

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2005/2006

PRESS RELEASE

Reports of the 6th round:

GROUP A:

As was to be expected, the record champion Royal Villette Charleroi's vest remains spotless. Vladimir Samsonov scored 2 safe points and Jean Michel Saive had some problems to begin with against Trinko Keen, but grew stronger and secured the 3rd point. The only disappointment was Alexej Smirnov's performance, who lost to Cheung Yuk while actually fighting only in the first 2 games. Charleroi will now play Zagreb in the quarterfinal, and Grenzau will enjoy the advantages of their home ground against the reigning champion TTV RE-BAU Gönner.

The second match in this group showed the Polish champion leaving last place and handing it to G.V. Hennebont. The surprising away win was mostly due to Wang Zeng Yi, who won both his matches and gave neither Artur Grigoryev nor Daniel Gorak a chance. Marcin Kusinski defeated Wang Xin safely 3:0, granting Gloska a slightly better game ratio and therefore 3rd rank. The lack of their number 1 Kalinikos Kreanga proved fatal for the French top club.

Sunday, 4. 12. 2005, 05:00 p. m. : Royal Villette Charleroi – TTC Zugbrücke Grenzau 3:1

Saturday, 3. 12. 2005, 07:30 p. m. : G.V. Hennebont TT – LSK Odra Röben Gloska 1:3

GROUP B:

The duel for group victory was decided by an unexpectedly clear away win by the reigning champion. The first match was a kind of predecision: Jörg Roskopf performed at his best this time around against Tan Rui Wu and got his satisfaction for the recent defeat at home. During the highlight of the evening Timo Boll defeated Croatian icon Zoran Primorac without losing a game, only the first 2 games went to overtime with the German world class ace proving his worth on both occasions. Roko Tosic then had to fight hard against Slobodan Grujic due to the 0:2 and managed to reach a 5th game, but was defeated rather clearly in it. Zagreb is awarded for this home defeat with Charleroi in the quarterfinal while Gönner will meet national rival Grenzau on the first weekend in January.

The second match of the group sported the headline of "who ends up last", something S.A.G. Cestas only needed 3 games for in order to prevent it. Liu Song delivered 2 of those during the first match against Richard Vyborny and after his close defeat Finn Tugwell secured the 3rd overall rank via an 11:7 in the 1st. The Italian champion was able to compensate it's fans by winning the home match clearly due to Mihai Bobocica winning his match, 2 of it's games turning into veritable marathons and coming to a definite end in the 5th.

Friday, 2. 12. 2005, 07:00 p. m. : STK „Vecernij List“ Zagreb – TTV RE-BAU Gönner 0:3

Sunday, 4. 12. 2005, 07:00 p. m. : ASTT Pieve Emanuele Milano – S. A. G. Cestas 3:0

GROUP C:

The Spanish champion has now reached the quarterfinal due to the clear home victory. To begin with He Zhi Wen had some problems against Peter Karlsson, but after deuce 1 he managed to play better and secured a 3:1. Fan Guo Liang and Robert Gardos didn't lose one game against Damien Eloi and Rodolphe Despres, the clear overall win was never challenged. The quarterfinal then promises to be extremely attractive, since the Spaniards are playing Borussia Düsseldorf, and Levallois takes it's leave of the Champions League with 3rd place.

The already definite group winner TTF Liebherr Ochsenhausen remained unchallenged in Budapest even though they did not appear in best nomination (Chuan Chih-Yuan missing again). The first match introduced the momentum for the rest of the match. Janos Jakab only just lost to Fedor Kuzmin in 5 games and Zoltan Varga never actively entered the game against Pär Gerell. After Adam Lindner's easy 3:0 over Dmitrij Mazunov it was all over. Jakab had to concede defeat against Gerell as well, leaving the Hungarians with 4th place. Group victor Ochsenhausen will now play SVS Niederösterreich in the quarterfinal.

Friday, 2. 12. 2005, 07:00 p. m. : Club Cajagranada Tenis Mesa – Levallois SCTT 3:0

Saturday, 3.12. 2005, 05:00 p. m. : BVSC Budapest – TTF Liebherr Ochsenhausen 1:3

GROUP D:

The match was a simple formality concerning the overall standings. The Austrian club had already secured 2nd place and therefore the quarterfinal, and only Düsseldorf losing in Angers could have enabled them to win the group. Start Horni Sucha didn't have anything to gain from 3rd rank either. The young Daniel Habesohn managed a surprising 3:1 win against Peter Sereda during the Lower Austrians clear away victory, proving his worth in the 2 last, very close games and showing a true winner's drive and skill. TTF Ochsenhausen will now come to Schwechat for the next round.

