



**8th European
Table Tennis
Championships**

from 7th until 13th may 1995

in Ramat Gan/ISR



REPORT

**about the 8th European Table Tennis Championships of the Deaf from 7 - 13 May 1995
in Ramat Gan / Israel**

Introduction

The preparation and inspection trip with the EDSO Secretary General, Werner H. Kliewer, and the EDSO-TD table tennis, Winfried Wiencek, took place from 25 - 29 January 1995. During this trip all topics (see enclosure) concerning the organisation and carrying out of the 8th Table Tennis EC in Tel Aviv were discussed and the local conditions were inspected. At the final meeting with Yaacov Keren, David Lanesman and 2 further members of the executive board of the Israelian Deaf Sport Association as well as the EDSO Secretary General W.H. Kliewer and the EDSO-TD table tennis W. Wiencek the faults criticised by the EDSO were discussed and settled (white walls in the sports hall, sport office with fax machine, computer and photocopier, birds in the sports hall, basketball equipment, light conditions, information leaflets as well as preparations for the draw and employment of referees and helpers).

The Israelian Deaf Sport Association assured the two EDSO representatives by its president Yaacov Keren, that the faults criticised by the EDSO and a few other small discrepancies would be settled by 7 May 1995, the beginning of the European Championships.

Carrying out and organisation of the competition

The city of Ramat Gan was chosen as competition venue because

1. hotel and sports hall were situated in a sports park close to each other
2. opening and closing ceremony could be reached by foot from the accommodation places of the participating nations within 5 minutes and
3. Ramat Gan is a an aspiring city, positive towards sports and has a good infra-structure.

The first Technical Meeting was planned to take place on 6 May 1995 at 14:00 hrs in the hotel Macabi in Ramat Gan. Since there were some problems with the registration of Romania and their delegation had not arrived yet the draw was postponed to the evening. Meanwhile the two EDSO-EC members Argyris Fotiou and Bela Panyi as well as the EDSO-TD table tennis Winfried Wiencek contacted the delegations of the countries and arising organisational problems were discussed.



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After the Romanian delegation had finally arrived the draw of the team competition was carried out without complications.

The men played in 4 groups of 3 teams each after the Swaythling-Cup-System, while the women played in 2 groups of 5 teams each after the Cobillon-Cup-System.

The exact schedule and the results of the team-, single-, double- and mixed matches can be found in the official list of results.

Unfortunately there were some organisational problems on the second Technical Meeting on 8 May 1995, which included the drawing of the single, double and mixed matches; because:

1. the local organiser had not prepared nameplates with the numbers of the participants, there were no nameplates
2. therefore a copy of the list of participants had to be made, then the local organising board cut out the names and starting numbers with scissors
3. the communication with the hearing head referee did not go on well, since he had to rely on himself during the draw because the local organising committee did not provide a helper who was had table tennis experience and
4. the seeding list had to be changed again and again due to protests by the Polish delegate Alexander Kubin and apart from that there were no additional, bigger report sheets where the matches could be filled in-

Finally, as regards the second Technical Meeting, it has to be criticized that the local organisation did unfortunately fail as regards the drawing, they were hopelessly overstrained.

The matches themselves were played on a high level, there were exciting matches and some thrilling fights were only decided after the third or fourth match ball.

Although the wearing of hearing aids during the competition is forbidden, one participant was caught wearing a hearing aid in the competition. During the match in the women singles: Sergijenko (UKR) - Vejrostova (CZE) it was found out that Sergijenko (UKR) was playing with a hearing aid. For this reason Sergijenko was disqualified and Vejrostova (CZE) advanced into the next round.

Altogether there was only one booking (yellow card), and this was for the German Achim Ridinger who had thrown his bat violently on the playing board after a lost set.

The representatives of the countries' delegations placed no protests during the course of the EC and the co-operation with the hearing referees and the EDSO-delegates was harmonic and very good.

All participants and delegates accepted the decisions of the hearing referees.



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Unfortunately the doping tests could not be carried out since no doctor appeared at the appointed time. The participants who had been drawn were looked after by the EDSO-EC member Bela Panyi but after they had waited for more than one hour without the doctor arriving they were given leave to go.

Conclusion:

As Technical Delegate of the EDSO I am **not satisfied** with the local organisation because there were many shortcomings that **had not been changed or remedied**, although EDSO-Secretary General Werner H. Kliewer and I **had assessed** them on our first visit in **January 1995**.

The table tennis boards, nets, baskets, barriers, balls and score boards were in a very good condition and brand new.

The **co-operation** with the **EDSO-Officials Argyris Fotiou (GRE) and Bela Panyi (HUN)** as well as with the **countries' delegations** and the **hearing referees** was very good.

If the local organisers had worked **better, more flexible** and - most of all - more **informing** then the 8th European Table Tennis Championships would have taken a better course.

I would choose the description "**sufficient**" for the **final assessment** of the carrying out of the **8th European Table Tennis Championships 1995** in Ramat Gan.

As regards the spectators it will be necessary in the future to stick the national flags of the respective players on the referee's score board at the playing board.

In team competitions the overall score (e.g. 2:1 or 3:0) should be indicated.

On the inspection trips before the Table Tennis EC the points of discussion on the agenda are to be settled by the local organiser **in advance** and any **problems** that may arise are to be settled **together** with the **EDSO-Secretary General** and the **EDSO-TD**. As soon as the Table Tennis EC starts **everything should take an optimal course**, so that maybe only **minor problems** are to be **solved** during the event.

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Discussion items

of the Organising Committee on 25th - 29th January 1995 in Tel Aviv

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01. Visit of the Table Tennis Sports Hall in Ramat Gan
02. Drawing up of the schedule for the table tennis competitions
03. a) Organising committee
 - b) Technical committee
 - c) Honorary committee
 - d) Technical Regulations
04. Competition office with type writer, computer, Fax, copier etc.
05. Daily bulletins
06. EC-poster, cover, information sheets, EC-medals
07. Competition referees
08. Board and lodging, expense allowance for the EDSO-officials and TD
09. Outline plan for the European Championships
10. Press reports, reception
11. Transport to Ramat Gan and back, over night stay
12. Technical leading
13. Doping control
14. Medical duty
15. Additional hearing tests (ear specialist, ear institution)
16. Control of the bat and layer
17. Official reception - reception in the town hall
18. Patronage
19. Price giving
20. Opening and Closing Ceremony
21. Closing Celebration