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Main

The top game in the main was Park (B) versus Dinerchtein. It was very bloodthirsty, with dead groups all over the board and perhaps even some corpses hidden underneath it. In the final enormous fight in the centre Park had just one liberty more, as Dnerchtein's eye didn't help him in the fight with Parks group without an eye. At the moment Swedish Go Association President entered the top room that Dinerchtein had lost on time. Players can adjust the clock for talking or just only bleeping as Dinerchtein had done. Game recorder William Wandel of the European Go Centre said "This is the second time in the top room, that a game was lost on time with a non-talking clock."

The last game to be finished was the brother-sister meeting of Ilya and Shiksina (just like last weekend in the Masters). TD Andreas Ensch: "Look here Catalin and Dinerchtein are completely equal. One has played the broher, the other the sister. So, their result will decide in the end, who



Park

Photo by Tobias Berben

will be the European Champion". Then, his telephone rang: "Ilya won, so Catalin Taranu is new European Champion. He takes his first title." We ran out to congratulate our Rumanian 5P. "I can't believe it, I'll have to see it for myself first."

Dinerchtein had predicted almost correctly that the new EC would not among the first five on the podium, but was over pessimistic in his speculation, that the new EC would have only six scalps at his belt.

Summing up: Park Jong Wook is winner of the main tournament with nine points.

Last year's winner Hong Seok Ui came second with eight victories and Lai Yu-Cheng took third place with seven wins and the best sum of opponents points. On shared 5th and 6th place Catalin Taranu is the European Champion of Leksand 2008, sharing his place at the tournament final standings with Hong Seul-ki.

There are three participants who won nine games: Miguel Castellano (Madrid, 6k), Isabel Barros (Barcelona, 8k) - congratulations to those Spanish players - and Won Yong Jea (Seul, 20k) and to you too.

Peter Karlsson (Stockholm 1d) leads the list of players with 8 wins. Next Gelmer Bouwman (1k, Zutphen, NL), Martin Reindl (Bratislava, 1k), Anne van Leeuwen Leiden, NL, 1k) Niclas Solin (Stokholm, 2k), Michael White (Rouen, F, 4k), Malte Sculz (Oldenburg, D, 12k), Cordula Knauf (St. Augustin, D, 17k) and Jakub Romaniuk (Warsaw 28k). Very well done, indeed.

A large number of 47 participants won seven games. During the prizegiving ceremony they were not called to the podium, but immediately directed to the book stall to select their prize.

Lightning

"The lightning knock-outs on Friday evening produced some exciting games. For instance, Antti Törmänen (Finland, 5d) won twice by only one point and a half in the quarters and the semis, before losing

to the eventual winner Kim Jung hyeop, Korea 7, who had defeated Hong Seul-ki in the semi. Cornel Burzo won third place in the small final.", told us Andreas Ensch, "by the way, I'm not the TD of the lightning, I'm only helping out Tomas Boman, the Swedish President".

Rapid

"It is not clear to me, who will be called to the podium", said TD Krister Strand, "but here is a list of winners":

Satoshi Sakashita (Tokyu, 2k) and Gytis Vasiliauskas (Vilnius, LT, 5k) won both eight games.

Kalle Leppälä (Oulu SF, 3k) and Paul Töllner (Hamburg, 22k) won seven each.

There are also eightten player, who won six games. [Peter Dijkema]



Catalin

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Chidori sums up our coming Post EGC Blues

