

Sunday December 29

Day 4

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Northern Lights 16-1

Yesterday we got up at 9 and had breakfast! We had croissants with yogurt and fruit. Then we went back to our rooms to get ready to go play. We left the hotel at 10:40 and when we got to the gym, we had lunch. For lunch we had sandwiches with yogurt and a lot of oranges.

After lunch, we got ready to play in the semifinal game. The team we played in the semis we had already played twice. We split with them both times before, and with the championship game on the line we knew we had to win. We ended up losing the first set, but we won the second set to take it to a third. We won the third set to win the match and go to the championship game.

The championship game was at five, so we had three hours off. During that time, we watched some very good matches. We also watched the 16-2s play in their last game, they were playing for fifth place. The team they played; they had lost to the first day. We played that team as well, but we won. The 16-2s played very well, but they ended up losing the first set. They came back in the second set and won to take it to a third. They won the third set as well to get fifth place in the tournament.

During their game the older Swiss team came and sat with us, and they taught us all their cheers. We also taught them some of ours. After the 16-2s game, it was almost time for our game. We went downstairs and got our shoes on and waited for the match on our court to finish. When it was over, we got on the court and started to warm up. The 16-2s came and cheered us on the whole game.

We lost the first set, but we came back in the second to take it to a third set. This was the championship match, so we knew everything was on the line. We fought with everything we had, but we fell short at the end. Even though we didn't win, we knew that second place was still a great accomplishment.

After the match was over, we watched the end of the boys championship game, where the two Canadian teams were battling it out. After their game there was an awards ceremony. They handed out trophies, medals and MVP trophies to all the top 3 teams. After that we went back to the hotel and had burgers and fries for dinner.

At the table they had water and sparkling water, but no one could tell the difference between the two. A lot of people ended up drinking sparkling water, instead of regular water. After dinner we had our meeting where we talked about our plans for today, and what we thought went good and bad at the tournament. After that we went back to our rooms and packed up our suitcases and went to bed.