



**EUROPEAN  
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# NEWSFLASH

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## **CZECH CHAMPIONS DEFEND THEIR TROPHIES**

by Gabriel Waage, CSA President

Play in the National Divisions in the Czech Republic finished in the middle of October, and in both the women's and men's competitions, last year's Champions successfully defended their Challenge Trophies.

### *Women's Finals*

The Final Series in the Women's National Division was played between the two best Czech teams – Joudrs Praha and Eagles Praha – who have alternated in winning the Championship since 2003.

The Series favorite was Joudrs, who had lost only one game all season. The first two games were close for a while, but when it came to the late innings, Joudrs were stronger.

In Game 1, Joudrs scored seven runs in the fifth inning to decide the outcome and set the tone for the Series. Joudrs eventually won the Series by three games to none, with scores of 10-3, 5-1 and 9-0, and gained their fourth championship title.



## **LISA FERNANDEZ CHALLENGE 2010**

Hamburg, Germany

Five Teams participated at the Lisa Fernandez Junior Challenge (U17) in Hamburg.

The Tournament was played the weekend of October 16th/17th.

Beside the host team of the Hamburg Knights the German and Czech U16 Nationalteams played together with the youth teams of the Dutch clubs Onze Gezellen and Moergestel Roef.

The German Nationalteam won the tournament, beating the Moergestel team in a close final.

Hamburg Knights

[www.hamburgknights.com](http://www.hamburgknights.com)

Since 2003, both the Eagles and Joudrs have won four titles each. Will next year see one of these teams forge ahead?

Highlights from the Women's Finals can be seen here.

([http://www.krilie.com/video/index\\_final.php?detail=sx145](http://www.krilie.com/video/index_final.php?detail=sx145))

### *Men's Finals*

The Men's National Division was more competitive than the Women's but the Final Series also featured the two best teams -- Chomutov and Spectrum Praha -- who made it successfully through the first round robin.

The question was: could Chomutov gain the tenth title in their history?

These games were much closer than those in the Women's Series, but Chomutov took an important step towards the title in the second game, coming back from 3-0 down to win 4-3.

The fourth game was also very close and for most of it, Spectrum seemed more likely to score. But Chomutov pitcher Lubos Vrbenky kept Spectrum off the board and when Chomutov scored in the final inning, the Series was over.

Chomutov won by three games to one, with scores of 4-1, 4-3, 0-4 and 1-0.

Highlights from the Men's Finals can be seen here.

([http://www.krilie.com/video/index\\_final.php?detail=sx146](http://www.krilie.com/video/index_final.php?detail=sx146))

## **ISF VIDEO IN FESTIVAL**

Milan, Italy

The promotional video entitled "Women's Fast Pitch Softball: From the playground to the Olympics... and everything in between" was chosen to be among the many films shown during the "Sport Movies & TV" festival in Milan, Italy, October 28th – November 11th.

Organized by the International Cinema Television Sports Federation (ICTS), the five-day event will be attended by media, worldwide networks, producers, directors, filmmakers, Olympic Committees, and Sports Federations, among others.

The video can be viewed at:

[www.youtube.com/ISFsoftball#p/u/12/1MmLgAhsa4Q](http://www.youtube.com/ISFsoftball#p/u/12/1MmLgAhsa4Q)

For more information visit [www.sportmoviestv.com](http://www.sportmoviestv.com)

## DANISH SOFTBALL EXTRAVAGANZA

*The 2010 Danish Fastpitch Softball Championships*

The men's final at the 2010 Danish Fastpitch Softball Championships, held on Saturday October 2nd, showcased some of the best softball players in Europe right now.

The Teams Hørsholm Hurricanes, runner-up in 2009, faced Stenløse Bulls for the ninth time this season.

Both teams have national team players onboard who helped win the European Championship, when Denmark beat the Czech Republic 5-2.

The National Championship final was a repetition of the European Cup Winners Cup final in Prague this summer, where Hørsholm Hurricanes beat Stenløse Bulls 4-1.

The Danes cashed in on the awards at both championships: Bulls' pitcher, Kim Hansen, was awarded Best Pitcher at the 2010 Men's European Cup Winners Cup, while Daniel „Charlie“ Julenon was awarded both Best Batter and Most Valuable Player at the European Championship.

Valdemar Terkelsen, Hurricanes, was awarded Best Batter as well as Most Valuable Player at the European Cup Winners Cup.

### *The Final*

Bulls led by 2-0 after the first inning; a single from Anders Jørgensen, followed by a long triple from Jesper Low manufactured the first run and a perfectly executed squeeze-play by Martin Simonsen gave the second run. Bulls dominated and it began to look like a sure victory for them.

However, in the fourth inning Frederik Terkelsen, Hurricanes, hit a long, hard ball and made it to second base against all odds.

Earlier this year, the 23 year-old super talent won the ISC Men's World Fastball Tournament in Michigan, USA, with his Canadian team, Jarvis Travelers. Now he was back in Denmark to help his Danish club team win the final.

With Frederik Terkelsen on second, Julius Veeris came up to bat. The Dutch player was brought in just for this one game and he was about to prove his worth. A homerun said it all and brought

the score to 2-2. Hurricanes came to life and in the bottom of the sixth made the decisive plays.

Thomas Hansen singled and Frederik Terkelsen managed to force an error on the Bulls infield. Julius Veeris was given an intentional walk, making it bases loaded with Dennis Kihlgast coming up. He singled, scoring two more runs. Anders Hansen followed with a sac fly and Rody Stam's grounder in the infield drove in yet another run, making it 5-2 - the final score.

### Individual Awards

Best Pitcher: Martin Holmberg, Hørsholm Hurricanes (ERA 2.00)

Best Batter: Julius Veeris, Hørsholm Hurricanes (AVG .500)

Most Valuable Player: Julius Veeris, Hørsholm Hurricanes

### *Women's Final*

The women's final saw Copenhagen Barracudas reclaim the title for the second year in a row, beating United 7-1.

### Individual awards:

Best Pitcher: Nana Rasmussen, Copenhagen Barracudas (ERA 1.00)

Best Batter: Pia Jacobsen, Copenhagen Barracudas (AVG .750)

Most Valuable Player: Pia Jacobsen, Copenhagen Barracudas

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## ESF COMPETITIONS 2011/2012

*ESF, Secretary General*

The candidature for organizing an ESF Competition are still open! The Candidature and Pre-Inspection Forms have to be sent to the Secretary General of the ESF by Saturday, November 6th, 2010 at the latest.

Documents can be downloaded at the following link:

<http://www.europeansoftball.org/node/151>

You can find the Ratings 2011 and List of Competitions 2011/2012 at the following link:

<http://www.europeansoftball.org/node/150>