

## ***F.L.B.B. GAME - REPORT***

TEAM : Luxembourg U20m  
OPPONENT: Slovak Republic U20M  
DATE : 07.16.13  
COMPETITION : European championship Div B  
PLACE : Pitesti- Romania  
REFS: Ponomarenko, Hickman, Abriached

Final Result (Quarters):

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F.L.B.B. - Team Composition:

	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>POINTS/3 PTS</b>
4	MELCHER	Bob	8
5	WELTER	Tom	18
6	ITTENBACH	Chris	2
7	MERSCH	Steven	6
8	STEFFEN	Tom	
9	GENGLER	Alain	
10	MARTIN	Raphael	
11	KREUTZ	Max	
12	SCHROEDER	Max	
13	LAURENT	Alex	20
14	GOERGEN	Ben	
15	POLFER	Gilles	8
HC	KLOSS	Rainer	
AC	SMITH	Mike	
PH			
TM	MERSCH	Yves	

Comments about the game:

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For everyone who supports Luxembourg basketball and for those who support their Luxembourg Kids THIS WIN IS FOR YOU!!! LUXEMBOURG 62 SLOVAK REPUBLIC 51

Again for a 4<sup>th</sup> night in a row the team from Luxembourg was outsized to a man, but the one thing they did have was a bigger heart. With their biggest defensive effort of the campaign holding a talented Slovak Republic to only 51 Points.

Luxembourg was out rebounded again for a 4<sup>th</sup> but only by a small margin they controlled the defensive boards all night. Where lacked in rebounding they more then made up for it by forcing 29 turnovers to only 10.



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The boys from Luxembourg had 17 steals, Tom Welter with 6 to raise his tournament leading 21 steals.

In a total team effort, every one to man contributed to this great win.

Bob Melcher still hurting from his injuries from England earned the tough man competition, contributing 4 steal, 7 rebounds and 8 points, with out the use of his left hand Bob played 37 minutes.

Tom Welter fighting through a groin injury that occurred just before half time, lead this team on defense and hit two huge 3 points when the team need them most.

Alex Laurent played a another great game he has put the pressure on himself night after night to be a top player., top rebounder,

Gilles Polfer coming off not playing for eight months, is playing through fatigue with legs that are barely able to carry him, but he fights for his team.

Chris Ittenbach supplied energy and the fighting spirit that helped to drive his team, jumping out of bounds saving balls and making key defensive plays.

Steven Mersch contributed a very solid performance; Luxembourg was able to play without their biggest Player Alain Gengler due to his play on the defensive end and ability to move on the offense.

Ben Goergen came off the bench and supplied great defence and a solid offensive performance making no mistakes.

Alain Gengler has turned in another solid performance added two more block shots to his total.

Max Kreutz, Max Schroeder have been special to have along so far, when its time for them to play they are ready when its not they support. Great teammates.

Raphael Martin and Tom Steffen again had problems with their legs but it did not stop them from helping in every way and supporting this team.

This team is truly a team, they work for their teammates and they work for their country, we are truly proud of the effort, team first attitude and competitiveness this team has shown all the way along this journey.

