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HANDBALL 2014

Guimarães Portugal
22nd World University Championship



The group stage is ON!



Today was the day of serious competition! The 22nd World University Handball Championship kicked with the first games of the group stage, in female and male competition.

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Iñaki Tome

Team Captain of Spain

How was the game with Japan?

We found the team we expected. A strong back and an impressive defense team, which could create many problems to our team. In the beginning, we got a bit nervous with difficulties but by the end of the game our team managed to overcome these problems.

Which are your goals to this WUC Handball?

The aims of Spain are clear. The first one is to think game by game. Throughout the week of preparation we don't think in any other team except the Japanese team and so we enter the changing room only think in Romania, our next game. We are aware that it will be very difficult hereafter.

What do you think about the city of Guimarães and the organization of the event?

We are all very pleased with the event organizers. The city is very welcoming and the people are very nice. At this moment we have no complaints. We want to congratulate the organization and thank for everything, specially the Spanish squad that came to see us today.

Do you believe that Spain can win this competition?

We don't talk about winning the World Championship or anything. Theoretically, today was a game that if we did it right, we could win easily. We're already thinking about tomorrow's game with Romania and we hope that the team is good.

Let's get the party started!



At Inatel Sports Hall, in the female group A, Russia won, comfortably, against Japan by 33-24. The Russian team was always at the front and they have managed this advantage right until the end of the game.

In another match of the same group, the home team debuted in a WUC Handball with a victory against Mexico by 24-17. The Portuguese efficacy combined with more than 10 consecutive defenses of the goalkeeper Andreia Costa allowed Portugal to reach the victory.

The first game of Group B resulted in the first tie of the championship (23-23) between Brazil and Spain. Spain was ahead on the scoreboard most part of the time, but Brazil managed to reach the draw, benefiting from several good defenses of their keeper.

In group C, Poland faced the Republic of Korea, in a game that dictated the victory of the Koreans by 30-25. Poland started better, but gradually Korea recovered and passed for the lead.

Also in group C, Romania beat Uruguay by a significant difference, 32-15. Since the beginning of the game, Romania was at the front of the marker. Despite the clear effort of Uruguay, Romania defense proved to be a difficult obstacle to overcome.

In men's competition, in group B, Turkey beat Russia by a short margin, 24-23. It was a great game with Russia almost always ahead in the scoreboard. In the final ten minutes, Turkey managed to turn the result in their favor, and held it till the end of the match. In group C, played in the Multiusos Sport Hall, the Spanish team won against Japan by 33-31. The game had a very balanced beginning, with Japan being stronger for 10 minutes, losing the advantage to Spain from there on.

In the same group, Brazil and Romania faced each other. The game was very well played from the first moment, but Brazil got the victory in the final moments of the match (33-29).

In the only game of Group A, Portugal won against Egypt by 34-29, encouraged by the public that came to support the home team of the event, at Multiusos Sports Hall. Portugal started well and struck first, getting slight edge in the marker, early in the game. During the second half, Portugal was effective in the attack and benefited from some errors of the Egyptian team, extending the result to 34-29.

Male Competition

August 5th Calendar

A1	Portugal	B1	Czech Republic	C1	Brazil
A2	Chinese Taipei	B2	Russia	C2	Spain
A3	Egypt	B3	Turkey	C3	Japan
		B4	Mexico	C4	Romania

	HOME TEAM	VS	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
15:00	Mexico	VS	Russia	UMINHO SPORTS HALL
15:00	Romania	VS	Spain	MULTIUSOS SPORTS HALL
20:00	Chinese Taipei	VS	Portugal	MULTIUSOS SPORTS HALL
20:00	Turkey	VS	Czech Republic	UMINHO SPORTS HALL
20:00	Japan	VS	Brazil	INATEL SPORTS HALL

Female Competition

August 5th Calendar

A1	Portugal	B1	Czech Republic	C1	Romania
A2	Russia	B2	Brazil	C2	Poland
A3	Japan	B3	Spain	C3	Korea
A4	Mexico			C4	Uruguay

	HOME TEAM	VS	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
12:30	Mexico	VS	Russia	INATEL SPORTS HALL
12:30	Uruguay	VS	Poland	MULTIUSOS SPORTS HALL
17:30	Japan	VS	Portugal	MULTIUSOS SPORTS HALL
17:30	Spain	VS	Czech Republic	UMINHO SPORTS HALL
17:30	Korea	VS	Romania	INATEL SPORTS HALL

August 4th Results

HOME TEAM	R	VS	R	AWAY TEAM
Russia	23	VS	24	Turkey
Spain	33	VS	31	Japan
Czech Republic	34	VS	21	Mexico
Brazil	33	VS	29	Romania
Portugal	34	VS	29	Egypt

August 4th Results

HOME TEAM	R	VS	R	AWAY TEAM
Poland	25	VS	30	Korea
Brazil	23	VS	23	Spain
Russia	33	VS	24	Japan
Portugal	24	VS	17	Mexico
Romania	32	VS	15	Uruguay

