

## Punktgewinn im letzten Spiel der 98+ Juniorinnen.

Zum Abschluss der 2016 CEV U19 VOLLEYBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP – WOMEN gaben die Schweizerinnen nochmals alles und forderten Polen bis zuletzt.



Switzerland vs. Poland 2-3 (25-19, 17-25, 15-25, 25-18, 12-15)

Switzerland claimed an early lead (8-5) by means of the mistakes made by Poland and this trend continued midway through the set (15-6) before Julia Iwona Nowicka went to serve and

she eventually cut the Polish deficit down to four points at 15-11. However, Switzerland extended their lead again at 18-12 and 22-18 with the set coming to an end 25-22 Switzerland's way after Nowicka sent the ball out of bounds. The second set was a close race with Switzerland reaching the first technical time-out leading 8-7 but Poland changed gear after that edging ahead 18-13 and bringing it to an end 25-17. The White-and-Reds controlled the game also in set 3 (8-5, 12-7) but their coach Wieslaw Popik asked for a time-out after Switzerland closed in 14-11. This was a good move as the sharp spikes killed by Monika Fedusio eventually brought the set to an end at 25-15.

The course of the match changed again in the fourth set with Switzerland leading 8-4. Poland made it 9-all and a close race followed; many substitutions made by the Polish coach did not produce the desired effect with Switzerland edging ahead again at 16-13 and 19-16. Swiss setter Olivia Wassner played intelligently to move the score to 22-17 and after another Polish time-out the set ended 25-18 Switzerland's way. Both teams looked very nervous in the early stages of the fifth set. Poland broke away 3-1 but Switzerland levelled the count to 5-all. The score remained close up to 9-9 and in the end it was Poland who prevailed to celebrate a hard-fought win at 15-12.

Poland coach Wieslaw Popik: "Switzerland today served really well. We made many mistakes in the second and in the third sets. In the fourth set our concentration was completely gone. We are therefore happy that we won in the end."

Aleksandra Rasinska, outside spiker of Poland: "We made many mistakes but we showed what we are capable of. After this fight we are happy because it was a good show. Switzerland is a very tough opponent and I am proud of my team because we did not give up even in the most difficult moments."

Switzerland coach Dirk Gross: "It was a great fight. I think for Poland it was a surprise that Switzerland can play Volleyball at this level. We were very close to claiming a resounding victory."

Olivia Wassner, setter of Switzerland: "Today we played well. We really wanted to win because maybe this was