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Day 1



Germany – Russia 8-5

Match with two faces! The match between our western and western neighbours brought a lot of emotions, actions and goals but in the end we saw the victory of the German team. After first half everybody expected a surprise – the match was rather boring and the result almost shocking. After 35 minutes the Russians lead one to null and it seemed that they deserve the final victory. Second half brought the extreme change in Germans attitude. The coach probably in harsh words instructed the players that it is crucial not to neglect any opponent in this kind of tournament. Next five minutes completely changed the match with the German team scoring 3 goals in 4 minutes. They took the initiative and haven't given it away to the Russians till the end of the match. The way they played the second half allows to see them as one of the teams most likely to win the whole tournament. Final result Germany-Russia 8-5.

Netherlands – Poland 2-1

Sensation on a thread!!! Polish national team played very good first game during Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship in Siemianowice Slaskie. The players lead by coach Karol Sniezek competed against the World Champions - the Netherlands. They were not given a chance to win but apparently they were on a thread of great sensation, which a tie game would certainly be. The match started according to plan with the initiative of "The Orange". Polish goalkeeper did his best and until 22nd minute was able to have clean sheet. Jan Buisant scored the penalty shot and the score 1-0 was present on the scoreboard till the second half. After the break Polish team started to play more aggressively and check the abilities of the Dutch defense and the goalkeeper. They certainly showed a great fight and consequence. Fourty first minute brought the second goal for the Netherlands, but Polish team managed to fought back and collected a penalty corner. It wasn't until second penalty corner for the Polish team, when they finally managed to score a goal in the last minute of the game. The audience wanted more but it was impossible due to the lack of time. The Polish team proved with their today's performance that they deserve great applause and it wasn't their last word in the tournament.

England – Spain 5-1

Opening sensation! The first match of the Eurohockey Junior Nations Championships is over, but it ended with the result nobody expected. The English beat 5:1 the defenders of the title – Spain. The first half of the match was crucial and the English team seemed much more concentrated on the game. Spain could do nothing to stop well organized English team, which scored goal after goal. The first half ended 5:0 and everybody knew that it was almost impossible for the Spanish players to win back the game. Romeu Pepe scored the goal for Spain in fourth minute of the second half, but was everything Spain could do today. The final score England – 5, Spain – 1.

France – Belgium 3-4

After plenty of goals In the opening game the second game brought what spectators like the most – more goals. This game was a game of emotions, competitions and fighting until the last minutes of the game. The score changed rapidly and nobody could foresee the final score until the last seconds of the game. In the end Belgium team won 4-3 thanks to Tim Boon, the scorer of 3 goals. The scoring started in the 6th minute by Olivier Sanchez. The French player performed a fantastic play on the right side of the pitch. Tim Boon scored the equalizer 10 minutes later. 18th minute brought the goal to Belgium scored by Adriaensen. Both teams went to the changing room at half time with a tie. Genestet scored 2-2 in the 28th minute. The second half brought crucial changes. At first we could see the advantage of the Belgian team, but they could not sum it up with a goal. They couldn't beat the French goalkeeper who performed really well during the whole game. Later on, the French team scored (goal by Magner). When everybody thought that French victory is just a matter of time the Belgians fought back and they were very effective. The key to the success was Tim Boon, who perfectly executed two penalty corners. France tried to do their best but in the end it was Belgium who celebrated the 4-3 victory.

Group A	Pts	Gls	Group B	Pts	Gls
1. England	3	+4	1. Germany	3	+3
2. Belgium	3	+1	2. Netherlands	3	+1
3. France	0	-1	3. Poland	0	-1
4. Spain	0	-4	4. Russia	0	-3

Top Scorers	Goals
Swiatek (GER)	3 goals
Matania (GER)	3 goals
Komarov (RUS)	3 goals
Boon (BEL)	3 goals

