



Eleven of us travelled to Lisbon last week to take part in the Pitch Beach tournament organised by the [Dark Horses](#), Lisbon's gay rugby team, where we also competed against [Los Valents](#) de Montpellier. What a momentous and unforgettable weekend, not only in terms of playing rugby, but above all in terms of partying and making friends... We'll post a complete report later, but here are the results:

Friday – Rugby 7's (7 players on each side on a whole pitch, 2×7 minutes)

Morning matches:

- Dark Horses-Los Valents: LV win
- Dark Horses-Straffe Ketten: SK win
- Straffe Ketten-Los Valents: LV win

Afternoon matches:

- Dark Horses-Los Valents: DH win
- Dark Horses-Straffe Ketten: SK win
- Straffe Ketten-Los Valents: SK win

Total: SK 3, LV 2, DH 1! After that, we should have played a finale against Los Valents, but it was so hot (40°!) and everybody was so exhausted that the Montpellier guys preferred not to play that game, allowing us to claim victory based on the number of matches we'd won during the day. Merci pour votre incroyable fair-play, Los Valents!!!

Saturday – Beach rugby (5 players on each side, 2×5 minutes on a smaller area... but in the sand!)

Morning matches:

- Dark Horses-Los Valents: 1-1
- Dark Horses-Straffe Ketten: 2-1
- Straffe Ketten-Los Valents: 4-2

The programme also included afternoon matches, but by then Los Valents had to stop, due to too many injuries on their side. One of their members (Guirec) joined us. We played an epic finale against Dark Horses: Lisbon scored 3 tries in the first 3 minutes, which made us panic more than a little. Fortunately we recovered, and managed to come back into the game, with a final score of 4-4. Lisbon won the day, as they hadn't lost any match in the morning: DH 1st, SK 2nd, LV 3rd.

Because Lisbon ended 3rd on the first day, while we ended 2nd on the second day, we won the tournament — even though, when handing the trophies, Filipe of the Dark Horses later pointed out that the goal wasn't

about competing, but about having a good time... we totally agree, but we still won 😊

After that, it was time to party... and oh boy, we did. The Dark Horses' initial name was "Boys Just Wanna Have Fun", and they made sure to give us a powerful demonstration 😊

Thanks a million to all involved: the Dark Horses for their absolutely superb organisation and the more-than-generous hosting they provided, Los Valents for bringing their already long experience, authentic rugby spirit and amazing sense of fair-play to the tournament, Joel from [QER Barcelona](#) for joining us at the last minute, our own Lisbon team for their dedication and team spirit, and immense thanks to our coaches in Brussels for making all this possible.

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Hi! It was a real pleasure to meet the 'Straffe Ketten' team, members and organisers yesterday 3rd of August and hope to take part to the next training on 12 of August! thanks & big hugs to all.

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