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The world's leading Speed Badminton players met in Hamburg at the ISBO Speedminton® SEA SONS German Open

Fast and fun! One of the last preparation tournaments for the World Championships in Berlin took place in Hamburg, Germany on April 6th and 7th. 17 hours of high class Speed Badminton with more than 160 participants from 11 different countries. World ranked Top Ten players like Agnes Darnyik from Hungary, Mattias Aronsson and Melker Ekberg from Sweden, Patrick Schüsseler, Jennifer Greune and René Lewicki from Germany.

The tournament started on 14 courts in two gyms and the city welcomed the participants with a lot of sunshine after a long winter. The group phase in all categories was played on Saturday and as was the first main round of the open men division. Boys U14 and Girls U18 finished all of their games already in the morning and got invited by our sponsor **SEA SONS** to go climbing in the nearby and brand new „Nordwandhalle“. The kids got a two hour instruction from professional coaches and came back with a big smile on their faces. We finished the day together with dinner and some live music from our Elbspeeder Tom Friedländer.

The games started in time on Sunday morning and with a few highlights. The German Robin Joop won in an exciting, very close 3-set-match against one of the tournament favorites from Sweden (Mattias Aronsson), but lost afterwards in the semi-final against the double world champion René Lewicki from Berlin. Seeded number one player Agnes Darnyik won the semi-final against Marta Soltys. Elbspeeder Jennifer Greune won first against her club-mate Stephanie Weiss and then in the semifinal against Rebecca Nielsen from Sweden. During that day world ranked number two Patrick Schüsseler went into the finals without losing a set and won surprisingly fast against the Swedish Melker Ekberg, who had just won the Hungarian Open and bet world champion Per Hjalmarson. Georges Nilos from Germany had to go through some tough games and 3 sets before entering the final. Manfred Schüsseler reached the semi finals in O50 but Bogdan Miezinsky from Poland, was leading that game. Paweł Leski also from Poland went straight into the finals on the other side in the semi final against Robert Wynne from the UK. After a very tough game against the Polish Sabina Schabek in the quarter finals, another German made it to the finals: Ellen Martins-Rodriguez in the category O35.

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The U18 groups had already shown in their first matches some super close and exciting games that were seen by various spectators. Two Germans made it to the semi finals, Hans Kuntsche and David Zimmermanns, who won in a great match against the Polish Michal Izwicki. The number one ranked Oliver Vincze from Hungary played very well and made it to the finals as well. Until the winners ceremony, the organizers decided not to announce the winner in the category U18 Girls, the results needed to be calculated.

The finals looked very promising and offered a nice mix from different nations. Patrick Schüsseler showed that he wants to be the leader in the ISBO world ranking again. The organizers were very happy that many people stayed to watch the finals and the ceremony and raffled some little prizes during the breaks and set up. The atmosphere was overall super positive and some Mexican waves were seen.

The entire team says thank you to all participants and helping hands and congrats the winners for their energy and success on this unforgettable weekend. And congrats to our German Patrick for being back on the top!

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Winners (ISBO Ranking after the German Open):

Open Division

1 Patrick Schüsseler (Germany) (1.)

2 René Lewicki (Germany) (6.)

3 Melker Ekberg (Sweden) (8.)

3 Robin Joop (Germany) (47.)

Ladies Division

- 1 Agnes Darnyik (Hungary) (2.)
- 2 Jennifer Greune (Germany) (4.)
- 3 Marta Soltys (Poland) (12.)
- 3 Rebecca Nielsen (Sweden) (3.)

O35 Ladies

- 1 Ellen Martins-Rodrigues (Germany)
- 2 Edit Veresne (Hungary)
- 3 Michaela Liebe (Germany)
- 3 Susanne Bartel (Germany)

O40 Seniors

- 1 György Vaczi (Hungary) (2.)
- 2 Georges Nilos (Germany) (17.)
- 3 Tamas Dozsa (Hungary) (1.)
- 3 Grzegorz Chmielewski (Poland) (37.)

O50 Seniors

- 1 Paweł Leski (Poland)
- 2 Bogdan Mieczynski (Poland)
- 3 Manfred Schüsseler (Germany)
- 3 Robert Wynne (Germany)

U14 Male

- 1 Felix Kalauch (Germany) (8.)
- 2 Thilo Auffart (Germany) (11.)
- 3 Nico Franke (Germany) (15.)
- 4 Mateusz Drumlak (Poland) (15.)

U18 Female

- 1 Caroline Meyering (Germany) (13.)
- 2 Magdalena Nickel (Germany) (8.)
- 3 Jenny Nitschke (Germany) (10.)
- 4 Laura Nickel (Germany) (9.)

U18 Male

- 1 Oliver Vincze (Hungary) (1.)
- 2 David Zimmermanns (Germany) (24.)
- 3 Hans Kuntsche (Germany) (8.)
- 3 Michał Izwicki (Poland) (19.)