



an extremely balanced U17 final for home team Jena

**Many close matches were seen in the final tournament of the season, which was the final for the boys of the oldest age category U17. In the playoffs, the matches were decided only in the last seconds, and in the end the home team Science City Jena was the happiest.**

We had to wait for the final tournament of this season until the end of May, when the final of the oldest U17 category took place in Jena, Germany, in which, in addition to the home team, teams from the Czech Republic and Poland also participated.

The fact that the two highest-ranked Polish teams UKS SP 27 Katowice and WKK Wroclaw took third place in their basic groups and instead of fighting in the playoffs "only" fought for 5th place is a testament to the great balance of the tournament and the individual participants. These matches were like night and day. While the players of WKK Wroclaw clearly won by 19 points on Saturday, the boys UKS SP 27 Katowice rallied in the rematch on Sunday, who were able to win by 20 points and were happy with the final 5th place in total by a single point.

Even the medal matches brought four big dramas, as evidenced by the results, when the difference between all these matches jumped to 4 points.

In the opening semi-final Sršni Písek lost their 17-point halftime lead over ORLEN Akademia BM Stal and ended up losing by a basket. The second semi-final also offered great drama and after winning by 4 points, the home players advanced to the final. At BK NH Ostrava, the Czech fight for bronze remained, in which Sršni Písek, who are the bronze medalists of all times, were a basket better.

In the fight for the gold, the home players Science City Jena led over ORLEN Akademia BM Stal for most of the match, but the Polish opponent did not give up and in the end even had a shot to win, which he did not convert, so the title remained at home.

This tournament offered really high quality and balanced matches and was a great culmination of this season.

#### **The final order of the final tournament in the 2023/2024 season:**

1. Science City Jena (Germany)
2. ORLEN Akademia BM Stal (Poland)
3. Sršni Písek (Czech Republic)
4. BK NH Ostrava (Czech Republic)
5. UKS SP 27 Katowice (Poland)
6. WKK Wroclaw (Poland)

Individual awards went to the following players:

#### **MVP:**

Hendrik Metsa ( Science City Jena )

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## **All-star team:**

Yannis Wick ( Science City Jena )

Igor Wawrzyniak ( ORLEN Akademia BM Stal )

Ondřej Benda ( Sršni Písek )

Metoděj Pazdera ( BK NH Ostrava )

Wiktor Wiśniewski ( UKS SP 27 Katowice )

## **Top scorer of the tournament:**

Viktor Novák ( BK NH Ostrava ) - 78 points (19.5 points per game)

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