

Wahoo at Bud Pig 2015

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On Saturday, 2nd May 2015, Zurich's Underwater Hockey team (Wahoo) participated in the 8th Bud Pig Cup in Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic. The competition was split into two divisions, a men's/mixed division with 15 teams and a women's division with 9 teams. Wahoo fielded one team for each division - the first time ever that we have had a women's team. Other teams came from Poland, Germany, Hungary, Turkey, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Slovenia and of course the Czech Republic. In total over 100 games were played over the course of 11 hours and the tournament was magnificently concluded with a huge dinner and a massive party. We arrived in Ceske Budejovice on Friday and dropped our bags off at

the hostel where we would be staying. From there we walked to the world famous Budweiser Budvar Brewery, where we toured the factory and then ate lunch in the brewery restaurant. The rest of the day was spent shopping, relaxing and carbo-loading (an essential part of any tournament). On Saturday we arrived at the pool early and set up our spots next to the pool, with both men's and women's teams sitting under a proudly flown Wahoo banner.

The Wahoo women's team comprised Fanny (captain), Katherine, Mollie, Janine, Bettina, Tulin, Julie and Audrey, the latter two joining us from Geneva and Grenoble, respectively. They played against the other 8 teams in their division and came out 8th of 9 overall, a very respectable outcome considering that it was the first time that



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Wahoo have ever fielded a women's team. Well done girls!

The Wahoo men's team comprised Robin (captain), Richard (vice captain), Olivier, Martin, Daniel, Krishna (me), Fabian (from Hannover, playing in his first tournament), Maciej and Guillaume (the latter two, like Julie, coming from Geneva). We were also joined in some of our games by Philipp and Favio, who were playing for the British team Pandemonium. Due to the size of the men's division, teams were split into three round robin groups, the top 3 of each group forming a "top" playoff group and the bottom two of each group forming a "bottom" playoff group. In our round robin group we won two and lost two, placing 3rd and progressing to the top group, something we had never previously accomplished. In this group, we drew two games and lost four. This meant that we came in at 8th (out of

15), an impressive result considering the calibre of the other teams.

I would like to thank the Wahoos, Maciej, Guillaume, Audrey, Julie, Philipp and Favio for playing so amazingly and to the organisers for managing so many teams so smoothly.

So to summarise our achievements

Three 8ths

- 1) 8th Bud Pig Cup
- 2) Wahoo men 8th place
- 3) Wahoo women 8th place

Three 1sts

- 1) a Swiss team at the Bud Pig Tournament
- 2) a Wahoo women's team
- 3) a Wahoo team qualifying for the top tier playoff group in the round robin

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Das Wahoo-Frauenteam am Bud Pig