

Flanders 10s Tournament in Dendermonde, Belgium

On the weekend of May 26-28, the part of the RC Zurich women's team which was not involved in the highly successful 7s European Championships in Zagreb, made its annual showing at the Flanders Open 10s Tournament in Belgium. The impeccably-organized 48-team tournament, saw 18 highly competitive teams entered in the women's division. Zurich's women, with additions from Basel, Bern, and Luzern, put together a patch-work team, over-represented in the forwards category. Since the other competing teams were mostly of 7s character, it put the swiss hodge-podge team at a distinct disadvantage in the speed department. Zurich lost its first game against the very strong and very fast Belgian team Dom City Babes with 6 tries to 0. In Zurich's second game, our ladies adjusted their strategy to play with greater emphasis on their forward-strength and with a very valiant effort fell 5 tries to 0 against the British Royal Army team, who turned out to be one of the top teams of the entire tournament. Zurich then lost its third game, a heartbreaker against Italy's Sesto Fiorentino, just 2 tries to 1. This concluded the first day of games at the Flanders Open tournament. Needless to say, the Zurich team not only put in a much better showing, but also came out much more victoriously from Saturday night's epic Pirates of the Caribbean Theme-party...

Unfortunately the next day Zurich paid the price for the evening's "victorious performance", losing 3 tries to 1 to Oxford in their final game.

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