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Expert's Column

It is very difficult to make any predictions about any Sprint race, no matter at what level it is run. In Sprint, there are often single seconds, or even tenths of a second, deciding the final standings and there are too many factors on a Sprint course, which runners can have very little influence on but which still can have direct affect on those tiny margins...that speculating about winners feels almost ridiculous.

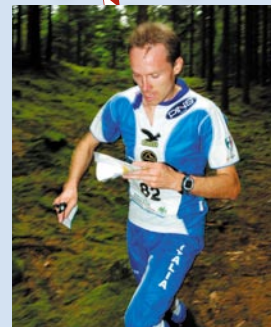
Of course I could say Emil Wingstedt and Simone Niggli are likely to win, but there are so many other runners who have a great chance to win – especially in the men's class, but also in the women's. No matter how sovereign and experienced Simone in the Sprint is, there her running speed can win her thirty seconds at the maximum and we all know how quickly those thirty seconds can be gambled away. On top of that, in this Sprint, I expect a couple of controls which will be tricky and where it will be possible to make mistakes on the final metres while attacking them.

No matter how easy the Sprint courses may seem, the high speed in combination with the notion that your orienteering has to be perfect - as it is almost impossible to pull any time back on a Sprint course - can make even the easiest orienteering challenging and tricky.

I'm certain we will see two very exciting events and I think the margins separating the winners from those who lose will be very, very small this time.

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Vice President of the Park World Tour*

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Qualifications are Over, WOC 2006 Begins!

The Middle and Long Distance Qualifications on Saturday and Sunday started the programme of the 2006 World Orienteering Championships. But as usual, they were just a prelude to all what will happen this week, when the Championships will officially begin with an Opening Ceremony before the Sprint Final in Mindenparken this afternoon.

However, if for all the well-known top names the qualifications were rather a warm-up before the Finals later on this week, for some of the runners they meant a hard fight for their future in these Championships. Especially the fights in the men's Middle distance Qualification were really fierce and to fall out was as easy as never before.

Qualifications are Over, WOC 2006 Begins!

Although it is clear that both the Finals on Wednesday and Friday will be new and completely different races, still the Qualifications at the weekend revealed a little bit from what can be expected later on when the Finals get under way.

Middle distance Qualification – Saturday, 29th July

In the qualification races there are 3 heats for women and 3 for men, the top 15 from each heat going through to the Finals. The men's races were all fairly even, with runners needing a finish time of between 3 and 4 minutes after the winner's time to get into the Final. One of the women's heats was similar, with 15th place 3.52 down on Helena Jansson's time. But the other 2 were much more spread; 15th after Minna Kauppi was 8.41 down and 15th after Simone Niggli was 6.16 down.

Long distance Qualification – Sunday, 30th July

Again there were no big surprises - well-known elite runners who failed to qualify. The three women's heats were won by Tanja Riabkina RUS, Simone Niggli SUI and Heli Jukkola FIN, and the men's by Jani Lakanen FIN, Valentin Novikov RUS and Anders Nordberg NOR. Winning times were close to expectations on a warm and sunny morning in a forest which, some said, provided a greater technical challenge than Hjortsballe Krat the day before.

Hardest of the heats today was Men C, where it was necessary to be within 8 minutes 10 seconds of the heat winner's time to get into the Final.

It's all tight in the men's

The competition in the men's class becomes tighter every year and currently there are so many runners who can make it to the top of the podium that it is always very difficult to make any speculations about the winners. This was clearly shown in the Middle distance Qualification on Saturday, where in all the three heats, being just over three minutes behind the winner actually meant being out of the Final. The qualification was as tight as never before.

A similar scenario was repeated among the men also in the Long distance Qualification on Sunday, where again the competition in all the heats was tight and sometimes even a good run wasn't enough to secure to some of the runners a place in the Final.

Group of Favourites Shaping Up

On the other hand, the women's field is not so even and both the races at the weekend gave a clear indication of who could be consid-

ered among the favourites there. In each of the two races, there was a relatively small group of runners whose speed was a level faster than that of the rest of the field.