Borussia Düsseldorf won the group in Angers in able manner. The loss of Michael Maze due to his injury was of course a disadvantage, but Christian Süß played well this time and did not lose one game in both his matches against Sonnet and Yang Min. The success was founded on Bastian Steger's exciting and close 5 game win over Yang Min. Cedric Cabestany scored the hosts' honourable point against the other number 3, Ryusuke Sakamoto. Düsseldorf will now play Cajagranada Tennis Mesa in the quarterfinal.

Friday, 2. 12. 2005, 06:00 p. m. : Start Horni Sucha – SVS Niederösterreich 0:3

Saturday, 2. 12. 2005, 08:00 p. m. : Angers Vaillante TT – Borussia Düsseldorf 1:3

RANKING OF THE GROUPS

GROUP A

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	Score	Points	Ranking
Royal Vilette CHARLEROI	BEL	(A)	---	3-0	3-0	3-2	---	3-1	3-0	3-1	6-0	12	1			
TTC Zugbrücke GRENZAU	GER	(B)	0-3	---	3-2	3-0	1-3	---	3-2	3-0	4-2	10	2			
G.V. HENNEBONT T.T.	FRA	(C)	0-3	2-3	---	3-1	0-3	2-3	---	1-3	1-5	7	4			
LKS Odra Rôben Gloska	POL	(D)	2-3	0-3	1-3	---	1-3	0-3	3-1	---	1-5	7	3			

GROUP B

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	Score	Punkte	Reihung
STK "Vecernji List" ZAGREB	HRV	(A)	---	3-2	3-0	3-0	---	0-3	3-1	3-0	5-1	11	2			
TTV Re-Bau GÖNNERN	GER	(B)	2-3	---	3-0	3-1	3-0	---	3-1	3-0	5-1	11	1			
Pieve Emanuele Milano	ITA	(C)	0-3	0-3	---	0-3	1-3	1-3	---	3-0	1-5	7	4			
S.A.G. CESTAS	FRA	(D)	0-3	1-3	3-0	---	0-3	0-3	0-3	---	1-5	7	3			

GROUP C

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	Score	Punkte	Reihung
BVSC BUDAPEST	HUN	(A)	---	2-3	2-3	1-3	---	1-3	0-3	1-3	0-6	6	4			
TTF Liebherr	GER	(B)	3-2	---	3-1	3-1	3-1	---	3-1	3-0	6-0	12	1			
Club Caja GRANADA	ESP	(C)	3-2	1-3	---	3-1	3-0	1-3	---	3-0	4-2	10	2			
LEVALLOIS Sporting Club	FRA	(D)	3-1	1-3	1-3	---	3-1	0-3	0-3	---	2-4	8	3			

GROUP D

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	Score	Punkte	Reihung
ANGERS Vaillante TT	FRA	(A)	---	1-3	1-3	1-3	---	1-3	1-3	1-3	0-6	6	4			
Borussia DÜSSELDORF	GER	(B)	3-1	---	3-0	3-1	3-1	---	3-1	1-3	5-1	11	1			
Start Horni SUCHA	CZE	(C)	3-1	0-3	---	2-3	3-1	1-3	---	0-3	2-4	8	3			
SVS NIEDERÖSTERREICH	AUT	(D)	3-1	1-3	3-2	---	3-1	3-1	3-0	---	5-1	11	2			

In the groups 2 match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss and 0 for a loss in a not played or unfinished match. If 2 ore more teams have gained the same number of match points, their relative position shall be determined by the results only of the matches between them, taking successively the

numbers of match points, the ratio of wins to losses in individual matches games and points.(Reg.G. 9)

*(Borussia Düsseldorf – SVS Niederösterreich 3:1, 1:3, games: 18:17,
LSK Odra Röben Gloska – G.V. Hennebont TT 1:3, 3:1, games: 17:14,
S.A.G. Cestas – ASTT Pieve Emanuele Milano 3:0, 0:3, games: 14:11)*