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Reporting on the first Kendo country-match between Germany and Sweden.

Dear Sirs,

On September 23rd Sweden and Stockholm was visited by a German Kendo-team for the first official Kendo-match between the countries. Leaders of the Germans was mr Witkowski and mr Remp. The Swedish team was led by Mr von Sandor and mr Markie.

The game, held at Gubbängshallen in Stockholm, was from the organization- and "sports"- view very successful and a big audience came to watch.

In the team match, where five members from the German and the Swedish teams took part, the Swedes won by 10-8.

The day after, Sept. 24th, there was individual competitions. The Germans had now a very good day and took all the first three places.

Results: 1. S. Saadat, Germany
2. H-J. Caspar, Germany
3. V. Rieman, Germany
3. A. Markie, Sweden

The prize for the "best fighting spirit" of the two days, was, by the Japanese judges awarded to J. Appelberg, Sweden.

As judges of the two days served, mainjudge: Mr Taiji Saito Sensei, Japan, assistants: Mr Kaneda, Japan and mr Thunman, Sweden.

The games were held in a very good spirit and the audience enjoyed it very much.

During the days of competition the audience also could watch some excellent demonstrations in other martial arts; so mr Saito Sensei showed Iai, and there was Kyudo and European fencing.

As the games had been so successful both for players and organizers, representatives for the two countries agreed to arrange a new match next year, that time in Germany.

Also the Stockholm newspapers was very interested in the games and had big articles on it.

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