



Academy Potsdam wins the U12 home tournament

The winner of the fifth tournament in the U12 category was the Academy Potsdam team, which secured a ticket to the final tournament. It was not an easy journey at all, as Potsdam only secured victory in overtime twice.

But let's go in order. The first day of play begins with a duel between Academy Potsdam, which defeats BK VIVIDBOOKS Pardubice. The second match offered a Polish derby between SKM Zastal Zielona Góra and AK Orly Wrocław. Zastal did not put up much resistance to the Orly and lost by more than thirty points. The first round closes with the team AK Stal Ostrów Wielkopolski, whose opponent was the South Bohemian team Sršni Písek. The Hornets had their stingers sharpened and in the first quarter they gain a double-digit lead, which they cherish and increase until the end of the match. Friday offered a dramatic game, where the main role was played by the home team and the Polish Zastal. The home team gained a solid lead immediately in the first quarter, guarding this lead for three quarters. In the last quarter, the home team seemed to run out of breath and drama was born. Despite Zastal's great efforts, the home team eventually managed to maintain their lead and win by seven points.

Saturday was full of dramatic matches. First, Potsdam played a huge battle with the team Sršni Písek. The match ultimately had to be decided in overtime, where Písek won with its best performance of the tournament by just four points. The home team apparently did not have enough basketball yet, so its second match of the day went into overtime, this time with the Polish team AK Orly Wrocław. Another great match in this category, when Potsdam won in overtime for the second time. Another dramatic match was in the match between Písek and Zastal. Písek, apparently tired after the great performance against Potsdam, did not show everything from its repertoire and lost to the team SKM Zastal Zielona Góra. In the final accounts, thanks to this loss, Písek lost the bronze medals, even though they defeated the eventual winner of the Academy Potsdam tournament. The day closed with a match between AK Stal Ostrów Wielkopolski, whose opponent was Beksa from Pardubice. A very competitive match, where the atmosphere was unfortunately affected by a mistake by the scorer. On the other hand, the players on the field fight like lions and in the end Beksa is happy with the closest possible victory by one point and at the same time is happy with its first victory at the CEYBL tournaments in the U12 category. And that is really very happy, one could say that it was "cute" :-)

Sunday started with a match between Wrocław and Písek. A wonderful match of this category was decorated with great performances, great passes and difficult shots. Basketball that was a joy to watch. In the final match of the tournament, the home team went hard for their own and did not let anyone move that they would let their participation in the final tournament be taken away. AK Stal Ostrów Wielkopolski thus took away this euphoria of the home team with a heavy defeat.

Final tournament standings:

1. Academy Potsdam (Germany)
2. AK Orly Wrocław (Poland)
3. SKM Zastal Zielona Góra (Poland)
4. Sršni Písek (Czech Republic)
5. BK VIVIDBOOKS Pardubice (Czech Republic)

6. AK Stal Ostrów Wielkopolski (Poland)

The following players received individual awards:

MVP:

Egon Engeliën (Academy Potsdam)

All-star team:

Jan Grudniewski (AK Orly Wrocław)

Mikołaj Maciąg (SKM Zastal Zielona Góra)

Jan Šmíd (Sršni Písek)

Nikolas Dominik Sokol (BK VIVIDBOOKS Pardubice)

Samuel Fras (AK Stal Ostrów Wielkopolski)

Top scorer of the tournament:

Egon Engeliën (Academy Potsdam) - 98 points (24.5 points per game)

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