

Universiade Kazan 2013 (3.7.-12.7)

Kazan is the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, third capital of Russia, it's one of the largest economic, scientific and cultural centres in the country. The city celebrated its 1,000th anniversary in 2005. About 1,2 mln people – representatives of over 100 nationalities – live in Kazan in the atmosphere of cultural, religious and linguistic diversity. There are nearly 200,000 students from 67 countries studying in Kazan, Russia's top higher education institutions are concentrated here, among them Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University, Tupolev Kazan National Research Technical University and Kazan National Research Technological University. Students of Kazan are always among winners of national and international contests and holders of state scholarships by international and national funds, they also excel in sports.

Kazan has traditionally been one of top science cities in Russia. It's in Kazan University where Nikolay Lobachevsky developed the non-Euclidean geometry, Alexander Butlerov invented the theory of chemical structure for organic compounds, Karl Claus discovered the chemical element Ruthenium, Yevgeny Zavoisky opened the Electronic Paramagnetic Resonance and Semyon Altshuler made a theoretical prediction of the Acoustic Paramagnetic Resonance.



The first Summer Universiade in Turin in 1959 featured 7 sports. A little more than 50 years later Kazan set a record in terms of the number of sports included in its Summer Universiade sports programme. For the first time in WUG history, 27 sports were contested at the 2013 Games. Apart from 13 compulsory sports, such as athletics, basketball, fencing, football, artistic gymnastics, judo, swimming, diving, water polo, table tennis, tennis and volleyball, 14 optional sports were included in the Kazan 2013 sports programme: boxing, shooting, synchronous swimming, rowing, canoe sprint, sambo, wrestling, belt wrestling, chess, weightlifting, rugby 7, field hockey, badminton, beach volleyball.

Universiade in numbers:

166 participating countries

27 sports

12000 athletes

25000 volunteers



Badminton made its Summer Universiade debut at the 2007 Bangkok World University Games. And it was held for the second time during the 26th edition of the Summer Universiade in 2011. There were in total 40 participating countries in the badminton tournament. The tournament was played in Tennis Academy, next to Universiade Village. There was no tournament software but there was a scoring system done by TISSOT. It worked very well, the only remark is that there weren't any first names on the scoring devices, just surnames, which made things complicated when you had two sisters on court. ☺ All in all organization of the badminton tournament was excellent except of the small problem with transport at the end of the first day. They took a really good care about the umpires. In the hall there was a dining room with great food, as well as cafeteria and a lounge room. First three days were dedicated for the team event, then there was a one day break, followed by three days of individual event. There were 32 umpires (24 RUS, CHN, HKG, LAT, FRA, EST, SWE, POL, AUT) and about 70 line judges. We played on 8 courts with 4 line judges per court. Referee was Nils Petter



Johanson (NOR), deputy Pencho Stoynov (BUL). Altogether I had 36 duties: 15 duties in the individual event (SJ WD final), 21 duties in the team event (U XD and SJ MS final KOR-CHN).

Finals of team event:

XD: Lee Yong Dae / Jang Ye Na (KOR) beat Liu Cheng / Luo Yu (CHN) 21-14, 21-16

MS: Hong Ji Hoon (KOR) beat Gao Huan (CHN) 21-19, 17-21, 21-19

MD: Ko Sung / Lee Yong Dae (KOR) beat Chen Luoxun / Li Gen (CHN) 21-9, 21-11

Finals of individual event:

XD: Kim Ki Jung / Kim So Young (KOR) [3/4] beat Liu Cheng / Tian Qing (CHN) [5/8] 22-20, 21-14

WS: Sung Ji Hyun (KOR) [1] beat Tai Tzu-Ying (TPE) [2] 21-16, 29-27

MS: Tanongsak Saensomboonsuk (THA) [2] beat Gao Huan (CHN) [3/4] 21-12, 21-17

WD: Jang Ye Na / Kim So Young (KOR) beat Luo Yu / Tian Qing (CHN) [5/8] 27-25, 15-21, 23-21

MD: Ko Sung Hyun / Lee Yong Dae (KOR) [1] beat Vladimir Ivanov / Ivan Sozonov (RUS) [2] 13-21, 21-13, 21-13



We were very lucky to be able to attend the opening ceremony. It was dedicated to all ethnic groups living in Russia, history of Kazan and Russian science. Technology was combined with art to produce a marvellous spectacle. Within a tribute to science, astronauts sent their greetings from space to the athletes. The spectators were handed a gift package, consisting of a tulip-shaped hand fan, three flashlights, a bell and 3D glasses, with every one having a role to play in the show. It was absolutely amazing show but a bit too long-it lasted for 4 hours (we came back to the hotel around 3, and had to be up before 7) but it was worth of it.



I recommend, whoever can, to apply for European championships that will be held next year in Kazan. It's a beautiful town, with friendly people and great food.

Спасибо Казани!! до свидания

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