

16 Madrid UWH tournament

United Nations of Switzerland

19th May 2012

Once more, Zürich UWH players ventured forth to Madrid to defend the second division championship title that the Swiss team had won the previous year. Our team was an even broader mix of nations than usual, with players from seven countries across four continents lining up to fly the Swiss flag. It was the first outing of the new "Suisse" UWH costumes, which attracted a lot of attention and admiration from other players. Our bright red team look not only helped to boost the regard with which we are held by other teams, but also the team spirit.

The tournament was held in the same pool as last year, with two playing areas and a nice fast smooth-tiled bottom. But the pool had very loud music, so that general announcements were mostly unintelligible.

Although there were also teams from Italy, Netherlands and Ireland, the majority of the other teams were from Spain itself. Many of the Spanish teams were new even to the experienced players, so it was

really good to see the sport growing well in Spain.

We won only three out of nine games. However, we won the important ones, as we managed to place second in the second division, only one place lower than last year, and surprisingly came ahead of several teams who had beaten us in our games.

After the tournament, we had dinner in a Spanish restaurant in the town center, which was crowd and noisy again. We came back from this tournament with a lively but noisy memory of Madrid :).

Silvania Avelar



*Silver for Switzerland. Martin, Michiel, Silvania, Kevin.
Missing: Gaëtan, Renaud, Dave, Leigh, Favio*