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Nordic i Top - smæk til Danmark

Outsidernes triumf, da de internationale verdensnavne fik bank i Påsken på Scandinavia Hotel

Af Jens Kerte

Der er gode nyheder, og der er dårlige nyheder fra den niende udgave af Nordic 'Wide' Open. Set med danske øjne blev den gigantiske påsketurnering nemlig både en kæmpesucces og en kæmpEFIASKO.

Vi tager de gode nyheder først: Med 489

deltagere fra 18 lande slog Chris Ternel og den øvrige turneringsledelse på Scandinavia Hotel sine egne tidligere rekorder, hvad angår tilstrømningen til dette internationale gammontræf.

Så endnu en gang er det slået fast, at Nordic Open med fire hovedklasser og adskillige andre officielle konkurrencer virkelig er 'Wide' og den største årligt tilbagevendende backgammonbegivenhed af sin art i Verden.

På de fire dage blev der desuden afviklet over 1900 stoppots og 19 superjackpots, hvilket også er ny rekord.

fortsættes side 8



"Smæk til hvem?" - forbundets yngste medlem, hr. Espenhain, med en attitude!

PORTRÆTTET



Navn: Georges Velando
DBgF nr.: 77
Rating: 1140 TMP: 12520
Hold: Team Williams

Georges er endnu en af mange garvede topspillere, som i årevis har domineret det danske backgammonmiljø. Det hele startede tilbage i 1991, da han ved et tilfælde opdagede, at der blev spillet backgammon på Klaptræet i København. Her mødte Georges en rutineret spiller, som var så ubehagelig, at Georges meldte sig ind i forbundet med håb om at møde den arrogante sk..... igen og slå ham (i ædel kappestrid, forstås).

Udover at have ligget på 1.pladsen på den nationale ratingliste, blev han individuel Danmarksmester i 1994. Internationalt markerede Georges sig til VM i 1995, da han nåede til semifinalen i consolation; iøvrigt har han også vundet en mindre turnering i Sverige for et par år siden. Og så vandt han altså Allerød Åben 1997!

Georges er iøvrigt uddannet ingeniør, og taler et hav af fremmedsprog, heriblandt spansk, fransk, italiensk og engelsk. Lur mig, om ikke der er et par stykker jeg har glemt.

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Results and Report from **The 9th. NORDIC „WIDE“ OPEN**

CHAMPIONSHIP: 106. (60 - 1/2 entries & 60 - 1/4 entries)

1996: 113. (68 - 1/2 entries & 56 1/4 entries))

(106 paying players plus 1 free entry from World Cup Challenge III, Turkey.)

Prize Pool: 371.000,00

Main: 65% 243.100,00

DBgF. No.

