

Round two report from John Donaldson-Team Captain

USA 3.5 - Morocco .5

Hikaru drew with GM Hamdouchi and we won boards 2-4. Morocco upset India ( the number 3 seed) in round 1.

The US women beat Estonia 2-1. There is a link from the FIDE site to the Chess Olympiad site to the Austrian website which has standings and hopefully games.

Last night Gata arrived from Bulgaria. He took one look at the accommodations and decided he could not give his best efforts if he stayed in the Village. Accordingly he booked a room at the hotel across the street at his own expense for 60 Euros a night. I am letting the organizers know and returning the key this morning. One would expect that this would mean a credit to the USCF of 35 Euros a night and that this would be passed on to Gata. Any efforts you can make to ensure this will happen will be greatly appreciated. Yury and I have prepared a list of which players arrived when and what meals they took on the first day. The organizers will only deal with Jerry on getting refunds.

Last night there was an emergency meeting of the team captains organized by Bill Hooks, wife Mimi. Presently players have been waiting in lines for 30-40 minutes for food. The playing hall had only 7 toilets for 600 players the first two rounds. Hopefully this will be improved today.

Morale is high on both American teams.

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