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Day 4

Day 4 of Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship in Siemianowice Śląskie started with fight against the weather conditions. Heavy rain flooded the stadium and forced the organizers to double their efforts in preparing the pitch. The competition between 'The weather' and 'The match' started...



England – Belgium 2-4

The second match of 4th day of Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship between Belgium and England was much faster than the previous one and full of involvement and tremendous goals. The English scored first from penalty corner (a goal by Simon Faulkner). Later on Belgium dominated their opponents and scored a beautiful goal by Simon Gougnard. The first half of the match ended with a draw 1-1. The second half started with heavy rain. For the first 19 minutes we could enjoy the best European level of hockey. Three goals by the Belgium scored by Van Aubel (2 goals) and Tom Boon and the score was 4-1. One more goal by the English scored by Edwards set the final score to 4-2. After second goal for England the game was stopped for 10 minutes due to ponds on the pitch. Unfortunately, the rain was heavier and heavier. Even when the technical table allowed to continue the game the players decided not to risk injuries and just passed the ball from one part of the pitch to the other without any efforts to score another goals. After 6 minutes the game was stopped and the final score was 4-2. So once again: "The weather" – "The match" 2 – 0 ...



France – Spain 0-0

The last group match of Spain and France ended with a tie 0-0. Both teams put their heart and skills into the game but no team was able to get the advantage and win the game. The match took place in difficult weather conditions with light rain causing the pitch to get wet and the ball to slow down. Therefore it was very difficult to score a goal today. Both parts of the game looked similar with lots of rain and little action. Therefore, instead of saying France-Spain 0-0 we can put it like this. 'The weather' – 'the match' 1:0 ...



Group A			
	Team	Pts	Goals
1	Belgium	7	11-8
2	England	6	10-7
3	Spain	2	4-8
4	France	1	5-7



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The Netherlands – Russia 2-1

After the break caused by heavy rain and tremendous efforts made by the organizers to prepare the pitch for the second game at 16.15 both teams were ready to play the third game today. Both teams played the first part of the match taking little risks and passing the ball very carefully. We could see very active plays by the “orange” player Van Ass. Slowly, the Dutch team started to take advantage and their supporters were louder and louder with every good play. Seldom attack of the Russian team were crushed by the Dutch defense. 25th minute brought a goal scored by Jan Buissant. The next minutes of the game were very hard for the Russian defense with the “orange” players attacking fiercely. The score after half time 1-0. The second half started with missed opportunities on both sides by Komarov (RUS) Bovendeert and Bentschop (HOL). Two green cards cooled down the Dutch attacks. Surprisingly, Russia equalized in 51st minute and the scorer was Skiperskiy. The game ended 2-1 after Benschop executed a penalty shot. The organizers did a perfect job in preparing the pitch so 'the match' is only down by one. 'The weather' – 'the match' 2:1.



Ambition and heart for fight weren't enough – Poland – Germany 0-5

German team, the present Junior World Champions, was a very difficult opponent in the last match of the group phase for Poland. In order to get to the semi finals the Polish players had to win but the German players had the same idea. Both team competed at the same level for the first 17 minutes. Later into the match, Germany controlled all aspects of the game. It is a pity that Polish hearts and ambition were not enough to fight for the medal zone. The stadium was full of spectators, the atmosphere enthusiastic and lively and the organizers once again did their best to compete against the weather.

So the final day score is a draw: 'The weather' – 'The match' 2-2.

Group B				
	Team	Pts	Goals	
1	Netherlands	9	8-5	
2	Germany	6	16-9	
3	Russia	1	9-13	
4	Poland	1	4-10	

Fixtures	
Time	Matches
10.00	France - Russia
12.15	Spain – Poland
15.00	England – Netherlands
17.00	Belgium – Germany

Top Scorers	Goals
Boon (BEL)	7 goals
Komarov (RUS)	5 goals

