

FINAL FIREWORKS TO CELEBRATE THE 20TH EDITION !!

It's already the last day ! In a few hours, the 20th edition of the Tchoukball Geneva Indoors will have lived, and lived well.

The school and junior tournaments put the event on good tracks before the entry of the National teams. The final firework, proposed by the organizers, has been in line with the expectations.

The Nations Cup and its apotheosis of yesterday evening, as well as the Open with its 27 teams, enabled to light the fire. And the evening went on perfect and smoothly, with the official parties destined to mark this event like no others.

MATCH TO COME

The 'bouquet final' scheduled this Sunday, one week before Christmas, will be cast in the same mould, given the enthusiasm and passion expressed by one side or the other. From 9h to 17h, the Champions Cup will crown the best amongst the 19 club's teams from Italy, France, Switzerland and Czech Republic.

SWITZERLAND ALLOWS ITSELF THE LUXURY TO BEAT TAIWAN IN THE FINAL OF THE NATIONS CUP

Champion of Europe 2016, the Swiss women team confirmed its status of live contenders during the final of the Nations Cup yesterday evening at the Centre Sportif du Bois-des-Freres. **Victorious on the score of 48-43** against the World Champions coming from Taiwan, the squad coached by Jonas Gaeche is ready to meet the international deadlines. **On the men's side**, Switzerland has lost 54-50 in final against Italy A, whereas the **M18** overcome the Italy A team by 48-43.

Victorious of Taiwan for the second time in 72h, the World Champion, the Swiss women players savored this success in front of enthusiastic spectators. Almost with no voice, Jonas Gaeche, the Swiss coach, is delighted with this victory. «It's a great satisfaction to have been able, in the final, to dominate a rival who was much stronger than on Thursday. The comeback of the older players has enabled the team to gain in maturity, and is encouraging for the European and World Championships. A statement that Deborah Noirjean, just impressively efficient on her side of the field, has confirmed. «I look forward to what is to come next. We have really found a good balance between us. And if I managed to score, let's not forget the my teammates' actions in getting the ball. But what I will remember the most, it's that my dream of beating Taiwan came true.»



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In looking at it, Samantha Urbania, the Swiss men's coach, has highlighted the qualities of the transalpines. «They have deserved to win, by displaying a more stable game. One thing I see is that the boys have fought until the end. We ended 2nd and 3rd vs 5th and 6th in 2015. This shows that we are on the right track.

Vice-Champions of Europe this summer in Czech Republic, the M18 have kept the momentum going. This, even if Loic Herinckx, their coach, was far from thinking that such a feat could be achieved. «This victory is a real pleasure, and proves that training is rewarding and worth it. The boys managed to push their limits in the 3rd period. The additional boost provided has halted Italians' aspirations. The boys demonstrate a wonderful maturity.»

Results of yesterday

Results of the Matches of the Nations Cup of Saturday 17 December

Men tournaments

Semi-finale M18: Swiss - France 79-31
Semi-finale M18: Italy A - Italy B 60-59
Finale for the 3rd place: SwissB - ItalyB 52-47
Finale M18 for the 3rd place: France - ItalyB 50-64
Semi-finale: ItalyA - SwissB 62-37
Semi-finale: SwissA - ItalyB 69-61
Finale M18 for the 1st place: Swiss - ItalyA 49-43
Finale for the 1st place: ItalyA - SwissA 54-50

Women tournament

Finale for the 3rd place: ItalyA - Czech Republic 46-37
Semi-finale: Swiss - Czech Republic 49-37
Semi-finale: Taiwan - ItalyA 49-40
Finale for the 1st place: Swiss - Taiwan 48-43

Ranking Nations Cup



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Women tournament

1st	Swiss
2nd	Taiwan
3rd	Italy A
4th	Czech Republic
5th	Italy B



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M18 tournament

1st	Swiss
2nd	Italy A
3rd	Italy B
4th	France



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Men tournament

1st	Italy A
2nd	Swiss A
3rd	Swiss B
4th	Italy B
5th	Czech Republic
6th	France



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Open tournament ranking

(the first 15 teams, all the results are posted on our website)

1st -	Now you see us (CH)
2nd -	Faucons de Pdv (F)
3rd -	Delémont (CH)
4th -	Lancy Bis (CH)
5th -	La Tchaux Wasp (CH)
6th -	Tchoukmyball (CH)
7th -	Psouci Praha (CZ)
8th -	Les Canailles (CH)
9th -	Bourg en Bresse (F)
10th -	Carouge (CH)
11th -	Flying Twats (CH)
12th -	Banana Tchouk (CH)
13th -	Hispanos ('E)
14th -	La Tchaux Hornet (CH)
15th -	Madrid Olé Stars ('E)



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DID YOU KNOW IT...

If Dr. Hermann Brandt has invented Tchoukball in the 60's, the **International Tchoukball Federation (FITB)** was brought into the spotlights on 5 June 1971 when it was founded, driven by France and Switzerland. Dr. Hermann Brandt has presided it before offering his position. To be noted that Daniel Buschbeck, current chairman of the Organizational Committee of the TGI, has also chaired the FITB from 2003 to 2009.



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CLAUDE-PETER CONTESSE, REFEREE : «FAIR PLAY IS SOMEHOW THE TCHOUKBALL'S DNA»

Who does not know Claude-Peter Contesse ? Both in the canton of Neuchatel where he lives and at the edge of a field, his tall body and his accent do not go unnoticed. This referee, empowered to arbitrate international matches since 2004, feels like a fish in the water within the team of about thirty women and men dressed in grey, whose coordination is ensured by Thomas Produit.

The Tchoukball, he discovered it at the end of the 80's, in a gym room of La Chaux-de-Fonds. «I just came to watch, and I've received a T-shirt, a short and a pair of sneakers in response. I've the got into it and played a but more seriously until 2001, before following a referee course. After a one-day training and an evaluation during a match, I've found myself at the edge of the fields still with the same pleasure.»

Regardless of the hours and part of his time spent on one of his several passions, Claude-Pe-

ter Contesse has continued to improve. «In 2004, at the World Championship held in Taiwan, I took part in a course for international referees, with the purpose to harmonise rules by taking into consideration the linguistic interpretations. Since 2007, I am acting as trainer for new referees. Every year or almost, I have given lessons, either in Switzerland or abroad. The most difficult matters can be stated in two parts: with beginners, it is not always easy to satisfactorily referee, as there are many faults, ball transfers and penetrating the zone. With the high level play, our worries come from the speed of execution.



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On Tchoukball and its philosophy, the Neuchate-lois adds: «I'd like to highlight how glad I am every time I participate in events as important as the TGI. Fair play is somehow the Tchoukball's DNA. I don't know many sports where the athletes report themselves a fault they commit.»