

Chess Tennis Masters in Vienna: 31 participants from 9 nations ensure a complete success of the event

Vice World Champion Nicolas Moser manages a home success at the Chess-Tennis Masters 2022 held at the WAC, Gyetko Marietta wins the women's event.



From August 13-15, the ChessSports Association hosted the International Chess-Tennis Masters for the first time at the Wiener Athletiksport Club.

This combined competition of chess and tennis already enjoys great popularity internationally. This is also reflected in the field of participants from 9 nations. With Canada even an overseas nation was present.

On Saturday and Sunday, two preliminary round tournaments were played in both chess and tennis, each with 7 rounds according to the Swiss system. The chess tournament was won by the International Master Yankelevich Lev ahead of the Armenian Grandmaster Arzumanyan Georgy.

In the tennis tournament Nicolas Moser won ahead of Emil Kasper and the German Jan Hajtmanek.

For the first 8 players* the KO quarterfinal pairings for the second phase of the tournament then followed from the overall ranking of both preliminary tournaments.



"The big goal of all participants* is to reach the co-phase of the tournament" Nicolas Moser sums it up. "This is pure tactics and thrills! Tennis and chess are played alternately against the same opponent from then on. Even if you excel in chess or tennis, you can't afford any weaknesses in the second discipline. This is immediately brutally exploited, as we saw with IM Yankelevich!"

The men's final saw an all-Austrian pairing. Here the Vice World Champion from 2021 Nicolas Moser dominated against Florian Rukover, who came third from the preliminary round, both in chess and tennis with 15:5.

In the women's event, Annette Waaijberg from Switzerland and Marietta Gyetko met in the final. Marietta Gyetko, who was a professional handball player for Hypo Südstadt for many years and now plays for Eggenburg, decided this final encounter with a convincing performance in tennis. In chess, the former Hungarian U10 champion confined herself to keeping the match open without taking many risks.

As a premiere event, a chess-tennis doubles competition followed on the last day of the tournament. Worth mentioning was the participation of the Ukrainian player Fokina, who only came for this event. Seven teams took part in this event, which was held for the first time. In all the matches, the teams played both chess and tennis against each other. "In this format, you have the extra kick in all matches because, unlike the singles competition, you always play both chess and tennis against the same team," Annette Waaijberg and her partner Markus Regez summed it up. The victory was shared by Kalla/Rützel and Schneider-Zinner/Moser with 4 points each.

CSA President Harald Schneider-Zinner was also satisfied with the course of the event. "Over three days we had an excellent atmosphere with the participants as well as with the spectators", Schneider-Zinner sums up. "The enthusiastic members of the Wiener Athletiksport Club, who not only gave us a very warm welcome but also followed the individual competitions with great interest,



deserve special mention. The social highlight was certainly the gala dinner with over 40 guests. In addition to a vegan bowl, goat cheese wrapped in bacon on leaf salad, there was the traditional Wiener Schnitzel and Kaiserschmarren for dessert. In the context of the Dinner also three one-week stays for in each case 2 persons in the Frangipani Apartments on Curaçao were drawn among all participants."



The great success of the tournament has prompted us to set the date for the 2nd International Chess-Tennis Masters 2023 already now as 12.08. -14.08.2023. So, please save the date!!!