

Denmark surprises with a win, USA starts with two losses

The first day of the tournament showcase four games. Spectators who came for the first game of the tournament were lucky to witness a tie-breaker game. The remaining three games ended surprisingly on a run-ahead rule.

Denmark opens with a win

Team USA scored early in the game, when two pitches passed the Danish catcher at the worst possible time. Denmark fought back immediately. First, the Terkelsens duo took care of the first run, with another hit by Jorgensen, the score turned to 2:1 for Denmark. Both teams added more runs one by one. The score was 3:3 in the top of the 7th. It was Nicolai Elsner, a young talented Dane, who decided the game in the bottom of the 8th: “The game for me was pretty good with the walk-off hit. That was nice, a great game overall. We were the underdogs in the game, but it is great to start a competition with a win.” Denmark won 5 – 4.

Japan without hesitation

Back to back games for Denmark were a too difficult test. Japanese just performed better than Denmark in the second game of the day. Ikeda (2 for 2) and Matsuda (2 for 3) had a great game and helped their team to seize the first win. The final score was Japan 8 – Denmark 1

Bad day for Team USA

Whoever plays against the World Champion is considered an underdog. It was a tough position for the squad representing North America. Jerome Raemaki hit a homerun in the 1st inning, and Cole Evans in the 2nd. Besides the two runs, the game was tight, it was still anybody’s game. Bottom of the 5th, two outs, Black Sox at bat. It started with a walk and a hit-by-pitch. Followed by a few singles the game was suddenly 7-0 and a run-ahead-rule was in effect.

Not what the Czechs imagined

In their opening game, the hosting nation – Czech Republic – faced the representative of South America – Argentina. The game was not what the Czechs wished for it to be like in front of the full home crowd. None of the three Czech pitchers managed to keep the Argentinian bats quiet; they scored six runs in the 3rd, and added four more in the 4th. Santiago Carril had a blast hitting 3 for 3 including a grand slam. Final score Czech Republic 0 – Argentina 10