It is already clear that the phenomenal Swiss Simone Niggli has come to these World Championships in a very good shape and ready to defend all of the four golds from last year. It is also clear that Niggli will have strong opposition in the Middle distance and Sprint from the young Finn Minna Kauppi - who actually managed to beat her in the Middle distance at the European Championships in Estonia in May this year - and also her team-mate, the experienced Vroni König-Salmi who finished just three seconds behind her in the qualification for Long distance on Sunday. But certainly there are other women who will run in the Finals on Wednesday and Friday with high hopes and ambitions: Heli Jukkola from Finland, Tatiana Ryabkina from Russia, Kajsa Nilsson or Emma Engstrand from Sweden, Marianne Andersen and Anne Margrethe Hausken from Norway, the Czech Dana Brožková or the Australian young super-talent Hanny Allston who even with a huge mistake at the 7th control managed to qualify safely for the Final in Long distance.

Route-choices will be decisive

The Finals in Middle distance and Long distance will be held in completely new terrain, yet one thing is clear, route-choices will be decisive all the way, in both Middle and Long. Some people may say that the Danish terrain is not the most challenging, yet there is one thing you have to handle perfectly if you want to succeed there: to be able to select the fastest route-choices. Even on Middle distance this will be a crucial point, maybe more important than attacking the controls. But especially in the Long distance there certainly will be quite a few legs where the time difference among different routes is well over half a minute, making a wrong choice on such legs crucial for the final standing in the race. But even on Middle distance, it can be expected that there will be many legs with 'micro route-choices' on which precious seconds can be won or lost.

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Danish Snippets

A perfect start for the Danish Team

Denmark has had close to a perfect start to WOC2006. Head Coach Jakob Ødum expresses great satisfaction with the races so far.

"Everyone has raced at their highest level, and therefore I don't want to draw attention to anyone in particular" says the Head Coach. "To the team this is extremely important. We have shown that we are in the run for the podium finishes".

Carsten Jørgensen's comeback

It was an extremely good day for Carsten Jørgensen. In the time up to the Championship he has worked his way in to top form perfectly. He has run faster on his test route, and has come further on his intervals than previously. Despite him beginning his heat he managed to run plenty aggressively and sufficiently controlled for him to finish fourth in the heat. That ensures a perfect starting position for him in the final.

"The qualification was a superb assurance for Carsten" Head Coach Jacob Ødum says. "We knew that the form was great, but it's extremely important that he's confirmed in the right element i.e. with a map and compass in the hand".

Carsten Jørgensen's performance today takes you back to his performances at the late 90's. Today he really joined the fight for the podium finishes.

Chris Terkelsen found his speed

At the Middle distance Chris Terkelsen ran a technically perfect race, but still had to settle for seventh place in his heat. That caused him some concern - Was the form good enough? Today proved that it was.

"I ran a technically perfect race again today", says Chris Terkelsen. "After being a bit nervous at the beginning of the race I collected myself, and I believe that I made the right route choices on today's difficult route choices. I still feel like I struggled with the speed, but speed is something you measure in time not in feelings - and it looks fine on the scoreboard".



Middle Distance Qualification - Hjortsballe Krat - Saturday, 29th May

Men - Heat A (5.2km /225m)

1. Matthias Merz, SUI

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	F
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1.13/1	3.12/1	4.49/1	6.18/1	7.19/1	10.23/1	14.53/1	15.27/1	17.40/1	18.53/1	22.44/1	25.40/1	26.43/1	27.39/1	28.23/1	28.41/1

Men - Heat B (5.1km /225m)

