

STUDENT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN HANDBALL 1963

At the moment that the invitations are sent for the Student World Championship in Handball in Madrid, we are glad to recall here the first edition of this championship held in Lund (Sweden) in 1963.

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The biggest Swedish student sport tournament of all times was held during a couple of days in the very beginning of the new year 1963. Some time before that - in april 1962 - invitations were posted to about 30 countries, all of which are members of the FISU and of the International Handball Federation.

During the following months the SAIF was happy to hear from most of those who had been invited. Definite entry forms were finally received from Denmark, Norway, West Germany, Japan, Rumania, Bulgaria, Spain and Sweden. As late as 24 hours before the start of the matches in the first round the Bulgarian team cabled that they «for technical reasons» were unable to come, thereby causing the tournament committee a lot of trouble. However, the well-trained and highly efficient committee consisting mainly of students from the L.U.G.I. (the student sport association of the university of Lund) managed to tackle this new problem and the tournament could be brought to a happy end.

All teams were lodged at Lund, the old university city in the south of Sweden. Lund was the centre of the world championship, but matches were also played at different places in the vicinity, e.g. Halmstad, Malmö, Hålsingborg and Kristianstad. The city officials were everywhere very helpful and hospitable, and after the matches the teams were as a rule invited to suppers.

Sweden had been placed in the same group as Denmark, Japan and Spain. Stig Björnung, sport teacher at the university of Lund, had been appointed trainer and manager of the Swedish team. Of the finally nominated players 9 were the university of Lund, 5 from the university of Gothenburg and 1 from Uppsala.

Sweden met first Japan and had on difficulties to win rather comfortable. In the second round we played against Spain and scored a fresh victory after a good second half.

The last obstacle on our way way to the finale was Denmark, whose team we met two days later. This match was played at the magnificent stadium at Hålsingborg and was watched by a large number of spectators.

The match was considered by players and spectators alike the best played match during the whole tournament, and after very good resistance our old rivals from the other side of the sea finally had to resign.

In the other group Rumania played brilliantly in the first round against Norway, and their elegant team were at this time regarded as clear favourites to the titles. In the group final against Germany they

had however their typical off-day, and the not too well-played but very thrilling match was won by Germany.

The finale was played at Lund. Germany managed to keep a few goals ahead most of the match, but from the middle of the second half the Swedish team, inspired by the brilliant play of the keeper, regained their form from the match against Denmark, and Germany had to be content with finishing runner-up in this first student world championship in handball.

All leaders met an evening at a very charming Swedish inn on the plain a couple of miles outside Lund to discuss among other things the future of the tournament. Spain offered to look into the possibilities of arranging the next tournament in 1965 - in case of failure Germany and Rumania would in turn take over.

Everyone wished that the tournament would become permanent in the future, and that it would be given a permanent place in the FISU program.

Results :

Sweden-Japan	26-15	Germany-Lund (City team)	12-28
Denmark-Spain	24-17	Rumania-Norway	23-11
Sweden-Spain	22-12	Rumania-Malmoe (city team)	20-17
Denmark-Japan	34-11	Germany-Norway	14-13
Sweden-Denmark	17-11	Norway-Helsingborg (city t.)	20-17
Spain-Japan	31-9	Germany-Rumania	16-15
		Japan-Arloev (Cityteam)	25-19
		Norway-Spain	22-18
		Rumania-Denmark	27-18
		Sweden-Germany	14-11

1. Sweden
2. Germany
3. Rumania
4. Denmark
5. Norway
6. Spain
7. Japan

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RESULTATS DES CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE UNIVERSITAIRES DE HANDBALL
— RESULTS OF THE UNIVERSITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF HANDBAL —

<u>1963</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1973</u>
<u>1er M Suède</u>	<u>2eme M Espagne</u>	<u>3eme M Allem.</u>	<u>4eme M Tchéc.</u>	<u>5eme M Suède</u>
1. SWE	1. FRG	1. URS	1. URS	1. ROM
2. FRG	2. ESP	2. ROM	2. TCH	2. URS
3. ROM	3. SWE	3. SWE	3. ROM	3. YUG
4. DEN	4. FRA	4. TCH	4. ESP	4. FRG
5. NOR	5. FIN	5. FRG	5. YUG	5. TCH
6. ESP	6. HOL	6. NOR	6. POL	6. ESP
7. JPN	7. TUN	7. FRA	7. SWE	7. POL
	8. MAR	8. DEN	8. FRA	8. SWE
	9. POR	FIN	FRG	ITA
	10. BEL	BEL	BUL	DEN
		ESP	BEL	ISL
		ISR	ISR	ALG
		HOL	TUN	FRA
		POL	DEN	BEL
		AUT	AUT	BUL
			NOR	NOR

<u>1975</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1987</u>
<u>6eme M Roum.</u>	<u>7eme M Pologne</u>	<u>8eme M France</u>	<u>9eme M Allem.</u>	<u>10eme M Roum.</u>
1. ROM	1. ROM	1. ROM	1. ROM	1. ROM
2. URS	2. YUG	2. FRA	2. URS	2. URS
3. POL	3. POL	3. YUG	3. FRG	3. YUG
4. ESP	4. URS	4. URS	4. YUG	4. HUN
5. YUG	5. HUN	5. BUL	5. POL	5. BUL
6. TCH	6. TUN	6. HUN	6. KOR	6. KOR
7. BUL	7. BUL	7. JPN	7. ALG	7. POL
8. FRG	8. JPN	8. FRG	8. USA	8. USA
9. FRA	9. ALG	BEL	9. BUL	9. TUR
10. JPN	10. BEL	CGO	10. FRA	10. ISR
11. TUN		USA	11. AUT	11. AUT
12. ITA		ISR	12. JPN	12. NGR
		ITA	13. ITA	13. JPN
			14. TUR	14. MAR
			15. BRA	15. SUI
			16. FIN	16. FRG