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Friday 30 July 2010

Day 6

After rest day on Thursday Friday saw the teams back in competition. Teams in Pool C started at 10.00 with France playing Russia. The remaining two – Poland and Spain faced each other at 12.15. However the main point of the day were the semi finals, which were to reveal who would we see in Saturdays final – the most important game of the competition for all the spectators.

Almost a draw, the best game of Polish National Team so far

Polish National team played far better hockey today than on Wednesday against Germany. Quick pace of the game, goals and wonderful plays – it was all in today's match. Unfortunately Poland lost again – this time 3 – 4 against Spain, which tries to make up for losses in previous stages of the tournament. It all started in 2nd minute of the game after dynamic combination of passes on right wing by the Poles, one final pass to Krystian Makowski, who dribbled past Spanish defender and scored with a flick. The Spanish leveled the score in 11th minute after Gonzalo Lasso shot in what might look like a non dangerous situation. Polish answer came in 12th minute after Tomasz Wachowiak scored for 2 – 1. Polish hopes for a first win in the tournament were high. However the Spanish didn't look like letting Polish dreams come true and equalized just before the half time. It was Piera who scored. In the second half supporters at Sports Complex SIEMION saw Spanish dominance on the pitch. 2 scored goals allowed Spain to control the game. The scorers: Gonzalo Lasso and Marin Pujal. The second goal for Spain is surely a contender for the most beautiful goal in the whole tournament. A powerful shot in the bottom right corner of Polish goal hit directly from the air. 3rd goal for Poland was nothing more than a consolation goal scored 12 seconds before the end of the game... Maciej Pacanowski in Polish goal showed in this match that he is the right man in the right place.



Draw in France-Russia match

In the first game of today France drew against Russia 3-3. Both teams compete in Pool C of the EuroHockey Junior Nations Championship in Siemianowice Śląskie and fight to avoid relegation to EuroHockey Junior Nations Trophy in 2012. It was the French, who scored the first goal. Fabien Magnier executed penalty corner perfectly and it was 1 – 0. 3 minutes later French goalkeeper – Mazurier prevented the French National Team from losing a goal by magnificently saving a shot by Golubev. In 23rd minute Russian team was awarded a penalty corner but Komarov failed to hit the ball and the score stayed the same. French defense destroyed Russian attacks in the first half perfectly. In 29th minute again Komarov missed his chance. Half time score: 1-0 for the French. From the beginning of second half Russians were doing everything to make the score level. In 44th minute Russian team was awarded a penalty stroke and Yankun didn't have any problems in putting the ball into upper right corner of the French goal. Mazurier was helpless. However after 2 following minutes the French were leading again. Genestet was the scorer. In 47th minute Yankun finished a beautiful combination of passes and it was 2 – 2. In the following minutes we saw both teams playing nervously in the center of the pitch. In 55th minute France was winning 3 – 2 after perfectly executed penalty corner. Again the scorer was Magnier. It rained more with every minute. Russians seemed to cope better with such weather and eventually scored in 63rd minute after Komarov capped a move of the whole team. The score 3 – 3 lasted until the end of the match.



GROUP C				
	Teams	M	P	B
1.	Spain	2	4	4-3
2.	Russia	2	2	6-6
3.	France	2	2	3-3
4.	Poland	2	1	6-7





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What a game...

In the first semi final of Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship in Siemianowice Śląskie the Netherlands defeated England 3 – 1. The match itself was one big feast of hockey for all the supporters. The fantastic show created by both teams was of the highest level and we have to keep in mind it was only an introduction to Saturday's final match of the competition. The Dutch started the game very determined to prove themselves one of the main contenders for gold in Eurohockey Junior Nations Championship in Siemianowice Śląskie. However they had to wait for first goal until 28th minute when Buissant scored after penalty stroke. It was Siebinga, who scored the second goal for the Dutch. The English seemed shocked with how the things went and lost the first half 0 – 2. England started the second half with passion but wasted numerous occasions to score. Oranje took advantage of it by scoring the third goal (Kellerman). After that the Dutch focused on keeping their defense tight and relied on counter attack. England struggled until the end eventually scoring one goal (Beckett). At the full time the score was: Netherlands 3, England 1.



Tom Boon Superstar

Pace of today's second semi final was not as fast as of Netherlands – England match. Nevertheless we can not say we experienced less emotions. No, we can not. The match was slower, without many dribblings but with far more emotions. Many supporters were close to heart attack for sure. Belgians and Germans created a 85 minutes thriller, which finished with penalty strokes, and the most important one executed by Tom Boon. There was plenty of inaccuracy from both sides during the match, lots of foul play and missed shots and only two goals. Felix Meyer scored the first one for Germany, Tom Boon equalized from penalty corner. Then penalty strokes, Germany missing only one, but how important – Hablawetz lost the duel against Belgian goalkeeper.

In the final we will see Benelux derby between Belgium and the Netherlands

Top Scorers	Boon (BEL)	8 goals
	Komarov (RUS)	6 goals
	Beckett (ENG)	5 goals

FIXTURES		
10.00	Group C	France – Poland
12.15	Group C	Spain – Russia
15.30	3rd place	England – Germany
18.00	Final	Netherlands – Belgium
19.45	CLOSING CEREMONY	

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