

Technical university of Ostrava has a certain medal

The teams competitions were continuing at European Universities Table Tennis Championship in Olomouc till evening hours. In the men's category in quarterfinal the seeded Saarland University failed when didn't copy with strong Russian Magnitogorsk. The hit of Friday's semifinal round will be the battle between The Angelus Silesius State School of Walbrzych and Magnitogorsk State Technical University. Even the table tennis from Technical University of Ostrava are among the best four men's teams and thus have a certainty of at least bronze medal. In the women event one of seeded teams – Kozminski University didn't reach the semifinal when being beaten by University of Paris 13 which was made stronger by Qwen Geranimi.



Men from Technical University of Ostrava composed by Ondrej Bajger, Michal Benes a Roman Rezetka were the best in the qualification rounds out of Czech university teams. They won the group A without any hesitation.

Even women from University of Economics Prague advanced to the quarterfinals even though from the second place. The three-leaf Lucie Ruzickova,

Petra Zyková and Michaela Havlickova beated University of Porto in the decisive match most tightly. In the quarterfinals Prague was not successful when beaten by strong team Jan Dlugosz University in Czesochowa 0:3. In the key group match table tennis women players from Palacký university didn't copy with rivals from France. University of Paris 13 added great Qwen Gemini onto the player's list for this match who basically decided about advancement of the French team to the medal battles.



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Even the men from Palacký university Olomouc (Jan Bohac, Libor Smocek and Patrik Horvath) didn't succeed. In a strong competition in group D they didn't win any match and will continue to play for 17th till 20th place.



Table tennis players from Technical University of Ostrava succeeded even in the evening quarterfinal match against Finnish team Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences which they beat 3:1. Points for Ostrava were gained by Michal Beneš and Ondrej Bajger who enjoyed victory twice. ***"We had a really good draw and perfectly took advantage of it. Michal's first point was important. We knew that Finns have one very***

good player but Tennilä finally didn't make any point and everything was clear. In the semifinal it will be different, we will have a rival of higher performance," summarized the quarterfinal match of Technical University of Ostrava Ondrej Bajger.

On the second table strong Russian team from Magnitogorsk won with the team from German Saarland University 3:1 and in the semifinal hits against the biggest favourite of the tournament from the Polish Angelus Silesius State School of Walbrzych. Coach of Russian team Vladislav Alontsev knows that tomorrow his players wait for the most difficult rival: ***"In my opinion the two best teams of the tournament will meet. It will be early final. I expect hard battle of two top quality and equal teams,"*** noted Vladislav Alontsev.

European Universities Table Tennis Championship in Olomouc

Team competition - Results:

Quarterfinal – men

Technical University of Ostrava (CZECH REPUBLIC) - Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences (FINLAND) 3:1

Michal Benes – Otto Tennilä 3:2 (9,-10,2,-9,6), Ondrej Bajger – Aleksii Hustonen 3:1 (-5,2,8,7), Roman Rezetka – Pauli Hietikko 1:3 (9,9,-9,11), Ondrej Bajger – Otto Tennilä 3:0 (5,1,4).

Kozminski University (POLAND) - University of Nottingham (UNITED KINGDOM) 3:2, The Angelus Silesius State School of Walbrzych (POLAND) - Rzeszow University of Technology (POLAND) 3:0, Saarland University (GERMANY) - Magnitogorsk State Technical University (RUSSIA) 1:3.

Semifinal pairs: Technical University of Ostrava - Kozminski University, The Angelus Silesius State School of Walbrzych - Magnitogorsk State Technical University.

Quarterfinal – women

**Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa (POLAND) - University of Economics Prague
(CZECH REPUBLIC) 3:0**

Katarzyna Slifirzyk – Petra Zyková 3:0 (8,9,9), Roksana Zalomska – Lucie Ruzickova 3:0 (7,3,9), Kinga Falarz – Michaela Havlickova 3:0 (5,6,4).

University of Bordeaux (FRANCE) - University of Nottingham (UNITED KINGDOM) 0:3, Kozminski University (POLAND) - University of Paris 13 (FRANCE) 1:3, Kazan Innovative University (RUSSIA) - University School of Physical Education in Wroclaw (POLAND) 3:0.

Semifinal pairs: Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa - University of Nottingham, University of Paris 13 - Kazan Innovative University.

Complete results of European Universities Table Tennis Championship in Olomouc here: <http://tabletennis2017.eusa.eu/results>

Jan Bohac: It is hard to keep up with the rivals

Jan Bohac can't be overlooked among participants of the European Universities Table Tennis Championship in Olomouc. This tall student of the hosting Palacký University plays several roles at the tournament. In addition to being an ambassador of events supplementing the championship and the role of the sportsman who took an oath on behalf of other players at the ceremonial opening, he as the captain leads the Palacký University team.

His team eventually failed to advance to the elimination matches for medals. ***"Uni examinations consumed our whole time, so the practicing before the European championship was not very intensive. That obviously affected our performance. We've been doing our best, unfortunately it's still not enough to match the strong rivals,"*** says Jan Bohac and continues: ***"The quality of our rivals is at a very high level this year. Very strong teams came from Poland, Russia, France, and we must not forget our boys from Ostrava. The competition this year is excellent and it is really hard to keep up with our rivals."***



After the basic group matches Jan Boháč could hide his disappointment: ***"We wanted to advance from the group, but we could not manage. Now we will at least fight for the best possible placement and then we will try to break through in the competitions of individuals."***

European Universities Table Tennis Championship is being held the Czech Republic after ten years. Jan Boháč feels good about the so far course of the Olomouc tournament. ***"Yes, the organisation is on a very high level. As to the background, we absolutely cannot complain about anything. Boarding, catering and game conditions are adequate to European***

Championship. I think this is a very good event and we all are enjoying it here in Olomouc,”
adds 23-year-old Jan Bohac.

Accompanying programme of the European Universities Table Tennis Championship

- **Tour de Olomouc** (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

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 Universities Table Tennis Championship**
in Olomouc see: <http://tabletennis2017.eusa.eu>