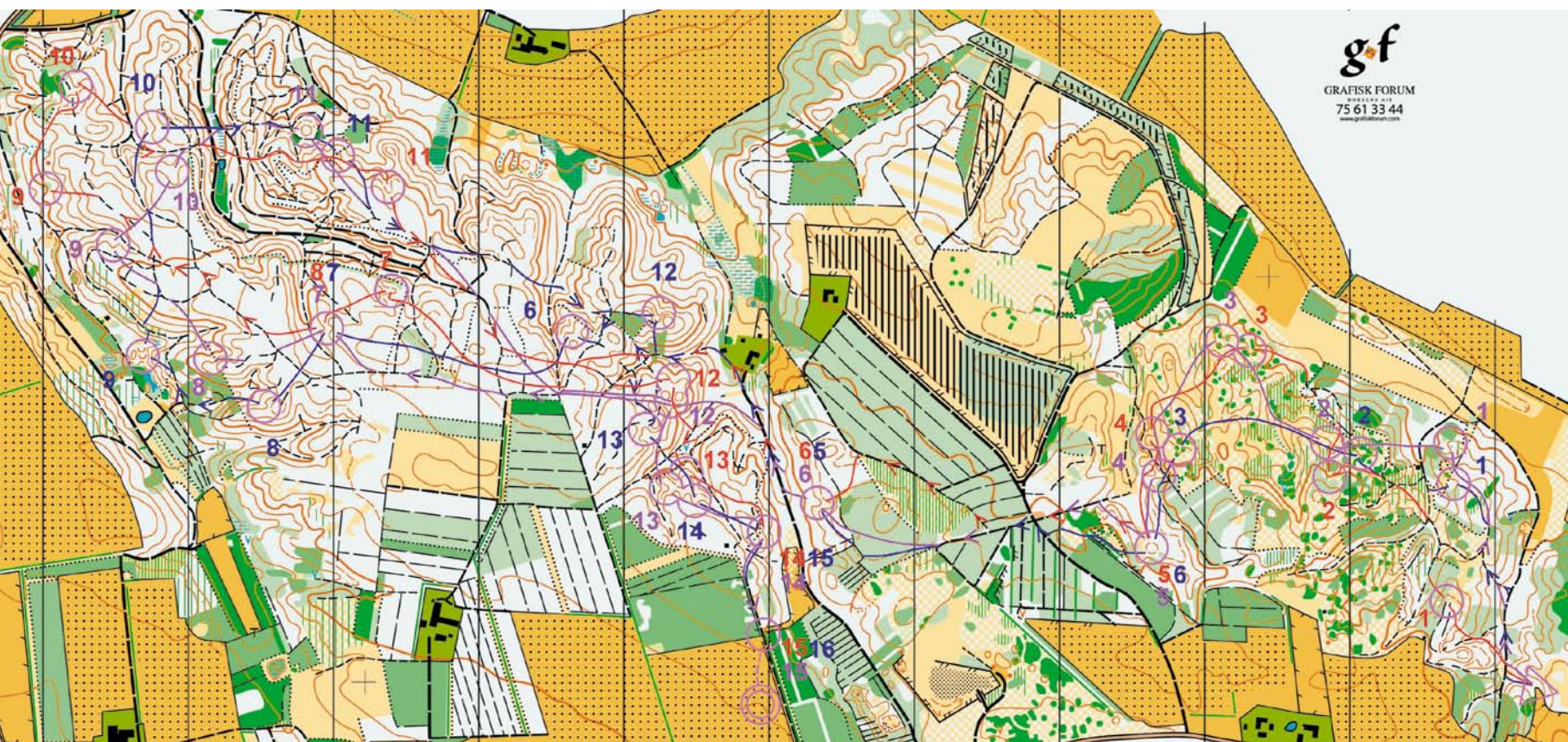
1. Jarkko Huovila, FIN

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	F
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1.47/5	2.57/5	4.57/3	6.01/1	9.12/2	11.59/2	14.14/2	15.09/2	16.11/1	18.27/1	20.26/1	23.41/1	24.55/1	25.46/1	26.27/1	27.10/1	27.27/1

Men - Heat C (5.0km /210m)

1. Thierry Gueorgiou, FRA

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	F
2.03/1	1.27/3	1.33/6	1.43/1	0.45/5	3.00/2	4.35/1	1.06/3	1.19/2	0.52/2	1.28/6	4.13/2	0.48/1	1.09/13	0.41/3	0.19/9
2.03/1	3.30/2	5.03/2	6.46/1	7.31/1	10.31/1	15.06/1	16.12/1	17.31/1	18.23/1	19.51/1	24.04/1	24.52/1	26.01/1	26.42/1	27.01/1



With today's second place finish in his qualification heat, Chris is among the favourites. Now three days of preparation without competition awaits, and then he's ready to battle for medals.

