifth round featured a showdown between Alexander Rosenkilde and IM Lorenz Drabke, Nervousness began to show up at the team leader - if Alexander could get a draw, it would not

be so crazy. But the concern from the team leader was unnecessary. After several genius strokes from Alexander's hand, Drabke had to stretch his arms in the probably best game in the tournament after 32 moves. Alexander was now a full point ahead of the closest pursuers except teammate Finn Pedersen who after another victory had 4½ points. Two Danes in front, it looked good! The team was still ½ points behind Germany at 16 points and Poland and the debutants from Greece were just behind both with 13 points.

Sixth round, the tension rises: Board 1 IM Pavlidis Anastasios - Rosenkilde Alexander ½-½ Board 2 IM Lorenz Drabke - Pedersen Finn 0-1. CRAZY! The big favorite from Germany all the way down with a knockout in round 5 against a Dane and now again. The other Danes have a hard time keeping up, but are fighting further down the ranks to score points for the team. Before the last round, Germany has 18 points, Denmark 17½, Poland and Greece are 17½. It cannot get much closer. Finn and Alexander have 5½ and the closest pursuer is now triple NATO master Mark Helbig with 5 points.

Seventh round. Now is the time! The top scores are on board 1 Finn Pedersen - FM Mark Helbig and on board 2 Janis Valeinis - Alexander Rosenkilde. Here the battle was to happen and the NATO championship to be decided. If the 2 Danes score a point, Alexander would become champion, but if they both lost, Mark Helbig would win his 4th championship. After 4½ hours of play Alexander could not see the victory within reach and took a draw, the battle now had to be decided on board 1 and 20 minutes later Finn played a wrong move, which was exploited by the opponent and a draw was the only way out. With the correct move, Finn had won and Champion and Denmark had won team gold. On the 6th board, a drama unfolded in which the only female player WIM Pavlidou Ekaterini was up against IM Lorenz Drabke. The drama developed, and for a long time it looked like it was going to be a victory for the weaker sex, who looked strong in that showdown. Unfortunately, she was not aware of check mate threats, and Drabke launched an attack that could have been saved ashore, with incorrect moves, made the impact and the check mate was inevitable. Had she seen the survival move, Greece would have taken 3rd place, while Germany would have been No. 4. Then it could not get much closer!

<photo Alexander Rosenkilde won individual gold medal>

Final Standings after 7 rounds:

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3. Poland 19,5 point
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18 teams participated in the tournament.

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