

Young Czech stars invite you to Czech Open 2007

The WTHT Big6 tournament following the Moscow Cup 2007 is going to be the **Czech Open 2007** held in **Plzen on 5th May**. The Czech Table Hockey Association would like to invite you to the biggest tournament of the season in the Czech Republic. As we expect around 130 participants, it may be the biggest tournament in the Czech table hockey history..

Particular information on the tournament is at the webpage which was created a few weeks ago: www.stolnihokej.cz/turnaje2007/czechopen/co07eng.htm

The Czech players reached great results in Moscow 2007: **Lukas Turon** (3rd place) and **Michal Hvizd** (5th place). Lukas was not so far from beating the number one of the current WTHT season **Roni Nuttunen** in semifinals leading 3:2 on matches and 3:1 during the 7th decisive match in Moscow. Roni was better at the end and he won the 4th Big6 tournament in this season. Lukas knows what to improve now.

The 18th winner of the Czech Cup tournament history (since 1991) was born at the last Czech tournament. **Petr Tmej** defeated Lukas Turon in semifinals and Michal Hvizd in finals. Petr deserved his victory as his style had been great. He had already been close to the overall victory at the previous Czech Cup tournament, giving Lukas very hard work to win the finals.

The new winner had been fighting with a huge handicap during the tournament. Petr had broken his left leg a few weeks before, and he **could not walk** without the crutches during his winning tournament. Petr's father had to write his results and pick up the pucks from the floor. What a wonderful story of the new winner!



Petr Tmej wins the Czech Cup tournament



Petr Tmej and Michal Hvizd

Best Czech players these days

Lukas Turon celebrated his 17th birthday at the end of January. He is currently number 14 in the World Ranking. He won his first Czech Cup tournament at **14 years and 42 days**. He won 5 out of 7 Czech Cup tournaments this season and the WTHT tournament Bratislava Open 2007. He also played at the Moscow Cup (3rd place) this year. He will for sure want to achieve his best result at the World Championship in Moscow. He was beaten by Alexey Zakharov in the finals of the European Championship 2006 and by Edgars Caics at the juniors tournament. He seems to be more concentrated on his playing now.

Jan Suchy is 22 years old. He has already a lot of experience from the international tournaments. He very often meets Lukas Turon in the play-offs of Czech tournaments and ... he loses. But Jan is improving as well and he is probably ready to win the Czech Open 2007, as this tournament is going to be organized in his home city of Plzen.

Michal Hvizd is 18 years old. He has won just 3 Czech Cup tournaments, winning the first at his **12 years and 10 months**. He won the Moscow Cup 2006 and was the 5th in 2007. He can sometimes surprise by beating anybody.

Petr Tmej will celebrate his 17th birthday soon. He has been improving rapidly in the last months. He won a WTHT tournament in Budapest during the last season. He was at his first Swedish Masters this year, finishing 21st and getting a worth experience. His position in the World Ranking is 36, and you can bet it is going to improve soon; maybe already after the Czech Open 2007.

Miroslav Hubacek (16 years old) is another Czech junior who is going to play at the World Championship in Moscow probably even in the Open category. He was the 8th at the Oslo Open 2007.



Lukas Turon

Welcome to the Czech Open! The organizers already have information about great players coming from Finland, Latvia and Russia. The registration is open also for you!