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Photo caption: Chris Terkelsen on the course of the Middle distance Qualification.

Denmark's bad luck

In football Denmark has had unfortunate experiences with the Spanish team. Numerous times the Spaniards have ended the national team's hopes of both European and World Championships. Now this also seems to be the case in orienteering. Both Ane Linde and Karina Boen Knudsen came within one place of qualifying for the final on the middle distance and long distance respectively.

In both cases they looked like just squeezing through until Spaniard Ester Gil-Brotons finished and pushed them down a spot.

The two debutants were both pleased with their races, but obviously very disappointed with the fact that they were so close.

"It's extremely disappointing, but on the other side it's nice to see that reaching the final is not unrealistic" says Karina Boen Knudsen. Ane Linde adds: "I really wanted to run the final, but at least I've

proven that I have potential to make it to the final of a WOC".

Head Coach Jakob Ødum was pleased with the girls' performances.

"It's disappointing, but the disappointment shouldn't last more than 10 seconds. Both girls raced at their highest level. Qualification for the final was the bar they aimed for – and they both came really close. They're here to learn, and they have proven their level of performance is good enough to be here, so they should be proud of their performances.

Both Ane Linde and Karina Boen Knudsen get another chance Tuesday, when they participate in the Sprint. Here the goal is to make the final. We just have to hope that the margins are on their side this time.

Italian Premiere for Mamleev

After two years of very rare appearances in top international orienteering, the outstanding orienteer from Russia Mikhail Mamleev seems to be back and in good shape. However, no longer we will see him running in the Russian red-blue-white jersey, Mamleev is Italian now.

In spring of 2004 he married Sabine Rottensteiner from Italy and moved to this country to live there permanently. Right from the start he was clear about his intentions of getting Italian citizenship, in which he was also strongly supported by the Italian Orienteering Federation. Three weeks ago, this mission was brought to a successful end and Mamleev got the Italian passport just in time to be able to take part at the World Championships here in Denmark.

"A month and a half ago I was told that the chance I would get Italian citizenship before this WOC was 99%. Then three weeks ago I was actually given it," says the winner from the Middle distance in last year's World Cup final with a smile.

"I feel I have the speed and running strength, but I can also feel my technique is not working as it should yet. I still don't have the necessary confidence in my orienteering. However, I think these two qualifications I'll be running, for the Middle and Long, are good for me and can help me to find the right balance." The last two years the training of this silver medallist from Relay in World Championships 2004 hasn't been ideal, but this winter, after he has changed his job and started to work for the Saleva company (which specialises in production of mountaineering equipment), things started to take the right turn. "In Saleva, I have much better understanding and conditions for my training, so I could train well for the last seven months and I really feel ready for the races here. I think it was also very important for me in these preparations that I managed to run so well in the Middle distance in last year's World Cup final - which I won. This was great motivation and push for me in my training. I learned that even with the relatively little training I had in 2005, I still could fight with the best on shorter courses and I didn't lose as much as I had thought."

Even during the last year, when Mamleev basically was hardly competing at the international level at all, he never stopped training: "Of course, my training possibilities were very limited, especially technical training sessions were almost absent from my training, but I always did something. I had one period which lasted for about a month when I had much work and lacked motivation for training and trained quite little, but after that I started to raise the volume of training again. I simply could not give up. I realised I still liked orienteering very much and didn't want to give up on it," says the fresh newly born hope for Italian orienteering.

"The atmosphere in the Italian team is very nice, it feels like a family environment and I like it a lot. I'm really glad I have got this chance," confesses Mamleev further on while we are standing in the finish arena of the Middle distance Qualification and looking at the result board. Mamleev was seventh today in Heat A, just over a minute and a half behind the winner Matthias Merz from Switzerland.

