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## THE ESSEN REPORT

Every year a huge game festival is held in Essen, Germany. Over 100,000 people attend to try out new games and participate in tournaments, competitions and other gaming events. While the Essen show mainly supports more traditional types of board and card games, collectible card games have been extremely popular and for the past few years the top US manufacturers have attended the show. This year Decipher, Inc. and I.C.E. held major championships at the show. I.C.E. is pleased to announce the 1996 German Champions. The German Championship was sponsored by the Council of Minas Tirith which presides over Germany, Austria, and German-speaking Switzerland. Wanja Hargens and Wolfgang Zeller Mayer have been invited to represent the Council of Minas Tirith at the World Championship in England in early 1997.



Winner:  
**Wanja Hargens**  
 Konstanz, Germany

Hargens' winning One Ring deck

### At Start

- Sam Gamgee
- Frodo
- Bilbo
- Robin Smallburrow
- 2x Elven Cloak (x2) (w/ Sam and Frodo)

### Other Characters

- Saruman
- Radagast
- Merry
- Pippen
- Ioreth

### Resources (25)

- 3x Concealment
- Dark Quarrels
- 2x Cracks of Doom
- Far-sight
- Gollum
- Gollum's Fate

- 3x Halfling Strength
- 2x Lucky Search
- Marvels Told
- The One Ring
- 3x Precious Gold Ring
- Scroll of Isildur
- 3x Stealth
- 2x Wizard's Test

### Hazards (25)

- Adúnaphel
- 2x Assassin
- 2x Corsairs of Umbar
- Giant Spiders
- Itangast
- Hoarmûrath of Dir
- Indûr Dawndearth
- Mouth of Sauron
- Sand-drake
- Scatha
- Greed
- Lost in Free-domains
- 2x Lure of Power
- Many Sorrows Befall
- 3x Rumour of Wealth
- 2x Siege
- Twilight
- 2x Tookish Blood

### Sideboard (20)

- Elf-song
- Favor of the Valar
- 2x Marvels Told
- 2x Wizard's River-horses
- Wizard Uncloaked
- Call of Home
- Dragon-sickness
- Exile of Solitude
- Khamûl the Easterling
- Lost in Free-domains
- 2x Muster Disperses
- 3x River
- 2x Twilight
- Weariness of the Heart

### Runner-up:

**Wolfgang Zeller Mayer**  
 Vienna, Austria

Zeller Mayer's Vilya deck

### At Start

- Elrond
- Halbarad
- Celborn
- Annalena
- 2x Elven Cloak (w/ Celborn and Annalena)

### Other Characters

- Pallando
- Gandalf
- Mablung
- Kili

### Resources (29)

- Scroll of Isildur
- 2x Thorough Search
- Orcrist

- 3x Precious Gold Ring
- 2x Halfling Strength
- 2x Old Friendship
- Marvels Told
- 2x Vanishment
- 3x Vilya
- More Sense Than You
- Houses of Healing
- Clear Skies
- 2x Concealment
- The Great Eagles
- Pledge of Conduct
- A Short Rest
- Glamdring
- Emerald of the Mariner
- Dwarven Hoard
- Far-sight

### Hazards (29)

- Bairanax at Home
- Shelob
- Doors of Night
- 2x The Will of Sauron
- 2x Wake of War
- Peril Returned
- Siege
- 2x Twilight
- 2x Worm's Stench
- Cave-drake
- Land-drake
- 3x Giant Spiders
- 3x Wolves
- 3x Wargs
- 3x Dire Wolves
- 2x Lesser Spiders

### Sideboard (20)

- The One Ring
- A Chance Meeting
- 2x Wizard's Test
- Bilbo
- Frodo
- Stealth
- Eagle-mounts
- Master of Esgaroth
- Gates of Morning
- Fair Travels in Wilderness
- Cracks of Doom
- Fog
- 2x Many Turns and Doublings
- Halfling Strength
- The Will of the Ring
- My Precious
- Risky Blow
- Gollum



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 SCHWAIKHEIM, GERMANY
- 2ND: **CHRISTIAN MEIRES**,  
 KOLN, GERMANY
- 3RD: **CHRISTIAN GRUNDNER**,  
 VIENNA, AUSTRIA
- 4TH: **STEFAN EHRET**,  
 FELLBACH, GERMANY