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## 20th NATO Chess Championship 2009

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Danmark var stærkt repræsenteret i det 20. NATO skakmesterskab, der blev afviklet i den tyske by Hammelburg fra den 15. til 19. juni.

Turneringen var en 7 runder individuel schweizer, hvor de fire bedste fra hvert land samtidig talte som et hold.

Fra holdkaptajn Finn Stuhr har vi modtaget følgende rapport fra turneringen:

### *Af Finn Stuhr*

95 skakspillere fra 17 Natolande var samlet i Hammelburg i Tyskland. Tyskland havde revanche fra sidste års fravristelse af trofæet til Tyrkiet, der på skakbrættet de senere år har vist sine evne til at holde sig i toppen.

Danmark var repræsenteret med Finn Pedersen, Veteranen Rene O. Nielsen, Alexander Rosenkilde, Christian Eriksson, Ole Bønnelykke og Jan Nielsen, samt spillende træner Henrik Nielsen og holdleder Finn Stuhr.

Der var store forventninger til det danske hold der ikke har været stærkere siden 1997 hvor Danmark fik Bronze i APT, Frankrig. De første par runder gik forrygende og i de næste runder blev det til lidt færre point til holdet. Efter 4 runde lå holdet på en 7. Plads, 2,5 point efter Tyskland – alt kunne stadig ske.

Finn Pedersen var med sin rating på 2286 ratingfavorit og var hele tiden lige i hælene på de stærkeste. Finn viste resultater der hele tiden holdt holdet i ilden for en medaljeplads.

7. og sidste runde viste at være uhyggelig spændende med en 4 plads før rundestart. 2 point efter Norge på tredjepladsen og 3 point efter Polen, så det meget sort ud. Tyskland så ikke ud til at kunne nås.

Skulle det lykkedes for dansken at opnå fordums resultater? Tæt på tredjepladsen viste sig dog at være mere tæt end holdet kunne drømme om. Holdscoren stod hurtig klart 3,5 point ud af 4 mulige og vi var foran både Norge og Polen, der stadig spillede. Norge vist dog storformat og fik ligeledes 3,5 point og Polen stor til kun at få et ½ point. Dramatik på Polens 4 bræt, hvor den ungarske modstander havde vundet, noteringspapiret underskrevet og afleveret. Under analysen fandt spilleren ud af at ungarenen havde lavet et ulovligt træk og ville genoptage partiet. Turneringslederen gav dem lov og straks var der berettigede protester fra Tyskland og Danmark.

Dog blev Polens 1. bræt vundet og Polen, der blev slået på målstregen om andenpladsen af Norge, kunne sikre sig 3. pladsen. Danmark måtte se sig selv alene på 4 pladsen blandt de 17

lande. Et flot resultat trods alt. Godt kæmpet af et stærkt team blandt IM'er og GM'er.

Finn Pedersen fandt ikke de taktiske finesser frem i modstanderens tidsnød i 6. runde og måtte nøjes med remis, men kom med en sejr i 7 runde op på en delt 3. plads individuelt. En flot præstation.

Torsdag aften var der møde i NATO Military Chess Committee hvor Danmark fik værtskabet for 2010. Finn Stuhr, Dansk Militære Skak komite, afleverede ved en lille ceremoni dokumentet med bekræftelse fra Forsvarskommandoen at Mesterskabet afholdes i Danmark. Mesterskabet skal afvikles i oktober i Køge sideløbende med Nimzowitsch Memorial. To aktiver der bliver en stor begivenhed for Køge by. Turneringerne afvikles med Køge Skakklub som det skakansvarlige og praktiske omdrejningspunkt.

Turneringens hjemmeside: [www.natochess.com](http://www.natochess.com)

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Denmark was strongly represented in the 20th NATO Chess Championship, which was held in the German city of Hammelburg from 15 to 19 June.

The tournament was a 7-round individual Swiss, where the sum of the top four scores from each country counts as team score.

From team captain Finn Stuhr we have received the following report from the tournament:

By Finn Stuhr

95 chess players from 17 NATO countries were gathered in Hammelburg in Germany. Germany had revenge from last year's snatching of the trophy by Turkey, which on the chessboard in recent years has shown its ability to stay on top.

Denmark was represented by Finn Pedersen, Veteran Rene O. Nielsen, Alexander Rosenkilde, Christian Eriksson, Ole Bønnelykke and Jan Nielsen, as well as playing coach Henrik Nielsen and team leader Finn Stuhr.

There were high expectations for the Danish team which has not been stronger since 1997 when Denmark won Bronze in Apt, France. The first few rounds went terrific and in the next rounds it yielded a little less points for the team. After 4 rounds, the team was in a 7th place, 2.5 points behind Germany - anything could still happen.

With his rating of 2286, Finn Pedersen was rating favorite and he was always right on the tracks of the strongest players. Finn showed results that constantly kept the team in the sight for a medal spot.

The 7th and final round proved to be eerily exciting with a 4 place ranking before the start of the round. 2 points behind Norway in third place and 3 points behind Poland, it looked very black. Germany did not seem to be reachable.

Could the Danish team succeed in achieving ancient results? Close to the third place, however, turned out to be closer than the team could dream of. The team score quickly stood clear 3.5 points out of 4 possible and we were ahead of both Norway and Poland who were still playing. Norway, however, showed large performance and also got 3.5 points and Poland, great, to only get a ½ point. Drama on Poland's 4 board, where the Hungarian opponent had won, the notation papers signed and handed over. During the analysis, the player found out that the Hungarian had made an illegal move and wanted to resume the game. The tournament manager gave them permission and immediately there were justified protests from Germany and Denmark.

However, Poland's 1st board had won and Poland, who were beaten at the finish line for second place by Norway, were able to secure 3rd place. Denmark had to see itself alone in 4th place among the 17 countries. A great result after all. Well fought by a strong team among IMs and GMs.

Finn Pedersen did not find the tactical finesse in the opponent's lack of time in the 6th round and had to settle for a draw, but came up with a victory in the 7th round up to a shared 3rd place in the individual ranking. A great achievement.

On Thursday evening, there was a meeting of the NATO Military Chess Committee where Denmark will host the 2010 edition. Finn Stuhr, Danish Military Chess Committee, handed over the document at a small ceremony with confirmation from the Defense Command that the Championship will be held in Denmark. The championship will be held in October in Køge alongside the Nimzowitsch Memorial. Two assets that will be a big event for Køge city. The tournaments are held with Køge Chess Club as the chess responsible and practical focal point.

Tournament website: [www.natochess.com](http://www.natochess.com)