And to make this story complete, Mamleev is not the only runner in these World Championships who will run with a jersey of a different country than the one in which he/she was born and grown up in. Just to name a few we can mention the outstanding sprinter David Brickhill-Jones – the ex-Australian running in the British jersey now, Jon Arne Myren – a Norwegian starting this year for The Netherlands, or Thea Lillehov from Norway, who's running in the red and white Austrian dress here.



In different dress but with the same quality
– Mikhail Mamleev.

Qualifications – some statistics

Middle Distance qualification: no big surprises Seven nations got all their runners through to the Finals; Czech Republic, Finland, France, Great Britain, Norway, Switzerland and Sweden. Three nations got all but one runner through: Australia, Denmark and Estonia. Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia had 4 runners qualify, Bulgaria, Spain and Ukraine had 2, and 1 runner qualified for each of Belarus, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania and Slovakia.

26 nations represented in Long Distance final

Twenty-five of the 40 nations taking part in WOC 2006 will be represented in the Long Distance Final on Wednesday after today's qualification race. This compares with 26 nations for the Middle Distance Final, the difference being that whereas the Netherlands and Slovakia failed to get a runner in the Final today, China succeeded in doing so.

Six countries today got all their runners through to the Final - Switzerland with 7 (including the reigning World Champion, Simone Niggli) and Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden with 6. Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Great Britain and Lithuania got 5 through, Hungary 4, Latvia and Ukraine 3, Australia, Bulgaria, Spain, Germany, Italy and Poland 2, and there is one runner in the Final for Belarus, China, Japan, New Zealand and Romania.

You can call it bad luck

Biggest hard-luck story of the Middle distance Qualification belongs to Ivaylo Kamenarov, Bulgaria who failed to qualify by just 3.3 seconds. However, Julia Novikova, Russia, failed to qualify in the Long distance by just 2.1 seconds.

Yet, the most unlucky runner so far in WOC can be clearly named as Pavel Gvozdev of Israel, who has finished in 16th place, just failing to qualify, on both days. In the Long distance Qualification he was 33 seconds too slow.

A new WOC Song is born

A special WOC 2006 song will be played in public for the very first time at the Opening Ceremony in Mindeparken this afternoon. It has been recorded by the Aarhus band 'On The Radio', the band which will be playing at the Banquet for the runners on Saturday evening after the final competition.

The ideas for the song were first discussed back in March between the WOC 2006 Ceremonies Director, Flemming Johannsen, and one of his colleagues at his workplace at Silkeborg Højeskole, Erik Lindebjerg, who is already known as a writer of popular songs such as Lystræet. Various keywords were thrown in – competition, country experience, terrain challenge, etc. - and out of the pot came some verses.

Hans Dammeuer, also from Silkeborg, wrote the music and the whole thing was then handed over to Jesper Gade, leader of 'On the Radio', for a studio session. Here, some deft computer work and a few twiddles of the notes created a suitably 'pop' version of the song, which is called From North and South.

The CD of From North and South will be on sale in the event arenas after the Opening Ceremony. On the CD it is sung both in English and in Danish, there is a karaoke version (!), and the words and notes can be printed out. The cost is 30 kr. A nice way of bringing back the memories of your WOC experiences!

Long Distance Qualification - Linå Vesterskov - Sunday, 30th May

Women - Heat A (6.9km /365m)

1. Tatiana Riabkina, RUS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	F
3.02/8	3.53/9	2.12/5	1.03/3	1.10/7	5.47/1	6.37/1	1.36/13	3.15/3	3.02/5	4.01/5	1.07/1	9.00/4	1.55/3	0.35/9	0.42/9
3.02/8	6.55/8	9.07/6	10.10/4	11.20/3	17.07/3	23.44/1	25.20/1	28.35/1	31.37/1	35.38/2	36.45/1	45.45/1	47.40/1	48.15/1	48.57/1

Women - Heat B (7.0km /375m)

1. Simone Niggli-Luder, SUI

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	F
2.00/1	3.15/2	2.34/2	0.57/1	1.21/18	4.35/2	7.23/1	1.53/1	4.04/2	2.34/4	2.40/1	1.59/3	9.43/10	1.21/3	0.29/1	0.40/3
2.00/1	5.15/1	7.49/1	8.46/1	10.07/2	14.42/1	22.05/1	23.58/1	28.02/1	30.36/1	33.16/1	35.15/1	44.58/2	46.19/2	46.48/2	47.28/1

