

on the road convention & special event reports

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 Zellermayer 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)

Adunaphel
2x Assassin
2x Corsairs of Umbar
Giant Spiders
Itangast
Hoarmûrath of Dîr
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 Zellermayer
Vienna, Austria

Zellermayer's Vilya deck

At Start

Elrond
Halbarad
Celeborn
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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- 3RD: CHRISTIAN GRUNDNER,**
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- 4TH: STEFAN EHRET,**
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