U21 GC Worlds Day 2

Day 2 started off with a cold breeze and developed fairly heavy showers later in the day. The manager had made the good decision to get all blocks through five rounds by the end of day two and to have best of 5 semis and final.

Best match of the event so far was a thriller between Felix Webby and Edward Wilson. Edward won the first 7-5 before Felix stormed back 7-2. The final game was nip and tuck with a long tussle at hoop 9 that Felix managed to win to go 5-4 up which he extended to 6-5. Edward took the match to the final hoop and Felix immediately took good position. Edward hit his clearance half ball on the left, but Felix still had the first attempt with a 5 yarder. This failed and Edward ran a straightforward hoop to claim the win and a spot in the knockout.

In block one, Caitlin Smith continued her good form, taking a game off Omar El Said. Josh Freeth has yet to lose a game and looks likely to win the block, but second position is still wide open.

In block two, if either Felix Webby or Ahmed El Nahas win both their remaining matches, they will probably take second place behind Edward Wilson.

In block 3, Jason Hodgett took a game off Edmund Fordyce and looks to have a good chance of reaching 4/6 match wins. Both Nadine El Menoufi and Connell Leahy have their fate in their own hands and Edmund Fordyce looks to be in a strong position to win the block.

In block 4, George Coulter remains unbeaten. Mohamed Rashad, Lachlan Hughes and Declan Leahy are all still in contention.

Tomorrow will see the final two rounds of the block stage followed by the play-offs to break ties for 2nd/3rd places in each block if necessary. In the first set of games, we will have the top seeds from each block playing against the four Egyptian players, which should be interesting.

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