Winner 145.800,00

Tommy Westerlund S

value free entries 3.800,00

6.000,00

3.000,00 Nordic "Wide" Open 98,

World Cup Challenge 98, Turkey,

Scandinavian Masters 1997, Sweden,

158.600,00

Finalist 56.100,00

Theirry Manouck F

SF 18.700,00

Michael Löfblad S

SF 18.700,00

Perry Gartner USA

Consolation (progressive): 25% 93.500,00

Winner 56.100,00

Andreas Hümke D

Finalist 18.700,00

Marcus Rindisbacher CH

SF 9.350,00

Peter Heitmüller D

SF 9.350,00

Peter Schneider D

Last Chance: 10% 37.400,00

Winner 26.200,00

Michael Meyburg D

Finalist 11.200,00

Harald Johanni D

AUCTION: 33.500,00 (2% ded.)= 32.700,00

Winner 16.350,00

Peter Heitmüller D

Finalist 8.175,00

Peter Heitmüller D

SF 4.087,50

Michael Löfblad S

SF 4.087,50

Michael Meyburg D

ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE: 119 players

1996: 128 players

Prize Pool: 89.250,00

Main: 65% 58.010,00

Winner 31.900,00

Hans Libby N

value free entries 3.800,00 Nordic "Wide" Open 98

45.700,00

Finalist 13.400,00

4109

Karsten Schmidt DK

SF 4.465,00

Roger Porter GB

SF 4.465,00

560

Alan Herskind DK

Consolation (progressive): 25% 22.320,00

Winner 13.400,00

8455

Kasper Andersen DK

Finalist 4.465,00

Pavel Bielewicz S

SF 2.230,00

9681

Danny Fogel DK

SF 2.230,00

Alistar Hogg GB

Last Chance: 10% 8.925,00

Winner 6.250,00

39

Lars Klammer DK

Finalist 2.675,00

3392

Rolf Andersen DK

INTERMEDIATE: 199 players

1996: 188 players

Prize Pool: 49.750,00

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|----|
| Main: | 66% | 32.835,00 | Sponsor | | | |
| Winner | 16.420,00 | Bag | Carlsberg | 14227 | Rasmus Hansen | DK |
| Finalist | 6.470,00 | Bag | Carlsberg | 7511 | Martin Reeh | DK |
| SF | 2.490,00 | Bottle Opener | Carlsberg | 1975 | Mikkel Hartvig | DK |
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| QF | 1.245,00 | T-shirt | Carlsberg | 631 | Sune Skafte | DK |
| QF | 1.245,00 | T-shirt | Carlsberg | 1854 | Bjarne Tolstrup | DK |
| Consolation (progressive): | 25% | 12.437,50 | | | | |
| Winner | 7.465,00 | Beer Glasses | Carlsberg | 15503 | Bjarne Riboe | DK |
| Finalist | 2.490,00 | Beer Glasses | Carlsberg | 9331 | Karsten Bølge | DK |
| SF | 1.245,00 | Pen Set | Carlsberg | | Daniel Cronholm | S |
| SF | 1.245,00 | Pen Set | Carlsberg | 7175 | Thomas Fuglheim | DK |
| Last Chance: | 9% | 4.477,50 | | | | |
| Winner | 2.985,00 | | | 15699 | Michael Hansen | DK |
| Finalist | 1.495,00 | | | 2765 | Karsten Nielsen | DK |

BEGINNER: 64 players

1996: 52 players

Main

| | | | | | |
|--------------|--|----|-------|----------------------|----------|
| Winner | Trophy plus JellyFish Tutor v.2. 0 - Effect Software | | | | |
| | 2.000,- Gift Voucher - London Betting | | 1028 | | Nicholas |
| Rohrmann | DK | | | | |
| Finalist | Trophy plus 800,- Gift Voucher - London Betting | | | | 14630 |
| Simon Dreyer | Thiman | DK | | | |
| SF | Trophy plus 400,- Gift Voucher - London Betting | | 2728 | Janek Mistowski | DK |
| SF | Trophy plus 400,- Gift Voucher - London Betting | | 19116 | Ingrid Øhlenschläger | DK |

Consolation (progressive):

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|----------|---|--|-------|-------------------|-------------|
| Winner | Trophy plus 600,- Gift Voucher - London Betting | | 13313 | | Lennart |
| Staarup | DK | | | | |
| Finalist | Trophy plus 300,- Gift Voucher - London Betting | | 2209 | | Thomas Lund |
| DK | | | | | |
| SF | Trophy plus 100,- Gift Voucher - London Betting | | 13484 | Anni Bech Nielsen | DK |
| SF | Trophy plus 100,- Gift Voucher - London Betting | | 16511 | Peter Lyng | DK |

Last Chance:

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|----------|---|--|------|------------------|----|
| Winner | Trophy plus 200,- Gift Voucher - London Betting | | 6920 | Hanne Benggaard | DK |
| Finalist | Trophy plus 100,- Gift Voucher - London Betting | | 2112 | Lars B. Andersen | DK |