Women - Heat C (6.9km /365m)

1. Heli Jukkola, FIN

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	F
2.16/5	2.36/3	2.13/3	1.56/2	1.06/1	4.33/2	1.37/3	6.28/1	1.37/3	4.01/2	2.56/1	2.58/1	3.26/1	7.03/9	1.48/6	0.36/16	0.40/5
2.16/5	4.52/3	7.05/2	9.01/2	10.07/2	14.40/2	16.17/2	22.45/2	24.22/2	28.23/2	31.19/1	34.17/1	37.43/1	44.46/1	46.34/1	47.10/1	47.50/1



Mindeparken's got a bit of everything!

The sprint format in top-level orienteering continues to surprise. The Park World Tour brought orienteering out of the forest and into towns, even providing some interesting 3D experiences. Then with its introduction to WOC in Finland in 2001, sprint went back into the forest again – as happened also in Sweden last year.

2005 has seen the boundaries pushed back further in terms of terrain considered suitable for sprint. In the first World Cup round in England, a university campus and an inner-London park provided the kind of sprint experience quite familiar to elite runners. But after that, wow! Japan's technical, slow and tough races with 160 m climb in the men's final, plenty of undergrowth and searing heat; Italy's mix of dense forest and medieval town, the latter with alleys so narrow that you were lucky still to have skin on your shoulders at the end of the day. And many were the runners there who found themselves in a blind alley and had to re-trace their steps and try again.

So what will the sprint be like in Denmark? A lot of thought and time has been put into deciding which area would provide the best overall experience – for the runners, for spectators and not least national and international TV. We wanted the area to be quite close to the event centre, in part of our host city, Aarhus. And we want to provide courses with plenty of variety, where runners will be continuously challenged in best sprint fashion.



Our choice, Mindeparken, has a bit of everything: parkland, forest, a lake, blocks of housing, roads, car parks, a stadium with a complex of associated facilities, a horse-race track and many other small and large features. And not least, a royal palace! And for those with the time to enjoy it, there is from parts of the area an attractive view out to sea.

24-year-old Torbjørn Gasbjerg is the course planner for both sprint races. He is very pleased with the choice of Mindeparken. "We had other race areas in mind too, but when we took all aspects into consideration, Mindeparken was the best solution. And there will certainly be some runners who will be surprised", he says.

It was easier in '74

Between all the red official jackets in the event arena of the Middle distance Qualification, a blue one suddenly appears. It doesn't say WOC2006 but VM '74 (WOC1974).

"Yes, they made quality at that time," says its owner, 81 year old Hugo Bruun Kristensen from Silkeborg Orienteringsklub.

Hugo was one of the driving forces behind the last WOC held in Denmark. It was back in 1974.

"It was a lot easier back then," says Hugo Bruun Kristensen. "Only 18 countries took part, and only 75-100 people helped arrange the event. I was the head of secretary, but as it was a much smaller task back then, I was also made responsible for constructing the event arenas," Hugo Bruun Kristensen remembers.

This time Hugo Bruun Kristensen has not taken on any tasks.

"Then I should have signed up in August of last year. But aged 81 I didn't want to commit myself, because I might have been dead before the WOC," says Hugo Bruun Kristensen, who seems to be looking healthy and still have many good years left in him.



Hugo Bruun Kristensen (left) together with Peer Straarup, the vice-chairman of the WOC 2006 organizing committee.

Story of Forbidden Soil

At first sight it looks like a solid home advantage that several of the runners in the Danish national team are residents of Århus, where the sprint finals of WOC 2006 take place on Tuesday 1 August.

However, the home advantage is not that clear to all the runners – especially those who didn't make the selection for the team.

"For the last four years I have not been allowed to even take a walk in the park areas just outside my doorstep - and then I just missed the selection for the Danish team," says the former junior world champion in relay, Troels Nielsen, with a bitter-sweet smile.

