

Kinross Teams in Belgian Volleyball Competition

Two Kinross teams which compete in the Perth & District Volleyball League travelled to Belgium in the mid-August weekend to take part in the 46th annual De Haan Tournament.

Kinross Scotrange and Kinross Mongrels were joined by local rivals Team Fife as they travelled by road to Hull before to cross the channel to Zeebrugge before the onward journey to De Haan where they entered under team names featuring "McDuvells." The Fife and Kinross men's teams were competing in the top regional league with the Mongrels' side competing in the mixed recreational league.

It was a very windy Saturday which made it difficult for everyone of the sixty teams competing in the annual tournament.

The tournament rules see teams play only two sets which saw Kinross men's team opening with a drawn match winning the first set 25-21 and losing the second set by the same score. Their second match saw them lose to Mortsel VC of Antwerp before drawing again against The Bluebeards (die blaubaren). Their final match on Saturday saw them defeat a Dutch side to finish third in their section.

The Kinross Mongrels found themselves in a section of 6 teams playing KVCM Maasmechelen, a Belgian side which boasts 11 teams playing in national, regional and youth leagues. In a close fought first set the Kinross side lost out 22-25 before losing the second set 1-25. Next up was The Apologies and again the Kinross mixed team lost out by two sets to love. Team Bazooka were up next and again the Kinross side failed to make an impact on the eventual competition winners. The final two games against French side Spiritouze saw Kinross finally record a 2-0 victory, following this up with a drawn match against Schovoc Beverst volleyball club, another club operating 11 teams.

It was windy on Sunday too but not quite so bad as the Saturday. Sunday' morning's games saw the meeting of the Kinross and Fife men. Kinross led the first set 23-16 but an amazing fightback and some errors from Kinross saw Fife eventually win 26-24, 25-22. Team Fife faired better on the Sunday than their Kinross counterparts with the victory over their neighbours seeing them finish in sixth place overall with Kinross finishing seventh.

The Kinross mixed team also faired better on the Sunday, changing their formation slightly, winning three games and losing one to round off a wonderful weekend of international competition.

Indoor volleyball starts back at the Campus on the first Monday of September starting at 8 pm and finishing at 9:45 pm. Old and new members welcome in preparation for the new season in the Perth & District Volleyball League. We compete at Premier League and Recreational League levels with games played at Bell's Sports Centre on Sunday evenings from 6 pm till 10 pm.