



## NINERS Chemnitz Academy wins U17 tournament

***The second tournament of the U17 category took place in Brandýs nad Labem. The winner of the tournament was the German team NINERS Chemnitz Academy. However, the teams Vienna Timberwolves and Weegree AZS Opole in particular made a great effort to make the German team's path to the "gold" as difficult as possible.***

In the first match, the home team BK Brandýs nad Labem played against the Polish team Weegree AZS Opole. Brandýs did not enter this match very successfully from the beginning, losing nine points after the first quarter. The Polish team increases the lead in the following period and thus easily wins. The second match between Vienna Timberwolves and NINERS Chemnitz Academy was one of the imaginary highlights of the tournament. After the first quarter, the Vienna team led by several points, after the second Chemnitz gained a small lead, after the third quarter the score was almost equal. The German team showed more energy in the last quarter and deservedly won. The match was full of great fights, beautiful shots, great defense and good individual performances. The third match of the day was the fight between the Polish team TS Wisla Jura Basket and the German team SC Weende. And again a very even match, every ball was fought for and in the end the Polish team won the match by a single basket. The first day already indicated that we have two performance baskets in the tournament. The first group of advanced teams, which includes Chemnitz, Vienna and Opole. The second group, which is only growing in performance, which includes Brandýs, TS Wisla Jura Basket and SC Weende.

Saturday morning offered a duel between Opole and Vienna, this match, as it later turned out, was a match for silver or bronze in this tournament. Once again, we could watch great youth basketball with great commitment. Vienna built a small lead right at the beginning of the match and, despite Opole's great efforts, kept it until the end of the match and won. Home team Brandýs also played two even matches, losing the first half to TS Wisla, but with increased activity in the second half they won by six points. In the second match, Brandýs challenged the German team SC Weende. The picture of the match was very similar to the morning match, a bad start by Brandýs and subsequently an improved performance in the second half of the match and a win this time by eleven points. Also worth mentioning is the match between Opole and Chemnitz, which offered the highest quality youth basketball. Opole surprised the German team in the beginning with a great defense and a very effective performance in the attack. Thanks to this, Opole took a six-point lead at halftime. After the half-time meeting, a completely new Chemnitz came on, suddenly the court was full of its players, effective finishing was replaced by great defense. After the third quarter, Opole still had a chance to do something with the game, as they were only losing by eight points, but the euphoric Chemnitz completely broke the will of the Opole players and eventually won by twenty-seven points. And that's why basketball is so beautiful, it is played with maximum commitment until the last minute and the game is not decided until the final whistle of the referee.

On Sunday, the "first three" teams confirm their medal positions and defeat the "second three" teams by higher margins. So we can summarize that Chemnitz wins gold, Vienna silver and the team from Opole can rejoice in bronze.

### Final tournament standings:

1. NINERS Chemnitz Academy (Germany)
2. Vienna Timberwolves (Austria)

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3. Weegree AZS Opole (Poland)
4. BK Brandýs nad Labem (Czech Republic)
5. TS Wisla Jura Basket (Poland)
6. SC Weende (Germany)

The following players received individual awards:

**MVP:**

Tim Luca Schäfer ( NINERS Chemnitz Academy )

**All-star team:**

Louis Pichler ( Vienna Timberwolves )

Borys Kałasznik ( Weegree AZS Opole )

Kamil Kupčák ( BK Brandýs nad Labem )

Danyjil Sosnowski ( TS Wisla Jura Basket )

Juri Sorhage ( SC Weende )

**Top scorer of the tournament:**

Danyjil Sosnowski ( TS Wisla Jura Basket ) - 93 points (18.6 points per game)

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