

Wednesday December 27

Day 2

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Northern Lights 16-1

Today we started our first tournament in Amsterdam. We woke up and went to breakfast where we ate pancakes, eggs, MORE bread, and fruit. Everyone loved the pancakes and ate many. Then we went back to our rooms and got ready the day.

We took shuttles to the omni sport facility in Apeldoorn. The courts were very colorful, having a gym full of green courts and the other blue. There was too many lines to count on the courts; it was getting confusing. We played teams from Belgium, the Netherlands, and Germany. We also learned that at this facility they hold balls in shopping carts. Crazy!!

We were also soon to find out that they love to do chants with the whole court contributing. They also love to bang on drums very aggressively. After our first game, Curt took us to get Oliebollen, a doughnut like dessert with powdered sugar. It was very good. Then he brought us to one of the biggest Christmas stores we had ever seen. We would've gotten lost without him!

We got back and played the last 2 games to finish out the day. It wasn't the outcome we wanted, but we still had so much fun competing against people from all over Europe. On the bus back to our hotel, we rode with the Belgians and they played their music along with Party in the USA, just for us! We can't wait to continue to new friendships and memories tomorrow and the rest of the trip!!!

-Rayna and Grace