

Pool Play Begins



Canada and Colombia in the spirit circle. Photo by Deepthi Indukuri

Points On The Board

After yesterday's sunny spells, today could only be described as a typical British summer affair. Gusty winds and showers hung for large portions of the day, but of course nothing could dampen the spirit or level of play here in London.

As many may have predicted, USA continued their winning ways in all divisions. Perhaps less expected, India presented the first serious resistance taking 9 points in their matchup with the 2013 mixed champions. Later in the day, Japan Women came back hard after a 5-1 deficit but were still unable to convert their pressure into an upset. With this win USA passed their first test of the tournament 17-13 in a streamed show game that saw plenty of worldwide buzz.

The Women's division featured closer games between Great Britain and Germany with the hosts losing out in sudden-death, and the Germans losing in similarly close circumstances to Colombia. Australia and Canada also had strong starts, and held off the competition to win both of their games.

The Mixed teams stand divided as five teams get two wins, and another five start with two losses. Only Chinese Taipei

and Germany ended the day with a win and a loss, with Taipei getting the better of the Germans to win 12-10 in their meeting.

Finally, the Open games saw the majority of the largest division going to seed. One match-up of note was the Colombia vs. Denmark game which saw a tense and physical battle ending 13-12 to the South Americans. Whilst a Danish player was unfortunately injured in the game (we send our best wishes for a swift recovery) both teams displayed impressive resilience and passion at such an early stage of the tournament.

With two days of pool play remaining, no team's fate is sealed and all is to play for as the 2015 World Under 23 Championships continue.

By David "DP" Pryce, Josh Coxon Kelly and Charlie Blair

Check out the current stats leaderboard...

Women's : Sara Maria Builes (CAN) 9 assists, 2 goals.
Mixed: Joshua George (GBR) 6 assists, 4 goals
Open: Matt Richardson (NZL) 5 assists, 6 goals

Tomorrow's Schedule

Tuesday

Pitch	1	2	3	4 / Arena	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Pitch	
09:30 11:10	USA v COL Women	CAN v GBR Women		COL v PHI Mixed	JPN v POL Open		IRL v PHI Open				JPN v AUS Mixed	CAN v RSA Mixed	USA v DEN Open		SUI v MEX Open		09:30 11:10	
11:30 13:10	JPN v AUS Women			GER v NZL Women		CAN v NZL Open		AUS v BEL Open		IRL v TPE Mixed	GER v IND Mixed	USA v GBR Mixed		COL v NED Open		GER v ESP Open	11:30 13:10	
13:30 15:10		USA v GBR Women	COL v SWE Women		Pitch Maintenance						JPN v PHI Mixed	COL v RSA Mixed	CAN v AUS Mixed	GBR v DEN Open	JPN v SWE Open	AUT v IRL Open	ITA v SUI Open	13:30 15:10
15:30 17:10	JPN v GER Women	CAN v AUS Women		IRL v IND Mixed					GBR v TPE Mixed			USA v GER Mixed	USA v NED Open	NZL v POL Open	AUS v PHI Open	GER v MEX Open	15:30 17:10	
17:30 19:10	SWE v NZL Women		CAN v SWE Open		GBR v COL Open				AUT v BEL Open		ITA v ESP Open						17:30 19:10	



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Player Profile

Years playing Ultimate: 8

Pump up song: Fight song by Rachel Platten

Greatest Frisbee achievement: captaining this tournament

Personal Highlight: My first layout catch against a NZL women's National team legend

Sickest thing you've seen on an Ultimate pitch: Stanley Peterson's highlight reel

Frisbee idol: Octavia Payne

Funniest player on the team: Emily Camuso. Loud, has a funny accent, is amped and random

Smelliest player: Julia Forde, farts in my room

Sexiest kit at the tournament: The Netherlands

If not repping your own team, who else? Japan, I like their style

Favourite thing about Britain so far: Everything looks like Coronation Street!

Useful Information

- Please make sure if you exit the venue on foot you use the pedestrian exit, and not the driveway
- After each game please try to clear your pitches and sidelines of *all* rubbish and recycling
- Don't forget to look after your personal possessions, there is already lost property (found at the information desk)
- Check out the new live area of the official tournament website



Brigette from NZL Womens. Photo by Deepthi Indukuri