TEAM: 36 teams 18.000,00

1996: 36 teams

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|----------|-----------|-------|----------|--------------------------|----|
| Winner | 12.600,00 | Team: | Venice | Caldera | I |
| | | | | Mazzo | I |
| | | | | Visentin | I |
| Finalist | 5.400,00 | Team: | Hustlers | 255 Stig Christensen | DK |
| | | | | 9731 Robert Scholz | DK |
| | | | | 6872 Thomas H.H. Bentzen | DK |

CONSULTATION DOUBLES:

70 pairs 21.000,00

1996: 60 pairs

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|----------|-----------|--|------------------------|----|
| Winner | 14.700,00 | | 2985 Tony Hauboff | DK |
| | | | 593 Ole Schnor | DK |
| Finalist | 6.300,00 | | 14227 Rasmus Hansen | DK |
| | | | 8578 Bjørn Fagerstrand | DK |

FIBS "Nordic" Champ.:

38 players 2.850,00

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|--------|----------|--|--|-----------------|
| Winner | 1.995,00 | | | Stefan Paliwoda |
|--------|----------|--|--|-----------------|

GB
 Finalist 855,00 19948 Jonas Gulris
 DK

STOPPOTS: 1.904 matches 1996: 1.761 1995: 1.868

SUPER JACKPOTS: 19 1996: 11 1995: 12

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: *Denmark 3 - 2 Sweden*

Danish Team:

1603 Henrik Bodholdt
 1589 Jens Neregaard
 1301 Navidi
 666 Frederik Bentler
 15794 Morten Daugbjerg

Swedish Team:

11 - 9 Löfblad
 11 - 1 Granstedt
 11 - 6 Lundström
 6 - 11 Reinholdsén
 10 - 11 Clemmensson



Det sejrende landshold: Frederik Bentler, Jens Neregaard, Henrik Bodholdt, Morten Daugbjerg og Navidi Afshar

During the Prize Giving Awards there were also presented the following trophies:

Player Of The Year 1996: Henrik Bodholdt

Danish Team Division Championship 96/97:

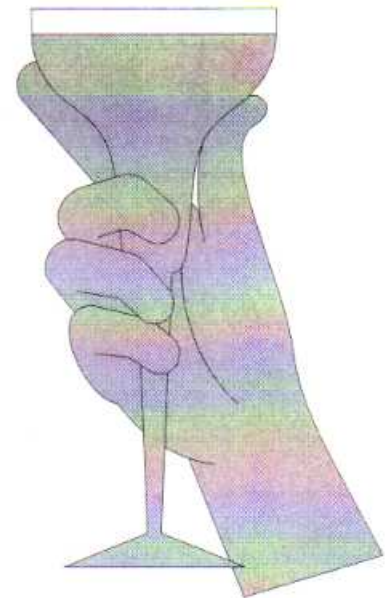
Team: Tøserne - Århus.

Players: 846 - Hanne Larsen (captain), Karen Pilegaard - 1436, Nico Hansen - 889, Morten Aagren Svendsen - 6767, Jan Houborg Andersen - 5743, Henrik Veje - 10223, Torben Hasseriis - 8860.

On behalf of the Danish Backgammon Federation and the players, I would like to thank all the sponsors for the prizes they have given.



Tøserne var repræsenteret af Torben Hasseriis da DM-pokalen blev overrakt til Nordic Open. Her er de imidlertid samlet på selve sejrsmiddagen den 16. februar: Morten Aagren Svendsen, Henrik Veje, Torben Hasseriis, Hanne Larsen, Nico Hansen og Jan Houborg Andersen.



Til lykke!

