

## Eurosport 2019

“All students and teachers must be present in Schiphol at 4:30” This seemed like a terrible start to Eurosport, the distinguished and well-known sports competition between the European schools. Nevertheless, it was a paradoxical beginning to what was going to become a great and unforgettable week in Varese, the host of this year’s tournament.

Once we (students and teachers) had all gathered at the airport’s Burger King in our customized Bergen tracksuits, we already felt a sense of unity, one that we were going to carry for the rest of the week, representing the small yet great European School of Bergen.

As soon as the plane landed in Milan, we got on a bus to Varese, where we joined the other athletes from the rest of the European schools on a boat trip on Lago Maggiore. The boat trip included a brief stop and visit to Isola Maggiore, a small island situated in the lake. Even though it was raining, we were able to explore and admire the beautiful Italian scenery. Students sat down to enjoy some Italian pizza and Tiramisu, walked around, played card games, regardless of the weather.



The enthusiastic **teachers** Mr Hay, Ms van Boven & Ms Schoffelmeer during the boat trip.

First day - game on. After waking up and having breakfast in the breathtaking Villa Cagnole, we set off on our bus to the European School of Varese, to attend the opening ceremony after which Bergen's athletes separated into their respective teams. On the first day, the girls' futsal team, the boys' volleyball team and the table tennis teams competed. As the day continued our players' persistency and motivation did not fade and we can all safely say that we did our school proud, finishing the day with a feeling of accomplishment and hungry for some dinner at the Street food market that Varese had kindly organized for the players.



Students Hidde and Floris holding the Bergen sign at the opening ceremony.



**Mixed table tennis:** Ana & Tobi in the middle of a table tennis match.



**Boys Volleyball:** Diogo, Floris, Patrick, Hidde, Marteen, Max, Cem and teacher/trainer Mr Hay discussing their strategy to strike their opponent

Second day, Friday, it was the girls' turn to conquer the volleyball fields and the boys' turn to give it their all in futsal. And once again, both the boys and the girls finished the day with an overwhelming performance, leaving the pitch with a feeling of satisfaction.



The Boys' volleyball team enjoying a cozy and proper Italian meal after a long and exhausting day playing football.

Saturday, the last and long-awaited day, when the students from the 19 schools had to perform in the aquathlon. This was the last strike of Eurosport and Bergen was prepared for the challenge. The competition consisted of running 600 meters, swimming 50 meters and running 200 meters before reaching the start line where the player had to hand the baton to the next athlete who would take over and repeat the same circuit. 20 students had to participate in this last contest of the Eurosport's tournament 2019, and Bergen was able to perform consistently in the last game before returning home.





Athlete Ana running the Aquathon's circuit

Overall Eurosport 2019 was an incredible experience and memorable trip, full of sports, friends and good times, where the group got to bond more with each other off and on the pitch which both the students and teachers enjoyed thoroughly. A big thank you for everyone who participated and who took on the challenges and responsibilities on board in during those 3 full and intense days of matches and pizza tasting. And good luck to Bergen's future athletes in Mol 2021!



Bergen's team for Eurosport 2019 in Varese, Italy

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