

Thursday December 27
Day 2 – Apeldoorn
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Northern Lights 16-1

After exploring the Windmill Village, we headed to the Stayokay hostel, where we will be staying the next three days. We played Lindsey's game—bowls—and Mafia and had dinner (pasta and salad). Later, we had a brief team meeting and then headed back to the room all nine of us shared. The room was cold because Emma decided to leave the window open, so we closed the window, turned on the heat, and sprayed the entire room with air freshener. Everyone was exhausted, so at 8:30, we all crashed.

After getting a total of 11 hours of sleep (not 12, Payton) we had toast and cereal for breakfast. We left for the Omnisport Arena and carpooled with the Russian team that was staying at the Stayokay as well. Our first match was at 11 against a team from the Netherlands. We came back from behind, thanks to Kira's serves, and won the first set 25-20, but lost the second 25-18. Then we ate lunch and played another team from the Netherlands in a gym across the street. We won both sets. After the match, we went back to the main gym and talked to a guys team and a girls team, both from the Netherlands.

Later today at 5:00, we are going to beat a Russian team. You can hear more about it tomorrow.

Signing off from Apeldoorn, your international news reporters, Ava and Kira!