

Gull, silvur og bronsa

Orð og myndir:
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Tvey gull, eitt silvur og tvey bronsumerki var tað føroysku luttakararnir í heimsmeistarakappingini í svimjing fyri brekað fingur heimaftur við sær úr Göteborg.

Kristina Næss fekk gull í 50 metra friari svimjing, silvur í 100 metra friari og bronsa í 50 metra ryggcrawl.

Katrin Johansen fekk gull í 100 metra ryggcrawl og bronsa í 100 metra bringusvimjing.

— They're young, they're pretty and they're very talented... varð m.a. sagt í stevnublaðnum sum kom út í samband við kappingina. Og útlenska pressan gjørdi nógv burtur úr. Tað, sum nógv undraðust yvir var, hvussu tað bar til, at føroysku luttakararnir, sum bert vóru fyra í tali, kundu fáa so nógv heiðursmerki.

Tilsamans luttóku 38 lond í kappingini harav 28

í svimjikkappingunum. Av hesum 28 londunum gjørdist Føroyar nr. 14. Hetta verður av øllum

mett sum eitt avbera gott úrslit.

Ikki væntað nakra medalju

Egga Jensen, formaður í



Medaljuþrýddir føroyskir svimjarar. Frá vinstri: Axel Haraldsen, Katrin Johansen, Tora við Keldu, Oluffa á Høvdanum og Egga Jensen. Kristina situr frammanfyri.



í samband við, at olympisku leikurnir fyri brekað skulu vera í Seoul um tvey ár, eru fyrireikingarnar longu byrjaðar til hesar leikir. Stjórnin fyri fyrireikingunum var nakrar dagar í Göteborg fyri at kunna seg við, hvussu svíar hava fyrireikað sina

kapping.

»Vanliga« Olympiadan verður eisini í Seoul sama ár, og verða olympisku leikurnir fyri brekað beint aftaná — frá 15. til 25. oktober.

Teir søgdu seg vera komnar væl áleiðis við fyrireikingunum og rokna

teir við nógvum fólki til leikurnar. Eini 3.000 ítróttafólk og 1.000 leiðarar rokna teir við fara at koma.

Fyrireikararnir eru eitt sindur harmir um, at olympiadan er so seint á ári, tí tað er heldur kalt har. Ím dagin millum 12 og 15

stig, men hetta kemur ikki at nerva svimjingina, sum verður innandura, verður sagt.

A myndini siggja vit umboðini úr Suður Korea saman við føroyska venjaranum, Axel Haraldsen.



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Four medals so far for Faroes Islands

Four swimmers, four medals so far. It was a big deal for the team from the tiny Faroe Islands, a thousand islands scattered between Iceland and Norway in the North Atlantic.

Three of these medals came on Tuesday afternoon at Lundby: a gold for Kristina Næss in the 50 class, silver for Katrin Johansen in the 100, and a bronze for Johansen in the 100-meter breaststroke.

And Haraldsen, the team's coach, couldn't be happier.

"We're not at all happy from the Faroes," he said, "but the people we bring are very good. And so they're very good swimmers. They all happen from everywhere there. They all know about us, and they all want to be here."

Given so small and distant, the future for the Faroe team looks bright. "We plan to go to the Seoul games in 1988, if they want to work for it," Haraldsen said.



Thanks to the performance of swimmers Katrin Johansen and Kristina Næss at the World Games, a lot of people are getting familiar with the Faroes.

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Nógv varð gjørt burtur úr føroysku luttakarunum í útlenska bløðunum sum undraðust á, hvussu tað bar til, at fámantu føroysku luttakararnir fingur so nógv heiðurstekin.

Faroe femmes find fame

They're young, they're pretty and they're very talented. They're Kristina Næss and Katrin Johansen, and they're bringing a lot of medals back to their home in the tiny Faroe Islands.

Næss has won a gold medal in the 50-meter freestyle and a silver in the 100-meter freestyle in the 50 class, while Johansen has a gold in the 100-meter breaststroke and a bronze in the 100-meter breaststroke in her class.

Næss, 19, and Johansen, 17, have a lot more in common than just their nationality and their ability to race water into precious metal.

Both began swimming competitively about two years ago.

Johansen worked her way onto the team from a local club, while Næss received an invitation.

"I was asked if I would join the team by a friend of the coach," she said. "And now here I am."

Both participated in the European Games last year, where Næss came away with two bronze medals.



Katrin Johansen accepts congratulations from Australian trainer and friend George Baker following her victory in the 100-meter breaststroke.

Both swimmers have also competed in the Nordic Games and the World Games for CP (cerebral palsy).

Both speak excellent English - although Næss has the more academic dialect. She studied for a year at Newcastle, England.

Johansen is still attending high school in the Faroes. And both have the same goal in their swimming careers.

"Good? Yes - I want to set the world record for CPs in my event," Johansen said.

"Yes, I have one goal," said Næss. "I want to set the world record in the 50-meter freestyle for CPs."

Whether they succeed or not, they almost certainly will gather a lot more gold and glory - for the Faroes.