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MIDWAY THROUGH POOLS
TIME TO START SPECULATIONS

At the end of day two of pool play, the top teams are starting to reveal themselves in the Men's Division. So far the Belgians, Canadians, and Americans are undefeated, but the Japanese certainly belong in that top tier conversation. The teams fighting for the bracket will be Austria, Colombia, Denmark, Germany, and Great Britain in Pool A.

In Pool B, Ireland and New Zealand are both fighting to overtake the top four in Australia, Belgium, Canada and Italy, while the Swiss, Chinese, and Russians are trying to get some wins and momentum going. Positions will be solidified today!

The Women's Division looks a little more simple at first, but don't let yourself be fooled! Behind the usual teams up front, the battle for placement in the power pools is going on.

Though nothing can be changed for USA and Japan to take the top seeds, some of the other places are still up for grabs. It's on teams like Germany, New Zealand, Great Britain, and Canada to show what they can do.

The big story in the Mixed Division was Latvia's thumping upset of the Netherlands, 15-8. Arvids Orlovskis had five assists and a goal to lead the Latvians.

WEATHER FORECAST:

SUNNY. COOL TEMPERATURES IN THE A< LEADING TO MID-DAY HIGHS OF 25° C. WINDS OUT OF THE NORTH AT A LIGHT 10KM/HR. SAME AS YESTERDAY, BUT FEWER CLOUDS.

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PLAYER PROFILE

MALTE SPANUTH (#31 GERMANY MEN'S)

MALTE IS FROM BAD RAPPENAU, GERMANY (NEAR HEIDELBERG), HE'S 22 YEARS OLD AND REPRESENTING GERMANY FOR THE 7TH TIME.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU PLAYED WITH GERMANY?

I STARTED IN 2012 WITH PLAYING U17, AND I WAS ON THE TEAM EVERY YEAR SINCE THEN: TWO TIMES U17, THREE TIMES U20, AND U24 FOR THE SECOND TIME NOW.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST GAME YOU EVER PLAYED WITH GERMANY?

YES I DO, I TORE SOME LIGAMENTS TWO WEEKS BEFORE THAT, BUT STILL PLAYED THAT GAME WITH A LOT OF PAIN KILLERS. WE DID END UP WINNING THE TOURNAMENT THIS YEAR.

IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY PET AT ALL, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A FALCON, PROBABLY. I AM FASCINATED BY THEM.

OF ALL THE ULTIMATE TOURNAMENTS YOU HAVE BEEN TO, WHICH ONE HAD THE BEST PARTY?

I THINK IT WAS WORLDS U24 IN AUSTRALIA. ALTHOUGH WE LOST AND ENDED UP 4TH PLACE, IT WAS GREAT TO CELEBRATE WITH THE TEAM AFTER SUCH AN INTENSE PREPARATION AND WEEK TOGETHER.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE KARAOKE SONG?

"BREAKING FREE"

