

Unforgettable Experience

Go-Players from Erding are back from Japan

Erding ■ “An unforgettable experience” was the trip to Japan for the 17-years-old Maximilian Dreyer and his team colleagues Matthias Qian, 17 and Korbinian Riepl, 17. The students of the Anne-Frank-Gymnasium (high school) are the School Team Champion and travelled together with their team leader Karl Scheitler to Tokyo.

Scheitler is playing Go already for 13 years. Through its easy rules Go is even more varied and more difficult than chess, he says. “The simplicity constitutes the complicated”, he says. It was a great honour for him and his School Team: the Japanese Professional-Go-Players-Association Nihon-Kiin invited the three youth from Erding as the only German participants to a final fight of Japanese Professional Players. The flight and a smart hotel were paid. Tokyo was a fascinating world for Maximilian Dreyer, but “not a culture shock”, he said. He enjoyed the view to the Downtown of Tokyo from the 14th floor of the hotel. The Japanese were always dressed elegantly. “Everything was so clean”, he swarms. “And the Japanese are always polite and bow three or four times sometimes.” Teams from the Netherlands and France were travelling to Tokyo, too.

Maximilian Dreyer is an enthusiastic Board Gamer for a long time already and was City Champion in chess when he was twelve years old. “I simply like to compare myself with others”, he said. But for Karl Scheitler, the meeting with the Japanese Professional Go Players was an impressive experience, too. He found particularly great that they gave lessons to the youth from Erding. “You can notice a distinct improvement since then.”

The climax was, besides the final, the invitation to a ten-course-menu by the sponsors. “The Japanese let it crack properly for us there”, says Scheitler. But in contrast to Maximilian Dreyer he had problems himself with the east culture. “The food wasn’t unproblematic.” Both handling with chopsticks and Sushi and Sake didn’t really hit his taste.



The Erdingers got to know a very different culture on their trip to Japan. But the Japanese also know the custom to set up for a group photograph.

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