Facts:

170 of the 489 players were foreigners, geographical distribution as follows:

| Country | Championship | | | Advanced | | | Intermediate | | | Beginner | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1997 | 96 | 95 | 1997 | 96 | 95 | 1997 | 96 | 95 | 1997 | 96 | 95 | | | |
| Denmark | 37 | 36 | 30 | 69 | 70 | 75 | 159 | 147 | 156 | 54 | 48 | 76 | 319 | 301 | 337 |
| Germany | 14 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 21 | 16 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 49 | 38 |
| Sweden | 10 | 16 | 9 | 14 | 16 | 19 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 36 | 49 | 41 |
| Norway | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 18 | 11 |
| USA | 14 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 10 | 7 |
| England | 8 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 7 | 14 |
| Italy | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 14 | 6 |
| France | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| Portugal | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Ireland | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Switzerland | 2 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| Russia | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Brazil | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Georgia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Japan | 1 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Finland | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Slovenia | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Holland | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 |
| Hong Kong | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Spain | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Czech Rep. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Greece | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Thailand | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Israel | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Iran | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 107 | 113 | 92 | 119 | 128 | 130 | 199 | 188 | 183 | 64 | 52 | 80 | 489 | 481 | 485 |

This years Nordic "Wide" Open was again a success with a new record breaking player attendance of 489 players. Championship was down to 107 (113 in 1996) advanced was also down to 119 (128), intermediate up by 11 to 199, and beginner attendance was up by 12 - to 64. Players from 18 nations competed, notably absent were Dutch players, also German and Swedish participation was considerably down from previous years. In the championship flight 37 Danish players competed with the 70 foreign players for the title of Nordic Master 1997 which went to Tommy Westerlund a Scandinavian from Sweden. This years results must have been a disappointment for Danish players, whom with a record number of entrants, still did not manage to get a trophy. German players did extremely well by taking 5 of the 10 trophies in the Championship flight.

Once again a very special thanks to Paul Magriel for his excellent, informative and amusing seminar and commentary of the final. The final, with both Paul's commentary aided by JellyFish (thanks to Elliot Winslow and his Laptop), was shown via closed circuit television on a large screen and was attended by nearly 200 players as was Paul's 2 hour seminar. A video of the final, with full commentary are available on VHS (European standard) video tapes.

Price for the final tape (3 hours) of the final is (incl. postage) DKK 220,- for Europe and DKK 250,- outside Europe.

Price for the seminar tape (2 hours) is (incl. postage) DKK 190,- for Europe and DKK 220,- outside Europe.

This was the fourth time that the tournament was played in Copenhagen. The Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel is one of the best hotels in Denmark. With it near perfect conference facilities with a total capacity for over 1,000 players, incredible air conditioning, so that even non-smokers decided to play in the main playing area, even though players for the first time this year could decide to play in the non-smoking room, this was a non-smoker playing preference and could be invoked at the start of any match. The StopPots again proved to be highly popular, as did the extra SuperJackpots. The night-playing room was fitted out with extra tables and chairs, and they were used, on the first 3 nights of the tournament, over 150 players were still enjoying the action at 3 o'clock in the morning.

The quarter and half entries are here to stay, being used for the third year, these proved yet again to be highly popular (no extra registration for re-entries).

The hotel which adopted a new price policy last year for their buffet/bar prices for players (prices were unchanged again this year, and still around 1980's levels), where once again overworked.

The tournament committee, consisted of some of the old hands from previous years: Asger Kring, Niels Haarbo, Peter Krag, and yours truly, newcomers were George Velando, Michael Schou, Frederik Bentler, Morten Daugbjerg, Thomas Willert, Thomas Bræmer-Jensen and Jacob Løvschall. This years StopPots were superbly managed by an all Ladies crew of Mette Meyer, Jill Ternel, Rikke Akselbo and Nanna Ibsen, although Niels Haarbo took care of StopPots, Super Jackpots and unfinished tournament matches in the night playing room. The whole event once again functioned like a Swiss watch. With near record number of players (489) in the four flights, plus and additional 250 players coming to participate in the StopPots, plus the over 200 spectators and press that came during the 4 days, has yet again fulfilled our wish that this tournament, with its now 9 years of tradition of being held at Easter, is yet again this year the largest International Backgammon Tournament.

Next years tournament **will** be held again at Easter, so put a **X** in your calendar already today.

I/we do hope to see many more players in 1998 for the 10th anniversary of the Nordic "Wide" Open. We welcome you with "Wide" open arms.

Chris E. Ternel
(DBgF - Tournament Director)