The former junior world champion in the relays missed the WOC team by the smallest possible margin in the final selection races for the team.

"I haven't been to the 'forbidden' areas since I missed being selected for the team – to be honest my motivation for training has lacked a bit since then," says Troels Nielsen. As a good sportsman, however, he didn't turn his back on WOC. On the contrary - he joined the ranks of the volunteers for WOC 2006 and is now working hard as one of almost 700 volunteers behind the scenes.

Storm hit Linå Vesterskov

Linå Vesterskov, venue for the long distance qualification, was the WOC forest which suffered most in the very bad storm which hit the region in January last year. Hurricane-force winds destroyed quite large sections, especially in the east and north-east of the area, and there were very many individual fallen trees elsewhere. Fortunately it is a big forest, and the forest owner got on with clearing up quite quickly, so in the end the damage has had little effect on the course planning.

The royal connection

HRH Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark will enter the footsteps of his mother, Queen Margrethe II, when he attends the sprint finals in Århus on Tuesday afternoon.

The visit of HRH Crown Prince Frederik to the official opening of WOC 2006 in Århus marks an ongoing royal connection to the sport of orienteering in Denmark.

In 1974 when Denmark hosted the World Championships for the first time, medals were awarded by the Crown Prince's mother, HRH Queen Margrethe II. With the WOC back in Denmark after 32 years it is only natural that HRH Crown Prince Frederik performs the official opening of the championships.

The 38 years old crown prince will feel very much at home in the event area since the closest neighbour to the event centre in 'Mindeparken' is the Marselisborg Palace, where the Danish royal family traditionally spends many of its holidays.

A passionate sportsman

The crown prince is certainly no stranger to elite sports either. He is passionate about sport, a skilled yachtsman, and a great fan of endurance sports. He completed several marathon races, and came to the outer limits of the Kingdom and his own physical ability in 2000 when he took part in the 2800 km expedition on dog sled with the Sirius Patrol in Northern Greenland.

During the 1990's when the Crown Prince lived in Århus as a university student, he took part in the club training sessions of the local orienteering club, OK Pan, on several occasions. He kept his orienteering skills up to date during his military career, which included a very demanding education in the Danish 'Frogman' Corpse (equivalent of the UK's Special Boat Squadron or the US Navy Seals).

In the footsteps of the Queen

In 1974 when Danish Orienteering Federation hosted the World Orienteering Championship for the first time, the medals were awarded by Crown Prince Frederik's mother, HRH Queen Margrethe II. On 20 September 1974 the Queen had the honour of awarding the gold medal in the women's individual race to the Danish runner Mona Nørgaard, who won the first and only individual senior title ever for a female Danish runner.

During the whole event a helicopter waited for the queen at the event area at Silkeborg Golf Club, because a dramatic vote was taking place in the parliament in Copenhagen and the prime minister was close to handing in his resignation to the queen. However, the government saved its life during the negotiations in Parliament, and the press instead revelled in the victory of Mona Nørgaard, who is still an active orienteer. That particular victory 32 years ago created a huge boom for the sport of orienteering in Denmark.

Mona Nørgaard is still an active orienteer and serving as a volunteer in the WOC 2006 Secretariat. Perhaps we should also mention that her husband, Flemming Nørgaard, is president of the WOC 2006 organising committee. Therefore it looks very possible indeed that after 32 years, Mona Nørgaard will once again shake hands with a member of the royal family.



Mona Nørgaard in the WOC 2006 secretariat.

Kick-start Camp was a hit!

Saturday proved to be a super day for all the activities in the Kick Start Camp, attended by 75 young orienteers from many parts of the world. Two nights, with little sleep for many, one imagines, but in a fabulous camping spot in the middle of the forest, may not have been the best preparation for the WOC Tour the day after. But for sure it was fun!

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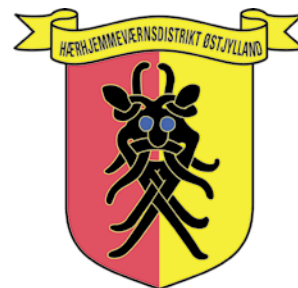
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