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The opening game The reign champs Sweden vs. the hosts of Denmark



Picture from last rendezvous between the Swedes and the Danes in Valby Idrætspark: The WCU 2013 final between Raging Seagulls and Ragnarok. Back then the Danes won after a strong comeback from the young Swedish team.

Interview: Andreas Magnusson and Jonathan Sjögren – Coaches Swedish open team

How have you been preparing for the EUC?

We've had camps this spring/summer. On these camps we focused on seeing the strength in every player and how we could use it to make the strongest team as possible.

What does it mean for you to play the opening game?

To play the opening game against the host nation and our neighbours is a great honour and an excellent way to start the tournament. This is a Nordic derby that will be very inspiring for all of us.

Whats your secret to beat the Danes?

There is no special recipe to beat the Danish side. We just have to play our own game and trust in the preparations we had. We are confident that if we manage to do that we will win the game. We have to enjoy the moment!

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Whats your overall ambition for the championships?

We have quite a young team without a lot of international experience but we know that our more qualified players can guide the way to a medal. How high we will climb on the medal podium is always hard to predict

How do you see top 3 in the open division?

It's always hard to predict the final standings in a big European tournament. Many teams are fighting and are well prepared to give it all to get to the gold medal. Of course there are teams that have made it before, like the GB, Germany, Swiss and of course Sweden, that wouldn't give you the highest odds. But there are always some surprises and we think Russia might be one of them.

Interview: Esben Høgh – Coach Denmark Open

How have you been preparing for the EUC?

We've had 3 training weekends, played Tom's and Windmill, and had regular practices for the Copenhagen based players. Beyond that, we've all put in a lot of effort in physical training and throwing practice.

What does it mean for you to play the opening game?

It's an awesome opportunity to play in front of lots of friends, families and frisbee players. We don't get to play many of those games normally, so we are really excited about it.

Whats your secret to beat the Swedes?

It there were secrets, I wouldn't tell them. I don't think frisbee is that much about secrets though, so I think the key will be not to become overwhelmed by the atmosphere and just play our normal game, with the intensity stepped up by 10 %.

Whats your overall ambition for the championships?

First goal is to win the opening game. There are lots of 50/50 games in our pool, so in the first instance we don't look further than that.

How do you see top 3 in the open division?

I think GB and Germany are good candidates for 1st and 2nd, but after that I think many teams, including ourselves, have a decent chance at the top positions. If I wasn't allowed to bet on ourselves, I'd say Italy has a good shot at 3rd.

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