

# WSTCC is halfway through

After hundreds of exciting games in the first four rounds, the World Seniors Team Chess Championship has reached its midpoint. The tournament so far has offered countless amazing games and moments. The best ones have been receiving awards for the most beautiful game of each round. GM Lexy Ortega from Italy won the prize in the first round, followed by English GM Michael Adams, Swedish IM Nils-Gustaf Renman, and Dutch FM Prakken Gerrit.



*GM Lexy Ortega with his prize - small chess horse*

Despite their age, the players have been battling it out intensively. No team can be sure if they will win their match. A case in point was already the first round when the top seed team in category 65+, Lasker Schachstiftung GK with three Grandmasters, only drew with a Czech local team, Východočeši.

Many great players have been showing that their chess class is timeless. In the 65+ section, French IM Jean-Luc Ross and German Artur Jussupow are boasting performance over 2500. The best "juniors" in 50+ category have so far been Canadian Alexandre Lesiege (4.5/5) and English GM Nigel Davis (4/5).

Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> was a free day. Players could use it either to visit the gorgeous capital city of the Czech Republic, Prague or to play a [blitz event](#).

After five rounds, in both categories, no team has scored a perfect 100%. In the 50+ section, there are three teams with an impressive score of 9/10. Those are Kazakhstan, Slovakia and Italy. Favourites of the event - teams from the USA and England are trailing by just one point. The situation in the category 65+ is no less tense. English and Israeli teams are leading the event. They will meet each other in the [sixth round](#).

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