



Daily News

Siemianowice Śląskie,
POLAND



Thursday 29 July 2010

Day 5

Rest day :)

Thursday, after last group matches, was a rest day for all the teams taking part in EuroHockey Junior Nations Championship. Teams used it for sightseeing and regeneration before Friday games. English team and technical officials went to see the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and State Museum. Spanish National Team chose the same scenario and finished the day with a training session. The Germans and the Russians went to Cracov to rest in former Polish capital. Remaining 4 teams spent time in Siemianowice Śląskie and used some of it for a training sessions.

We ask all teams about opinion their view of the first phase of tournament:

ENGLAND: The tournament has so far been a success for the England Team. After a very disappointing year in 2009, We were eager to achieve some success this year and were very hopeful that maybe we could reach the semi finals here in Siemianowice. Our two wins in the competition were both satisfying for different reasons. The win against Spain showed that we can play some fantastic hockey. Whereas the win against France was about resolute defending, spirit, guts and determination. These performances have earned us a place in the semi finals and have increased confidence and optimism within the group. The organization has been excellent and we are very impressed. Everything has been meticulously planned leaving no stone unturned. We have been very impressed with the hard working and proud attitude of all the helpers and organizers. We notice that it has been a real team effort from everybody. The coach drivers keeping the buses on time, the ladies keeping the changing rooms clean (and helping us to get rid of the floods from the ice baths!), the officials cleaning and preparing the stadium and pitch, the friendly hotel staff, the ball boys and girls, the security officers, the local organisers and of course, our liaison officers, Anna and Tomasz. And the most noticeable thing? **Everybody is smiling and happy in their work...** It has been a very positive experience for us so far and we look forward to the finals.

Andy Halliday, Team Manager, England Hockey Team.

BELGIUM: BEL-FRA: With a very well organized bus transport, Belgian team arrived at the «Siemon» Sport complex for their 1st match of the tournament. A few minutes after the start of the match the French team surprised their opponent by scoring their first goal. During the rest of the game, Belgium was dominating and finished the match with a win of 4 to 3.

BEL-ESP: Today, we expected a very well motivated spanish team after their defeat against England. Nevertheless, promptly, we took control of the match and scored three times by our top scorer Tom Boon. A few minutes before the end of the match, incomprehensibly, we made two big errors and permitted to Spain to level the score at 3-3. As after each match, the team took their ice bath at the comfortable fitness of the Style Hôtel.

BEL-ENG: Very early in the morning, we noticed heavy and constant rain. Despite all the efforts of the local organization to make the field practicable, we started the game in difficult play conditions. After the 1st half, both teams

decided to continue the match. The weather conditions becoming worst, the TD decided to stop the game at 9 min before the end of the match while Belgium was leading by 4 to 2.

GERMANY: We are very satisfied after 3 games of the group phase. Event organization is of a very high level. Hotel we are staying in meets our expectations in 100% and I must say that we are a demanding team and it is not so easy to fulfill our requirements. The service at the hotel is excellent, especially people who prepare meals for us because it's always prepared exactly as indicated. We hope that also during the rest of our stay in Siemianowice Śląskie we won't have any remarks towards the organizers of Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship.

Witold Ziąja – Germany Team Manager

RUSSIA: Despite defeats I think we played well against group favourites – Germany and Netherlands. The hardest match in group for us was the one against Poland and I regret we didn't manage to win it. I'm impressed by English and French style of play in Group A. I'm also amazed and impressed by the way the tournament is organized – everything is functioning very well, atmosphere on the stands is wonderful – you just want to play in front of such supporters. Everyone here is happy and smiling. It shows they like what they are doing.

Russia Team Manager

POLAND: After group phase of Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship we can see that European teams are on similar level and this hasn't always been the case. We played well against the Netherlands and Russia and had a bad day against Germany. In the second phase everything is possible. We will do everything to achieve our goal – avoid relegation. When it comes to organization of Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship, the tournament is one of the best organized ever in this age category. I would like to thank the organizers for their efforts and high number of supporters for backing us up during each game.

Coach: Karol Śniezek



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