



Flanders International Team Challenge

Women's Artistic Gymnastics

30-31/05 Ghent - Belgium

Flanders International team Challenge – Belgium takes the silver,
Germany wins the gold!

Today is the last day of competition in Ghent. After yesterday's qualifications, national teams are coming back in the team final and hope to make the podium! Our TOP-Delhaize Team, juniors and seniors combined qualified in 5th place.

First rotation: Ireland and Brazil + Italy on vault, France and the Netherlands on the uneven bars, Spain and Great Britain on beam and Germany and Belgium on floor.

Flavia Saraiva and Rebeca Andrade, from Brazil, performed great and clean vaults to start their competition. Andrade did an Amanar, one of the most difficult vaults in the world.

In this first rotation, France's Lorette Charpy started on bars where she performed cleanly and stuck her double layout dismount. Valentine Pikul had some form breaks but her routine was good. Lieke Wevers from the Netherlands was last up on bars and unfortunately had a fall.

On beam, Great Britain's Maisie Methuen showed control and beautiful acrobatic series while Gergina Hockenhull earned 13.500.

On floor, Maïke Enderle for Germany went out of bounds twice but the rest of the routine was good. Tabea Alt showed all her energy in a very dynamic routine with great tumbling passes.

Belgium's **Maellyse Brassart (Gym Phénix)** was first up on floor for a good routine (12.550). **Lisa Verschueren (Sportiva Sint-Gillis Waas)** was beautiful on floor, showing expressivity and good difficulty (13.550). **Nina Derwael (TK Sta Paraat – P.H.H. Hasselt vzw)**, who won the gold medal in the all-around final yesterday in the junior competition, delivered a solid performance to earn 13.450. **Rune Hermans (Gym Haacht)** pleased the crowd with her big smile and power to earn 13.800.

Second rotation: Germany and Belgium on vault, Ireland and Brazil + Italy on bars, France and the Netherlands on beam and Spain and Great Britain on floor.

On vault, Germany's Florina Harder stuck her double twisting yurchenko. **Gaëlle Mys (OTV Nazareth - 13.700)**, **Julie Meyers (TK Sta Paraat – P.H.H. Hasselt vzw - 13.700)**, **Rune Hermans (13.550)** and **Maellyse Brassart (13.750)** all performed the same vault, a full twisting yurchenko.

Rebeca Andrade from Brazil got a great 14.500 on the uneven bars.



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France's Marine Boyer looked much more confident than in qualifications and performed a good routine. After a fall on bars, Marieke van Egmond from the Netherlands unfortunately had another mistake on beam. The young Dutch gymnast seemed to be a little bit impressed to be there.

Great Britain's Maisie Methuen performed a clean and beautiful routine while her teammate Georgia Mae Fenton unfortunately slipped and fell on one of her landings. Charlie Fellows then delivered a clean performance before Kelly Simm showed all her power in amazing tumbling passes.

Third rotation: Spain and Great Britain on vault, Germany and Belgium on bars, Ireland and Brazil + Italy on beam, and France and the Netherlands on floor.

On bars, one of Germany's best events, Pauline Shafer and Sophie Scheder made a great job for their team with good and clean routines. Tabea Alt, who won the silver medal at yesterday's juniors all-around final impressed with a beautiful routine and a stuck dismount. Elisabeth Seitz, who fell on bars yesterday, had no issues today and hit her routine.

Julie Meyers, from Belgium, was first up on bars and presented a good routine for 12.400. **Cindy Vandenhole (Vaste Vuist Lauwe)** hit her routine, showing great lines and a good dismount (13.400). Rune Hermans did her job by performing a great routine for 13.750 before Nina Derwael hit an amazing routine earning the best score for her team (14.600).

Melanie Dos Santos and Coline Devillard, juniors from France, presented routines with a lot of power and difficulties with double tucked saltos. Marine Brevet started very well with a double layout but had troubles on her second pass. She managed to finish well. The Dutch girls seemed to redeem themselves after a difficult start. Vera Van Pol and Lisa Top performed beautiful floor routines.

Last rotation: France and the Netherlands on vault, Spain and Great Britain on bars, Germany and Belgium on beam, and Ireland and Brazil + Italy on floor.

Great Britain had a good rotation on bars until Kelly Simm had a very scary fall. Luckily, she didn't seem to be injured and managed to finish her routine.

Sophie Scheder did a good job for Germany presenting routine with difficulties such as side somersaults. Unfortunately her teammate Elisabeth Seitz fell.

Lisa Verschueren managed to save her wolf turn and finished with a stuck double picked dismount for 13.550. **Julie Meyers** performed a good front tuck somersault and a back handspring layout step out for 13.200. **Nina Derwael** was next. She performed an elegant routine but fell on her back handspring layout step out. She managed to recover well to end her routine and earned 13.000. **Gaëlle Mys** ended the competition for Belgium with a solid



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routine and a back handspring back handspring to a layout step out and a stuck double piked dismount for 13.850.

On floor, Brazil's Flavia Saraiva had some troubles with her landings but showed a good full twisting double tuck and a double piked while her teammate Leticia Costa performed a great double layout.

Team final standings:

1. Germany – 219.815
2. Belgium – 216.000
3. Brazil/Italy – 214.800
4. France – 214.550
5. Great Britain – 207.950
6. Spain – 203.900
7. The Netherlands – 203.850
8. Ireland – 187.950