



## For sure an international tournament

The G17 European Championships at Football Festival® Denmark have the very highest standard. Around the fields of the festival you will find a lot of national players, represented in all of the 12 teams competing in this very prestigious tournament. In the end the winner will be known as unofficial European champions.

The 12 teams participating have their root in 8 different countries – Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Germany, France, England and Denmark. The tournament has been organized 3 years now, this being the third year. IF Brommapojkarna from Sweden won the first year, Montpellier SC from France the second year. The defending champions Montpellier are also part of the tournament this year.

HJK Helsinki from Finland is the team with most representatives on their national team (U-17) at home. They have 9 players on the national team, 8 of them from the year 1992, which is a very impressive number. All of the other teams, except one, have players represented as well. Montpellier, Skovlunde, Wattenscheid 09, KR Reykjavik, Reading and Skovbakken have 3 players each performing for their national team, and the two Norwegian teams Sunndal IL and Grei Linderud/LGT have 2 players each. All the G17 EC teams are together represented with 33 players, which is a very high number, meaning the tournament will definitely be very exciting throughout the whole week. All of the teams will have to go through a lot, so that in the end, one of them will be able to name themselves unofficial European Champions.

## Close race in this years tournament

This years tournament is extremely close. It is hard to predict who will be this years champions. But two teams have maximum points after two matches. See Below.

### Group 1

|               |   |     |   |
|---------------|---|-----|---|
| KR Reykjavik  | 2 | 4-2 | 4 |
| Sundall IL    | 2 | 5-5 | 3 |
| Skovbakken IK | 2 | 1-1 | 2 |
| Reading FC    | 2 | 2-4 | 1 |

### Group 2

|                   |   |     |   |
|-------------------|---|-----|---|
| Montpellier SC    | 2 | 6-0 | 6 |
| Boo FF            | 2 | 2-2 | 2 |
| Wattenscheid 09   | 2 | 1-4 | 1 |
| Grei/Linderud LGT | 2 | 1-4 | 1 |

### Group 3

|                   |   |      |   |
|-------------------|---|------|---|
| HJK Helsinki      | 2 | 10-1 | 6 |
| FC Gütersloh 2000 | 2 | 4-3  | 3 |
| Skovlunde IF      | 2 | 3-6  | 3 |
| KIF Örebro        | 2 | 1-8  | 0 |



Photo: Allan Baden

Skovbakken IK - Reading FC was an equal match and ended 1-1.

## Portrait of the day: Skovbakken IK

Skovbakken IK is co-organizing FF@D. They have participated in the G17 open EC from the beginning in 2006. In the 2006 tournament they placed 8 and in 2007 they placed 7. This year they have had a shaky start with two ties against KR Reykjavik and Reading FC. But winning is not everything for Skovbakken. They also use the tournament to get ready for their national league.

Head coach Mads Lyng: "We are using this tournament to get some aspects and patience in to the players and in the game. And of course play a lot of football".

This year the tournament started a day earlier and he is very satisfied with the resting day Thursday, because then the players can tend any injuries they may have.

This year 12 teams, divided into three groups, are participating in the G17 open EC. Last year there were only eight teams. The coaches from Skovbakken are very excited that so many foreign countries are participating. It makes the tournament much more fun to participate in.

Mads Lyngs believes the winner of the tournament will be Montpellier Hérault SC or HJK Helsinki. Both teams have had a good tournament so far.