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

Dear Sirs,

September 23rd and 24th Stockholm, Sweden, was visited by an eight men strong German Kendoteam, led by mr Witkowski and mr Kemp, for the first official Kendo-match between these countries. It was held at Sept. 23rd in Gubbängshallen in Stockholm.

Mr Taiji Saito Sensei, Japan, was main-judge and he was assisted by mr Kaneda, Japan and mr Thunman, Sweden.

Many visitors came to see the games, which was held in a very good spirit.

The team competition, in which five members from each countries took part, was won by Sweden by 10-8.

On 24th of Sept. there was international individual competitions. This day belonged to the Germans. They fought very good and took the three first places.

Results: 1. S2 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.

During the two days competitions the audience also was served excellent demonstrations in other martial arts; as Iai by mr Saito Sensei and Kyudo and European fencing.

Also the daily press of Stockholm noticed the event and wrote big articles about it.

After the successful games was over, representatives from the two countries agreed to arrange another match in Germany next year.

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