



Press release
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INTERNATIONAL BEACH TCHOUKBALL TOURNAMENT 2006

After two days of sensational matches, the International beach tchoukball Tournament came to an end. The first rounds took place on Saturday in the Vessy stadium, while the second part, the finals and semi-finals, were played on the hot sand of the "Beach Stadium" in the centre of Geneva, on Sunday.

Two breathtaking finals

The women from the Taiwanese team Ping Tong and the Swiss team Helvetica offered an exceptional match to an encouraging audience. The Swiss fought hard but the match was dominated and won by an incredibly young and talented Taiwanese team.

The men's final ended the International Tournament. The English from Eastern Region and the Swiss from Team Lausanne Plus kept the audience involved during 3 sets. Finally the English won this amazing match. Although they were disappointed, the players of Team Lausanne Plus showed their happiest smile on the second place of the podium

Hard Ranking

In the women's tournament, Helvetica M18 and Europa fought for the third rank. Driven by their captain Carole Greber, the players of Europa won the first set before losing three sets to one in the end, placing themselves at the fourth rank.

On the men's side, the young players of Helvetica M18 defeated the Czech team of Usti in a thrilling game for the seventh rank. Helvetica II won against the experimented players of Geneva, hence reaching the fifth place. Later on, after four sets, Helvetica I won the third rank against Lausanne, a team full of motivated players, who have to put up with the fourth place.

Expanding Tchoukball

Tchoukball, born in Geneva, is a sport that is experiencing an incredible expansion as has been demonstrated by the broad international presence this week-end. The success of the popular tournament, won by Vernier against London, coupled with the wonderful weather and the enthusiasm of the players and the audience have made this tournament an unforgettable experience.

This first edition of the International Beach Tchoukball Tournament is a success for the tchoukball community led by the International Federation of Tchoukball. The project could not have been realized without the sponsors, Lemman Bleu, Radio Lac, 20Minutes, as well as the players and the devoted staff.

Final Ranking:

Men:

- 1) **Eastern Region (UK)**
- 2) **Team Lausanne Plus (CH)**
- 3) Helvetica 1 (CH)
- 4) Lausanne (CH)
- 5) Helvetica 2 (CH)
- 6) Genève (Intl)
- 7) Helvetica M18 (CH)

8) Usti (CZ)

Women::

- 1) **Ping Tong (ROC)**
- 2) **Helvetica (CH)**
- 3) Helvetica M18 (CH)
- 4) Europa (Intl)