

Saturday December 29
Day 4 – Apeldoorn
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Northern Lights 16-1

Last night we went to our first ever European party, we sang karaoke in front of everyone. At the party we socialized and danced with many people we saw play volleyball. We thought their music was very different and we weren't used to the style of dancing they all did. We really recommend dancing and singing with everyone, it is a very good social event.

This morning we got up to play our final day of volleyball in the Apeldoorn tournament. We played the same teams as we did the other days and beat them both 2-0, placing us in 5th place overall. The 16-2s also played two matches and lost the first but won the second which places them in 3rd overall.

This afternoon we got to watch men's volleyball which is something that isn't as common in the U.S. we thought it was really crazy how good the men are here in Europe and how hard they can hit the ball and jump. We would highly encourage everyone to watch mens volleyball game in person so you can really see the high intensity and power they use.

Lastly we took a long walk across the parking lot in the bitter cold with a slight drizzle to get Dutch pastry's. The pastry's here are consisted of fried dough with sugar on top and sometimes raisins. They were served fresh and warm and really were a delicious treat. Curt also took the 16-2s to get some pastry's too, but unfortunately the place was closed at that time.

We are off to go meet our future husbands right now so we are signing off for the day!

With love Payton and Lauren

Editor's note: After this was written Payton Evenstad was awarded MVP for the Girls Division we were in.