

26 UWH Porto tournament



6. - 8. March 2015

Pucks, port wine and sleep deprivation. It's awesome.

Allow me to explain:

Underwater Hockey Zurich (the Wahoos) along with six other teams participated in the 24 hour Porto tournament from 6th-8th of March. It started at midnight on Friday and ended 24 hours later. Longer for some of us ;).

It comprised of 16 hours of games and 8 hours of socialising, which included a trip to the world famous Taylor's Port winery and an amazing after-party.

Representing The Wahoos were Silvania, Robin, Olivier, Fanny, Tulin, Stefan, Sara B., Zsuzsa, Krishna and Martin. The latter, while not being with us in the water, was certainly there in spirit (a real comfort you might say) and refereed from start to finish. The games were spaced every one to two hours and we did our best to play consistently, catching sleep where we could and fighting through the fatigue when we couldn't. In total we played seven matches, winning two and coming

in sixth overall. I felt we played well, learned a lot and had fun, and at the end of the day that's what made this tournament great.

My other takeaways from the tournament are as follows,

1. Porto is an amazing and vibrant city, and they organise great UWH tournaments.
2. LBV stands for Late Bottled Vintage
3. The strategic importance of a time-out
4. Children's teams and teams with children are two very different things
5. Underwater hockey is fantastic. (I did actually know this before, but it's well worth repeating.)

I would like to thank the rest of the Wahoo's for putting in all their effort and in particular to Robin and Silvania for being captain and vice-captain.

On behalf of The Wahoo's I would also like to thank the other teams that participated, Tania, Rui and the rest of the organisers who hosted the whole event sublimely.

Krishna



Wahoo Women / Group photo in the pool

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Sleeping at the pool



Cannonball



Swiss chocolates for our host



Taylor's Port winery



Group Photo at the Party