



Academy NH Ostrava wins the U17 tournament

Ostrava used the start-finish system to compete in the ninth U17 tournament, which took place in Sered', Slovakia. The other teams have been showing inconsistent performances throughout the tournament and are losing to each other, which is affecting the overall standings as if they were the fate of the Mates

lottery.

In the first match, the home team Sered' defeated the German team of magicians from the city of Crailsheim. The second match offered a Czech derby and, let's say, a very crazy one, starring BCM Olomouc team and Basketpoint Frýdek-Místek team. The first quarter did not bring much basketball joy, only fifteen points were scored. In the second quarter, Olomouc took over and it seemed that by building a double-digit lead, they were taking control of the match. However, the opposite was true, apparently the half-time speech in the locker room had a greater impact on the Basketpoint players and at the end of the third quarter they gained a two-point lead. The last quarter was a tug-of-war for every free ball and in the end, let's say, the luckier team was the team from Frýdek-Místek. In the last match of the first round, the Polish team Korona 1919 Krakow offered a tough fight with Academy NH Ostrava team. What can I say about it - a hall full of testosterone, incredibly difficult physical battles, but in the end the Czech team withstood its experience from such battles better and won by a margin of thirteen points.

Saturday offered two matches that developed differently than the paper predictions suggested. First, the HAKRO Merlins Crailsheim team caught Basketpoint Frýdek-Místek on the back foot. Then, Olomouc surprised Krakow with its active play in the second half and earned a well-deserved win.

On Sunday, Krakow first confirmed their bronze medal win over the HAKRO Merlins Crailsheim team. Although they still had to worry about their position due to a slowdown in the last quarter. The second match offered a direct battle for first place in the tournament between Ostrava and Olomouc, let's say that the guys from Ostrava apparently like Olomouc cheese, because Ostrava really bit into Olomouc from the beginning and left no one in doubt that they were going hard for their own and heading for the gold medals. In the last match of the tournament, Basketpoint easily dealt with the home team Sered'a and was only one basket short of reaching the magical hundred-point mark.

Final tournament standings:

1. Academy NH Ostrava (Czech Republic)
2. BCM Olomouc (Czech Republic)
3. Korona 1919 Krakow (Poland)
4. Basketpoint Frýdek-Místek (Czech Republic)
5. BK Lokomotíva Sered' (Slovakia)
6. HAKRO Merlins Crailsheim (Germany)

The following players received individual awards:

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Daniel Kormanik (Academy NH Ostrava)

All-star team:

Robin Šporik (BCM Olomouc)

Patryk Ebo (Korona 1919 Krakow)

Filip Čejka (Basketpoint Frýdek-Místek)

Patrik Hrdlovič (BK Lokomotíva Sered')

David Lillienthal (HAKRO Merlins Crailsheim)

Top scorer of the tournament:

Patrik Hrdlovič (BK Lokomotíva Sered') - 92 points (18.4 points per game)

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