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Celebrating Futsal and counting (lots of) goals!

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Yesterday we assist several games full of emotion day and goals. In the third competition day more great exhibitions and lots of goals are expected, in the light matches schedule.

Due to the fact of the Nigerian and Iranian teams had given up the competition, both France and Russian male teams join the Russian female team in the audience. Despite that, Wednesday is the resting day.

45 goals and counting...

At the end of the second day of competition, 32 athletes have already scored!



In first game of the day, Poland won over Israel for 2-1, the same score that Ukraine reached against Thailand. According, Dima Klochko, Ukraine's player, the team was "waiting some difficulties in this game", cause they "watched several games from opponents". Russia had a great result, scoring 6 goals against none from Czech Republic. Spain reached the victory over Kazakhstan for 6 goals against 2.

The Brazilians started their competition against Oman, in a difficult match. If it was expected that Brazil could win easily, the truth to be told is that Oman was a good opponent. The final score was 3-1, for Brazil. The female's competition started with the current champions, Brazil. Against Russia, the brazilians showed good indications for this championship, reaching a 4-0. The biggest surprise of the day was the

high advantage with which Portugal won over France (11-0). Maria Martins, captain for portuguese team, expressed that they want to be "more competitive", mostly in the match against Brazil, that uses to be imbalance. Remembering the low number of female teams in competition, she regreted the fact that some countries could not be present, due to lack of support from their Federations of Soccer.

Celebrating sports

In this championship, besides of Futsal, the audience can watch some exhibitions of skating, sponsored by the Just Show Academy. According to Paula Cruz, the physical trainer, "it has been a great opportunity", to

show this sport. "We've started recently and the only support we had had is from University of Minho, so we need to thank the institution", said. In the opening game break, they presented a group performance about Peter Pan's history. In next days, spectators could watch some individual performances. Paula Cruz talked about the importance of making a partnership with Hockey from Braga, in order to reach the status of federated. This modality doesn't have a great visibility, mostly in Minho, where there are just 8 skating clubs. "Our idea is to launch a few more groups", explained her.

Today's calendar

In respect of male's competition, Poland plays against Thailand, in the first game of today, in PEB (9.30am). At the same time, in Gualtar, China faces Czech Republic. At 11.45am, that spot receives Ukraine and Israel. In the afternoon, in PEB, will be the turn for Kazakhstan to play against Oman (2.30). In the evening, Brazil faces Spain and Portugal faces Azerbaijan, at same time (7pm). The first match is on PEB and the second one is in Gualtar. The games of Russia and France will not be realized, due to the given up of Iran and Nigeria teams, having both a rest day. Women's tournament has two matches today. At 2.30pm, starts the game opposing France and Brazil. After this match, it will be Portugal and Spain playing against each other, at 4.45pm. Both games are played in Gualtar. Russian team doesn't compete today.



Play with us!

This World University Championship is bringing many people to the countertops of Parque de Exposições de Braga and Gualtar Campus. Despite that, all over the world people are carefully following the competition through the website and facebook, that a team of volunteers have been updating. Besides that, every

single match is being broadcast in streaming. The press have been releasing some news about the event, and to consult it you just have to enter the official website www.wuc2012.uminho.pt In this website, as well as in facebook, you'll also find all the photos. Tag yourself!