



WUC FLOORBALL 2016

NORDICS AT THE FINAL!



Day 4 showed the finalists of the 7th World University Floorball Championship. The Women's and Men's final will put face to face Sweden and Finland.

What a men's semi-finals we have assisted! They were fast and furious to assure the win. Finland came to kill! The Finns got their revenge of the defeat against Switzerland in the 3rd day of competition. The first 20min were crucial to Switzerland because the Finns scored 5 goals at the 1st period. The 2nd period was very different with the Swiss scoring 2 goals and getting closer to Finland, but the hope lasted just a few minutes, until Finland scored their 6th goal of the match. At the 3rd period both teams scored 1 goal each and Finland got their spot in the final.

At the other semifinal, Sweden began calm pointing 3 goals in the 1st period but they trembled when Czech Republic scored the first goal in the 2nd period (3-1). In a very aggressive game, where two sticks were broken, Sweden became stronger scoring more 3 goals at the 3rd period, assuring a spot at the final against Finland. The historical rivals will meet today at 8pm at University Stadium to find out which formation will be crowned the World University Champion.

At women's semifinal between Finland and Switzerland, the Nordic team scored a total of 9 goals against only 2 of Switzerland. It was a competitive game on the beginning of the match, but Finland's girls took over the game and ended up qualified for the WUC final. At the other semifinal, Sweden defeated Czech Republic. This was one of the most intense and spectacular women's matches. Both teams fought and scored one after the other for the spot in the final of this WUC. The match was heated until the very end. The Swedish team took advantage of their aggressive attack to manage to get the upper hand in the last period of the game. The final score was 8 – 4. Therefore, the Women's Final will be dispute at 4pm at University Stadium between Sweden and Finland.

The Day 4 started with the Men's qualifying to semi-finals, where Czech Republic defeated Slovakia for 8-1. At the other men qualifying, Finland went to the match with only half of the team but that was enough to beat Spain that had lost their only goalkeeper at day 3. So, Spain will play against Slovakia to 5th and 6th place.

At 7th to 9th place games in Men's tournament, Portugal met and won again to Republic of Korea. The home team is taking steps and with his aggressive defense showed again their development. The teams were always counter-attacking each other and it was a delight for the spectators. The final score was Portugal 6 – 3 Republic of Korea. With this result and thanks to the tie of Japan with Republic of Korea (3-3), Portugal assures the 8th place and tomorrow will fight with Japan to the 7th place.

At female competition, Poland, Spain and Japan fought for 5th, 6th and 7th places. Spain lost to the two opponents and ended this WUC at 7th place. The 5th and 6th place will be decided today between Japan and Poland at Faculty of Sports.

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STEPHANIE BOBERG
BEST PLAYER FROM SWEDEN

The semi-final was pretty intense. The first two periods were very rough for us. Czech Republic was very consistent. The last period was better for us. We started better and we were able to beat them. I had never been nominated player of match, so I was really happy by it. For the final, I expect a great game and to win.



LAURA MANNINEN
BEST PLAYER FROM FINLAND

We are going to be tough and we need to score in order to win the final and become the Champions. The strategies we cannot reveal, so you have to wait and see in the final match against Sweden.



MANS PARSJO-TEGNER
BEST PLAYER FROM SWEDEN

I was very happy to be nominated the best player of the match. We had to improve in the second and third period to win. Czech Republic was though, they were always pressuring and it was hard, but we managed to pull it! It was the cherry on the top of the cake. We hope to win the final, but it will be hard. Finland is really strong and our biggest rival, but I expect a good match.



MIKO KAILIALA
BEST PLAYER FROM FINLAND

Today we were pretty solid, we came out strong and I think we won the game on the first period. We played against Sweden in the first match and we were solid, but the final will start 0-0. If we play our own game we will be on the game! It has been an awesome week. The city is great, I love it!



If you are playing at Faculty of Sports you certainly have known Carlos Nascimento. Who is this volunteer that always knows everything about floorball at this competition field? Carlos did many workshops to understand this sport better because “I wanted to be able to put my knowledge to the test at this world university championship”, explained. He’s been following this sport since 2011, “I really like the sport and when the formations came I said “yes” to all of them”, said Carlos. He’s not just a lover of this game. He already has played floorball. Carlos participated in the first Portugal University Floorball Tournament, representing the University of Porto, so he is acquainted with the Portuguese national team and he confesses to be surprised, “they are new on this sport and they are learning fast and I think that, in the future, they will be a very good team”, said. To finish, Carlos leaves a message to the development of this sport in Portugal: “I think that we should proceed to create a federation in Portugal and keep the sport also at university level.” We’ve done this, why stop now? Why not implement the sport in every university and keep improving our players?

RESULTS

MEN

MEN Q1	FINLAND	23	0	SPAIN
MEN Q2	CZECH REP.	8	1	SLOVAKIA
M. 7TH PL.	PORTUGAL	6	3	REP. KOREA
M. 7TH PL.	REP. KOREA	3	3	JAPAN
MEN S1	SWEDEN	6	2	CZECH REP.
MEN S2	SWITZERLAND	3	7	FINLAND

WOMEN

W. 5TH PL.	JAPAN	4	2	SPAIN
W. S1	SWEDEN	8	4	CZECH REP.
W. S2	FINLAND	9	2	SWITZERLAND
W. 5TH PL.	SPAIN	0	15	POLAND

MATCHES - SUNDAY

TIME	GROUP	HOME	AWAY	ARENA
9:00	M. 7TH PL.	JAPAN	PORTUGAL	FS
10:00	W. 3RD PL.	CZECH REP.	SWITZERLAND	US
12:00	W. 5TH PL.	POLAND	JAPAN	FS
13:00	M. 3RD PL.	CZECH REP.	SWITZERLAND	US
14:30	M. 5TH PL.	SPAIN	SLOVAKIA	FS
16:00	W. FINAL	SWEDEN	FINLAND	US
19:00	M. FINAL	SWEDEN	FINLAND	US

At 7:30pm, and after the closing ceremony, the dinner will be served at University Stadium. The OC have prepared a barbecue! And after that there will be a party at the center of Porto in Porto Tónico bar.