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Belgium – Spain 3-3

Boon show and great Spanish come back. Belgium was very close to celebrate a second victory in Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship held in Siemianowice Śląskie. They were leading 3:1 and it was only ten minutes till the end of the game. Then, Spanish team made a great come back, shooting three goals in a row and equalizing the game. This allows them to save the chance to fight for the medals in the tournament. The match started with very fast attacks by the Belgium. They were shooting time after time onto the Spanish goal and in the 15th minute, top scorer of the tournament Tom Boon perfectly executed a penalty corner. He was unstoppable today. The first part of the game ended with the result one to null. After the break it was the Belgium who dominated the game and the Spanish players seemed to be getting more and more nervous with every minute of the game. Another penalty corner was given in 42nd minute and once again Tom Boon hit the ball right into the Spanish goal. Six minutes later Spain scored a goal after beautiful play by Olivier Bach. It all started from the very beginning. When Tom Boon scored for the third time in the 60th minute everybody thought it was over. But then Alfonso Moreno scored the second goal for Spain and the last minute brought the equalizer. Joan Elias executed a penalty corner which means that Belgium will fight for the medal zone with England, and Spain is still likely to have a chance for semi-finals.

England - France 3-2

After lost game against Belgium it was the last chance for France to fight for the highest place in group A and top prize in the Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship. The first minutes of the game showed that the French took yesterday lesson very seriously. They started with fierce attacks on the opponents goal. Olivier Sanchez accompanied by Sevestre, Fourges and Van Straten haven't left the English half of the pitch for first eleven minutes attacking very dangerously all the time. Sanchez got a green card but France led two to null and controlled the game. The English team fought with all their heart and skills and finally David Beckett scored a goal just before half time. English team fought back and changed the traces of the match. Beckett equalized after penalty shot, and than British fans celebrated after shot by Griffiths. The next goal was probably the most beautiful shot of the tournament so far. Belgium players conducted attack after attack but even taking the goalie off the pitch did not help them to score. English team is the first team who will fight for the medals and the French team is the first who will have to fight to stay in group A.



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Germany – Netherlands 3-4

Today's game opening the third day of Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship in Siemianowice Slaskie brought the best field hockey performance. The first game between silver and gold medalists of last Junior Championship was definitely the best match in Siemianowice so far. The game was very even with changing advantage but the Dutch player Van Puffelen was the first to score and open the game. German players did not allow their fans to wait long for a reply. Grella hit under the bar and tied the game. Just before the half time the Netherlands decided to attack once more and finished the first half with a goal by Kellerman. Second half started with a quick goal by Grell and the game started once again. After 7 minutes of fierce attack performed by the Dutch players led by Van Ass, Spain was down by one again. It all changed three minutes later when Swiatek equalized to 3-3. It was his 4th goal of the tournament. The Netherlands was not satisfied with a tie and scored goal number four – the last one of the game.



Poland – Russia 3-3

Hat-trick by Makowski gives Poland only one point. Full, lively, stadium and exciting game with a thrilling finish is all what we could see at KS Siemion today in Siemianowice Slaskie. Polish team played their second game of the tournament against Russia. Almost 2000 spectators could celebrate first point of the Championship for the home team. It could be much better because Poland led 3-2 just a few minutes before the end of the game but the Russians did not only equalized but have two opportunities to win the game. It was only Polish goalkeeper Maciej Pacanowski who saved his team. Polish players led by their coach Karol Sniezek were very concentrated during the game. They took the lead in 20th minute after Makowski's shot. Russian equalized after a penalty corner just a few seconds before half time. After the break the Russian team scored a goal in 40th minute but the Polish team fought back and succeeded in 56th minute when Makowski executed a penalty shot. A minute later he collected another hit and it was 3-2. Just 3 minutes before the end Russian team scored a penalty shot and made both teams share a point.

Top Scorers	Player	Goals
	Boon (BEL)	6 goals
	Komarov (RUS)	5 goals
	Swiatek (GER)	4 goals

Group A	Pts	Gls	Group B	Pts	Gls
1. England	6	+5	1. Netherlands	6	+2
2. Belgium	4	+1	2. Germany	3	+2
3. Spain	1	-4	3. Poland	1	-1
4. France	0	-2	4. Russia	1	-3

