

The last encounter of the weekend was between Swieqi Phoenix and Fleur de Lys. Swieqi Phoenix were coached by Leonard Zammit Munro and Fleur de Lys were coached by Silvan Gauci. Both teams were captained respectively by Mariana Zammit Munro and Maria Costa.

The young ones took the lead on Gauci's players with 4 points. At 5-1, it was Francesca Paola Sarcina who spiked and got the point for the white ones. A spike by Daniela Xuereb and an ace by Francesca Paola Sarcina reduced the gap to 1 point. It was a block by Isabel Grech on Chami Mae Campbell to equalize the score. A tip by Daniela Xuereb placed her teammates in the lead. This all happened within few minutes. Swieqi Phoenix managed to equalize the score and eventually take again the lead but quickly Fleur de Lys equalized again the score. A spike by Daniela Xuereb placed again the white into the lead after a very long rally. It did not take enough time for the Phoenix players to equalize the score. Once again, the white ones have taken the lead by a block from Thais Gatt. Two consecutive rallies went in favour of Fleur de Lys, therefore two point lead was present but a mistake on service and another mistake in attack by the Gauci's players and the score was levelled again. The young ones managed also to get a lead of two points. The distance between the two teams was levelled again at 13-13 by a backcourt spike from Belinda Milton. It was the turn of Fleur de Lys to take the lead. This time the gap was of 3 points and at 16-13 Coach Zammit Munro requested the first time out. The march by Fleur de Lys continued and at 22 – 14 in their favour, Coach Zammit Munro requested the second time out. This was also ineffective as Fleur de Lys clinched another two points. A small distraction by Fleur de Lys and Swieqi Phoenix players managed to get the 15th point of the set. The set was then won by Fleur de Lys at 25-15.

In the second set, both teams did not keep the rhythm of the previous set but it was Fleur de Lys who had the lead from the first points. A soft spike by Thais Gatt in the court of the girls in black increased the gap to 3 points. This was followed by a tip by Belinda Milton and a block out of the spike from Daniela Xuereb. A sharp diagonal spike by Daniela Xuereb increased further the gap and when the score at 10-4 in favour of Fleur de Lys, Coach Zammit Munro requested the first time out. The time out effectively stopped the momentum of the white ones but a quick reply from the white ones to regain the right to serve was observed. Fleur de Lys continued their conquest of points and a spike by Viki Sebok took the Gauci girls into the lead of 11 points. The ladies in black had an opportunity to start fresh to gain points but it was completely burned by themselves. At 20-7 in favour of Fleur de Lys, Coach Zammit Munro requested a time out so he can regroup his girls. Swieqi Phoenix girls managed to regain the right to serve but it did not last long, as a spike by Isabel Grech won a point for her teammates. Another point by Isabel Grech solidified the position of Fleur de Lys. The set was then won by Fleur de Lys at 25-9

Fleur de Lys started the third set with the same rhythm as they closed the second set. Immediately they took a 3 point lead and started to administer it very well. On the other hand Swieqi Phoenix players tried to have some reaction but a spike by Viki Sebok killed that initiated. It took another rally for the girls in black to have the opportunity to serve. This opportunity was missed by Tamara Kenkovski as she widely spiked out. The players in black were shows signs of fatigue and could not regroup themselves. The gap between the two teams was of 7 points. A block by Chami Mae Campbell gave hope for her teammates to recover. It was a tip by Maria Caruana Deemicoli that allowed Fleur de Lys to gain a point and forcing Coach Zammit Munro to call for the first time out. A couple of points in favour of the ladies in black but Fleur de Lys advantage was now to 10 points. Coach Zammit Munro called for the second time out in an attempt the stop momentum. This time out was ineffective as the players of Fleur de Lys were on fire.

The services of Maria Costa, the blocks of Viki Sebok allowed their teammates to increase the gap over their adversaries. At 23-6 Swieqi Phoenix players started to react and gained 2 points but Fleur de Lys stop their initiative. The set was won 25-8 by Fleur de Lys

The final score was Swieqi Phoenix vs Fleur de Lys :- 0 – 3 (15 – 25 ; 9 – 25 ; 8 - 25)

Referee of the match Mark Soler

