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Report from Pre-Selection Camps held in Stockerau (AUT) and Kiskunfelegyhaza (HUN)

• Pre-Selection Camp I was held from July 26 – August 2 in Stockerau (AUT) and it was brilliantly organized by the host UTTC Stockerau and the head manager of the club Mr. Stanislaw Fraczyk.

A total of 16 players (7 boys and 9 girls) from 7 countries and 8 of their coaches attended the camp.

The overall camp training program (12 training sessions) was carried out by the coaching team consisting of Karsai Ferenc, Halmai Attila and Aranyosi Levente, who led the program with the help of all other present coaches.

Considering that only 16 players attended the camp, we were able to put a greater focus on individual improvement of technical and tactical elements.

All players and their coaches were provided with excellent hotel accommodation and food in the camp. In addition to this, the organizer gave all participants the possibility to use the outdoor pool and organized a half-day bicycle tour through nearby parks and along rivers, free of charge.

 Pre-Selection Camp II was held from August 5 – August 12 in Kiskunfelegyhaza (HUN) with a record number of 47 players (20 boys and 27 girls) from 16 countries, and 17 of their coaches attending the camp, including a total of 12 sparing partners and 6 coaches led by Mr. Karsai Ferenc.

The camp program, which was divided into three different training sections on each day, was carried out through 13 training sessions and 3 sessions of the final tournament played between all participants. All players took turns in the

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40 minute program scheme consisting of individual many-balls-training (8 tables), of technical and tactical exercises and of practical activities including numerous and excellently prepared exercises to improve coordination, stabilization and situational physical fitness.

Considering that more than 60 players attended the camp, the overall camp training program was realized to the full benefit of all camp participants, and almost every coach and player expressed great satisfaction with all conditions at the camp, as well as with its contents.

In the end, it should be mentioned that a full evaluation process was carried out at both camps. The total number of nominations and invitations for the final Selection Camp, which will be held at the beginning of October in Otočec (SLO), will depend on the number of invitations from the Eurominichamps tournament, which will be held in Schiltigheim (FRA) at the end of August.

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