

Wednesday January 3
Day 9 –Innsbruck
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Northern Lights 16-2

When we woke up and ate breakfast we both had a croissant, pineapple slices, bacon, eggs, and hot chocolate. After breakfast we got ready and started our walk to the gym. We've been very lucky in Austria to have many sunny days, and that morning had a truly incredible sunrise. When we got there, we officiated. Caroline was the down ref and it was super fun to experience officiating a game.

Our first game we played we won in two sets. We played very well as a team and loved doing our ace cheer which we finally perfected.

For lunch we had toasted sandwiches with cheese and ham. We also got a side salad with noodles, peppers, salami, ham, and dressing. There was another team sitting at our table who were really excited when we traded shirts with them. We definitely didn't expect as many players to want to trade jerseys, but they did and it was awesome.

Later that night we went to the player party. It was super fun. A lot more space than the other party. Although the music wasn't as good, they played a variety of songs. Most of them were ones we didn't know, but they mixed some English ones into it. We took a lot of photos with friends we made, did a mosh pit, and a conga line. By the end of it, we were super sweaty and Jaelyn even cut her lip. So I would say it was a successful night.

On the way back we laughed and giggled about how fun the night was and were even sad because tomorrow would be the last tournament day in Europe. Both, Joy and Curt, talked to us about how we were going to have an early morning tomorrow, so we got to bed as soon as possible.