



Walbrzych has entered the tournament victoriously

The Angelus Silesius State School of Higher Vocational Education in Walbrzych has sent to the European Universities Championship a tremendously strong team. Three of the players are members of the Polish representation. Robert Floras ranks as the best of them in the world's chart. In Olomouc the university team from Walbrzych in the first match of teams coped smoothly with the Finnish team of Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, and scored 3:0.

"The season is long, so we took a little rest before the Universities Championship and practised hard afterwards. In the first match here at the tournament we had the Finns as rivals, which was no big issue for our team. Our team is strong and well balanced. We have started-off well. We may definitely hope for a medal positioning," Robert Floras says.

The 24-year-old Polish representative holds 145th place in the world's chart. How does he view the atmosphere of the Olomouc tournament? ***"It is different from the tournaments of the World Tour series. Here are players of various qualities. Professionals who practice twice a day as well as amateurs who play twice a week. Anyway, this is a very nice event. The sporting, friendly atmosphere is everywhere around. It is much about meetings of young people. I am very glad that events like this will make our long season more varied,"*** continues Robert Floras.



Academic sport, and table tennis in particular, is extraordinarily popular in Poland. It is not easy though to fight one's way to the European Universities Championship. ***"Yes, that is true. In our country, a lot of universities do this sport. Universities Championship of Poland has higher quality year by year. This year, together with Piotr Chodorski and Pawol Fertikowski we managed to win. I believe that this team is fairly strong for an academic tournament,"*** adds Floras.

Guseva in Olomouc is just like at home

The Russian sportswoman Ekaterina GUSEVA is in her 21 years already a well-known table tennis player on the international stage. Among others, she has regularly been attending World Tour tournaments, also in Olomouc, where the 8th European Universities Table Tennis Championship is been held these days.



"I've been to the Czech Republic for several times. We regularly go right here to Olomouc for the Czech Open, before that I played for a couple of times in Hodonín at the Junior Czech Junior & Cadet Open," says the 21-years old student from Kazan, who's developed a taste for Olomouc, metropolis of the Haná region. *"I like Olomouc. It is a very nice city. Yesterday evening we went for a sightseeing tour with*

the girls. It was very interesting, we are looking forward to staying here and enjoying the place."

Ekaterina Guseva will be participating in the European Universities Table Tennis Championship for the third time in her career. She likes to remember the so far last academic championship in Geneva 2015. *"In the team competition we ended up at the second place, I myself as the third at singles, which is a good score," specifies Ekaterina, who wishes to improve her results from Geneva. "And how do I see it here in Olomouc? "For sure we want to win it all," smiles the charming Russian girl.*

Accompanying programme of the European Universities Table Tennis Championship

- **Tour de Olomouc** (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
 - starting at 20:00
 - from the reception of the sport hall
- **Party** (Sunday)
 - starting at 18:00
 - in Omega sport centre



Schedule of the European Universities Table Tennis Championship 2017

Thursday 22 June

Team Competitions (continued)

Friday 23 June

Team Competitions (finals)

Saturday 24 June

Individual & Doubles Events

Sunday 25 June

Individual & Doubles Events,
Award and Closing ceremony



For complete information on the 8th European Academic Table Tennis Championship in Olomouc see: <http://tabletennis2017.eusa.eu>
