



MKS Basket Szczawno Zdrój wins the U15 tournament

The sixth U15 tournament took place in the Polish city of Zgorzelec. The players played in a modern hall for more than 3,500 spectators, which was certainly an interesting experience for them. The tournament offered so many changes that even before the last match it was not clear who would occupy the medal positions.

In the first match of the tournament, the home team PGE Giek Turów Zgorzelec played against the eventual winner of the tournament MKS Basket Szczawno Zdrój. And they were the only team in the tournament to beat them, by a margin of almost twenty points. In the second match, we could watch the duel of Czech teams, specifically BK VIVIDBOOKS Pardubice and Sokol Pražský. The Pardubice "Beksa", which is a little closer to Zgorzelec than the "Sokolíci", seemed fresher along the way and won a fairly comfortable victory by a margin of more than twenty points. In the next match, the younger home team, which completed the tournament due to the absence of one of the German teams, bravely resisted a more advanced opponent, who also came from Germany, namely the HAKRO Merlins Crailsheim team. The inexperience of the home team was evident and the "Magicians" had a relatively easy path to victory.

On Saturday morning, the "Sokolík" team played an even match with the Polish team MKS Basket Szczawno Zdrój. After the first quarter, the "Sokolík" team leads by several points, then the game is even. The Sokolík team has problems with the combined defense of the Polish team and eventually loses the match by a difference of eight points. Another team that fell into the "joints" of the Polish team's zone defense was "Beksa". This type of defense, which is practically not encountered in the domestic competition, forced them to many losses, which the Polish opponent took full advantage of and won by a difference of twelve points. This greatly confused the table, since the three teams have a balance of four wins and one defeat. So Sunday's program promised some nice drama.

And that's what happened. First, the sleepy "Beksa" gambled with its position in the table for half of the game, losing to the magicians from Crailsheim. The enthusiastic German team confirmed its quality and gave the Czech team a good beating. Finally, "Beska" recovered and confirmed its paper expectations. Now it had to wait until the last game between the "Sokolíky" and the home team, since only a loss for the Czech team would ensure victory in the tournament. The Sokolíky, on the other hand, had to win over the home team in order to win the bronze medals. In the meantime, however, a game was played between the younger home team and the eventual winner MKS Basket Szczawno Zdrój. Now for the last game of the tournament, which offered everything you can expect from basketball. Drama, twists, great performances, sadness, tears and great joy. In the first half of the match, the Sokols suffered from a large number of personal fouls, which the referees "rewarded" them with. Even under this pressure, the result was almost even in the middle of the match. The third quarter was not good for the Czech team, and after it the home team, which was playing actively and euphorically, was enjoying a seventeen-point lead. It seemed that the decision was made. A completely different Sokol Pražský, which was already playing weakened by some players due to personal fouls. You could say "a bench revolt", the players are fighting for their lives and in the final minute and a half before the end they take the lead for the first time. Another whistle from the referee almost sent them to their knees, another personal foul, another "fouled" player and there are only four players available for the game. I don't think even the players know how they managed to defend the home team's superiority in euphoria and thanks to a win by just one point, they can celebrate winning the bronze medals. The home team is sad about winning the "potato medals". This win by the "Falcons" pushed "Beksa" to second place in the tournament, thanks to a worse match with the Polish team MKS Basket Szczawno Zdrój.

Final tournament standings:

1. MKS Basket Szczawno Zdrój (Poland)
2. BK VIVIDBOOKS Pardubice (Czech Republic)
3. Sokol Pražský (Czech Republic)
4. PGE Giek Turów Zgorzelec (Poland)
5. HAKRO Merlins Crailsheim (Germany)
6. PGE Giek Turów Zgorzelec 'B' (Poland)

The following players received individual awards:

MVP:

Piotr Resiak (MKS Basket Szczawno Zdrój)

All-star team:

Tobiáš Tulis (BK VIVIDBOOKS Pardubice)

Adam Horčíčka (Sokol Pražský)

Mateusz Sawicki (PGE Giek Turów Zgorzelec)

Mika Rossmann (HAKRO Merlins Crailsheim)

Alan Furmański (PGE Giek Turów Zgorzelec 'B')

Top scorer of the tournament:

Piotr Resiak (MKS Basket Szczawno Zdrój) - 135 points (27.0 points per game)

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