



TOURNOI DES 8 NATIONS Technical Bulletin

After exciting semi-finals, everybody is looking forward to the finals !

The semi-finals took place this Friday and the affluence is becoming better and better, now that the critical moments are coming close.

Here are the results of today's competition :

Loser's bracket :

SUI : FRA 3:1
(26:24, 25:20, 17:25, 25:20) - 101'

ESP : SWE 3:2
(22:25, 22:25, 25:17, 25:15, 15:12) - 118'

Winner's bracket :

ITA : NED 3:1
(26:24, 25:22, 16:25, 25:20) - 82'

BEL : GER 3:2
(25:19, 24:26, 25:23, 16:25, 15:5) - 118'

Finals :

7th and 8th rank :
Sweden - France (14h)

5th and 6th rank :
Spain - Switzerland (16h)

3rd and 4th rank :
Germany - Netherlands (18h)

1st and 2nd rank :
Belgium - Italy (20h)

Uniform colours :

FRA - SWE : red / blue

SUI - ESP : red / blue

NED - GER : orange / white

ITA - BEL : blue / black

SATURDAY :

AFTER the last match, the

program is the following :

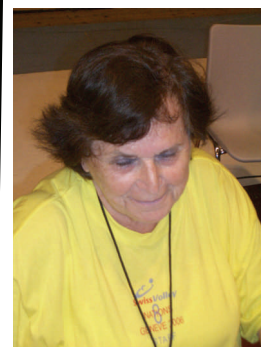
All the teams are requested to watch the final (as soon as possible for the teams that played just before) - from the seats, please...

When the match is finished, all teams must meet in the hall leading to the competition venue (as for the opening ceremony). At the call of the name of the country, please come running in the hall. The teams will then be lined up. The individual prizes will be given first. Please make sure that all the players wear the same dress (your choice of dress).

The evening meal after the finals will be taken all together in the dining hall.

MEET THE TEAM...

I don't know if anybody knows how many matches she has seen at official tables. Marcelle Claude is arguably the best and the best known table official in town. When I called her to ask her if she wished to come and trace score of a few matches, she said « no ». She wanted to mark them all.



BALLS

For the finals, we will leave 50 balls in the competition hall, so please **DO NOT** take balls from the practice halls to the main venue ! Thanks.

Further information for every team...

Found : unbelievable, but it seems that the good old Ipod does not belong to a swedish player. She didn't recognize the music on it.

Claudia Cagninelli had her birthday on Wed-

nesday, but as she was sick and didn't take part in the first matches of the italian team, she only got her cuddly present today, prior to the match with the Netherlands.
Joyeux anniversaire !

Belgium had it's « Fête Nationale » today and therefore, all the teams received some sparkling grape juice - sorry, no champagne ! Tomorrow in your snack, you will also find a part of belgian culinary heritage.

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