

Gold for Walbrzych and Kazan

Final rounds of team competitions were on the programme at the European Universities Table Tennis Championship in Olomouc today. The Angelus Silesius State School of Walbrzych from Poland took the title, in women category gold medals were gained by Kazan Innovative University from Russia. Winning teams confirmed the roles of highest seeded teams. They both didn't lose any match in the tournament and deservedly celebrated gaining the gold. Even table tennis from Technical University of Ostrava achieved big success. They advanced to the final in which they lost after a big battle against the big favourite of the tournament from Walbrzych.



The men from Technical University of Ostrava were the best among Czech university teams. Ostrava composed of Ondrej Bajger, Michal Benes, Roman Rezetka gained silver medals and in comparison to previous academic championship they improved by four places. "We didn't expect so easy victory" admitted Michal Benes after the semifinal match. ***"After an embarrassed beginning we gradually got calmer. Mainly***

Ondra played excellent. The final will be hard. Poles from Walbrzych are really great. We played against them last year at the universiade in Zagreb. We lost 0:3, had not many chances and also they played without Fertikowsky. The Polish team is surely the favourite of the final match. We will fight and we will see if it's enough," adds Michal Benes.

In the second semifinal athletes from Polish Superleague Floras, Chodorski and Ferikowski encountered with strong team from Magnitogorsk whose star is Gerassimenko. Just this duel was marked as early final by some participants. But the result finished clearly in favour of The Angelus Silesius State School of Walbrzych.



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In the final match the table tennis players from Technical University of Ostrava kept up bravely with the favourite from Walbrzych. After great performance of Ondrej Bajger who gained two points the state was 4:4 after the four singles. In the decisive match Pawel Fertikowski beat Michal Benes and decided about tight victory of The Angelus Silesius State School of Walbrzych. ***"It was enormously hard match. Czech boys made us big worries when performed in great form. We beat them easily 3:0 at the universiade one year ago. Today our team was stronger than in Zagreb and still it was a big battle. All the singles were so tight. I'm happy we finally succeeded but it was not easy at all,"*** summarized Tomasz Durajczyk, the coach of Walbrzychu.

The women teams event was dominated by Kazan Innovative University. Table tennis players from the Russian university won against University of Paris 13 in the semifinal and also against Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa in the final, 3:0 in both matches. Anna Blazhkova, Ekaterina Guseva and Svetlana Mokhnacheva were excellent having gone through the tournament without any hesitation.



European Universities Table Tennis Championship in Olomouc

Teams competition - Results:

Men's - semifinal

Technical University of Ostrava (CZECH REPUBLIC) - Kozminski University (POLAND) 3:0

Michal Benes – Antoni Witkowski 3:0 (6,8,7), Ondrej Bajger – Tomasz Wisniewski 3:0 (12,10,6), Roman Rezetka – Pavel Koziel 3:0 (4,10,5).

The Angelus Silesius State School of Walbrzych (POLAND) - Magnitogorsk State Technical University (RUSSIA) 3:0

Robert Floras – Ilya Zhidkov 3:0 (5,5,6), Pawel Fertikowski – Kirill Gerassimenko 3:2 (9,-8,6,-5,10), Piotr Chodorski – Bekulan Zhamal 3:0 (6,10,4).

Final

The Angelus Silesius State School of Walbrzych - Technical University of Ostrava 3:2

Robert Floras – Michal Benes 3:1 (-8,8,8,5), Pawel Fertikowski – Ondrej Bajger 0:3 (-5,-10,-15), Piotr Chodorski - Roman Rezetka 3:1 (6,4,-9,6), Robert Floras - Ondrej Bajger 0:3 (-7,-9,-9), Pawel Fertikowski - Michal Benes 3:1 (6,8,-8,6).

Women's - semifinal

Kazan Innovative University (RUSSIA) - University of Paris 13 (FRANCE) 3:0

Anna Blazhko – Qiwen Xiao 3:1 (7,-7,10,9), Ekaterina Guseva – Qwen Geronimi 3:2 (6,-6,9,-6,4), Svetlana Mokhnacheva – Kadidiatou Gouressy 3:0 (6,11,3).

Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa (POLAND) - University of Nottingham (UNITED KINGDOM) 3:1

Katarzyna Slifirzyk – Liu Haoyu 3:2 (13,9,-4,-7,9), Roksana Zalomska – Maria Tsaptsinos 3:1 (3,11,-9,8), Kinga Falarz - Yolanda King 1:3 (-10,12,-6,-10), Roksana Zalomska - Liu Haoyu 3:2 (11,-5,6,-5,9).

Final

Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa (POLAND) - Kazan Innovative University (RUSSIA) 0:3

Roksana Zalomska - Ekaterina Guseva 1:3 (-5,-11,3,-9), Katarzyna Slifirzyk – Anna Blazhko 1:3 (7,-9,-4,-6), Kinga Falarz - Svetlana Mokhnacheva 0:3 (-6,-8,7,-5).

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

Kirill Gerassimenko transferred to Grenzau!

Twenty years old Kirill Gerassimenko will as the historically first Kazakh play in the top German Bundesliga club. TTC Zubrücke Grenzau showed interest in talented young man who is transferring from Austrian team HiWay Grill Kapfenberg.



Kirill Gerassimenko will in Grenzau again meet with respected manager and coach Dirk Wagner who took care about him in the years 2010 till 2016 in Werner Schlager Academy in Schwechat. Kirill Gerassimenko participated at the Olympic Games in London 2012 and even at World Championship 2017 in Düsseldorf. Since the new season he will settle down in Germany permanently. In

Grenzau he can surely expect interesting engagement. **“Such an offer can not be refused. It is big challenge for me. I am glad, I will practice and play again under Dirk Wagner,”** says Kirill Gerassimenko.

At recent World Championship Kirill Gerassimenko played the main competition in which he failed in the first round. **“I had no luck for the draw. I lost already 3:4 in the first round**

with good defender Wang from Slovakia. It was a very hard match. I don't really like playing with defenders. In spite of this fact I could win. It's a pity but it was good experience for me," continues Kirill.

At the European Universities Championship in Olomouc Gerassimenko, 132nd player in the World Ranking, belongs to the favorites of the tournament. Kirill with his team - University of Magnitoborsk reached the 3th place in the teams competition of the European Universities Championship in Olomouc

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

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>
