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Uppsala Chess+ Academy and Offerspill Sjakklubb initiates a formal cooperation

An agreement has been signed between the Norwegian chess club Offerspill and Uppsala Chess+ Academy from Uppsala, Sweden. This agreement means that the organizations are linked closer to each other, and that they will help with each other's development through training, competition, and other areas of cooperation.

The most concrete part of the collaboration is that Uppsala Chess+ Academy's head coach Jesper Bergmark Hall will be the training coordinator creating specialized training plans for Offerspill's strongest players. Jesper will start this work immediately, and the goal is to coach them to the highest levels of success.

"I am happy for this agreement and to tie our clubs closer together," says Jon Kristian Haarr from Offerspill. "Jesper Bergmark Hall is one of the Nordic region's best coaches and that we have now managed to get him to organize training plans for our elite group will mean a lot."

"It is a great challenge to take on the hard-working elite players at the absolute highest level from Offerspill," says Jesper Bergmark Hall from Uppsala Chess+ Academy. "I have trained several of them when they were younger and within the framework of the project *Flere mot Sjakktoppen*, so I know most of them well. This is going to be really fun!"

The agreement is valid for one year with the possibility of extension and may also mean joint competitions and opportunities for players from each club to be able to participate in training camps and other events.

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Offerspill was started by world champion Magnus Carlsen in 2019, and he is still chairman of the club and regularly participates in its competitions and training.

Uppsala Chess+ Academy is run by the chess club Uppsala SSS and is the Nordic region's only FIDE-endorsed educational academy.