

Eurohockey Indoor Club Challenge 1 Men 2024 Ferrara Italy. 14.2-20.2 2024

HT's first trip to Europe in a long time began in the early hours of February 14, overshadowed by strikes. However, all the players and officials were happily able to reach the airport, where the flight to Venice via Frankfurt left at around 7:00 AM. Marco Polo airport welcomed us during the afternoon, the flight lasting approx. 7 hours with stopovers. The host team Hockey Bondeno's people were waiting there and the journey from Venice to beautiful Ferrara began. After arriving there, the first day was mostly spent on accommodation and getting to know the local area.

15.2. was the so-called Day zero, which included checking the team's equipment, training and a TD meeting in the evening

16.2. The real action began in the form of games. HT's first opponent was Egitok from Hungary, that team had entered the tournament with promotion in mind and it was visible in everything they did. HT hung in the game as much as they could, but in the end the opponent was clearly better with a score of 3-9. The second game of the day was against Cardiff&Met team from Wales. This match was even from start to finish and HT was locked in a tie until the end, but in the last moments of the match, shortly after HT's goalless equalizer, the Welsh managed to complete the final numbers 4-5.

17.2. The first opponent of the morning was Predanovci from Slovenia. This match also started evenly, but towards the end, the opponent started to turn the match around. After the Slovenians took a 4-2 lead, HT still tried to get a result without a goalkeeper, Predanovci made the final numbers 2-7. The second match of the evening was against Bulgaria's Slavia. The strain of the tournament started to show a little in the team and the opponent could no longer be challenged in the same way as in previous matches. However, the team fought, even though the final numbers were a 1-5 loss.

18.2. The last day of the tournament and the last match. Opponent is Lithuanian Zuvedra. The long tournament showed its difficulty and challenge in this match. The team couldn't really get their machines started at any point and mistakes happened all the time. The first 15 minutes were managed, but then the opponent went on to finish the scores 0-6, this being the only game in which HT failed to score. After this, there was still the closing ceremony of the tournament and the HT team's own closing dinner. The tournament was a great experience for the team and taught a lot. Clear areas of improvement for the team were found and we will start working on them so that the results could be better in the future. You can browse photos and moods of the tournament, as well as match reports, on HT's social media platforms.

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