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PLENTY OF ACTION OFF COURT DURING NATIONS CUP REST DAY

While there may have been no action on court at Toa Payoh Sports Hall today, the Nations Cup teams were busy elsewhere!

The Republic of Ireland took time out from their active recovery day to meet up with Fuchun Secondary School at the Kallang Netball Centre who 'adopted' the Irish this year and have been supporting them at their matches throughout the week.

18 pupils aged between 13-15 years old enjoyed learning from the experienced Coach of Ireland Kaylea McQuade along with national players Jan Hynes, Trish Fanning and Sinead O'Connor. After their warm-up they worked on defensive techniques then played a short game and had the chance to ask the players a range of questions.

This is the second year Netball Singapore has run the 'Adopt A Nation' programme where schools can support a Nation throughout the competition and receive special ticket prices and the chance of a clinic with their chosen team.

Later in the day, the USA team were hosted by the American Club, Singapore where they enjoyed a team dinner by the poolside and were then the special guests for their annual official Christmas tree switch-on.

This is the team's first visit to Singapore so they thoroughly enjoyed getting to experiencing a little bit of home from home.

The sports shoes get laced up again tomorrow as the competition moves into the final group matches that will determine the play-off positions for Saturday's finals.

Singapore currently hold top spot on the table but Papua New Guinea and Uganda are hot on their heels, just one point behind so the hosts must take victory over the USA to secure their chance for the title.

Matches begin at 3pm at Toa Payoh Sports Hall.

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RESULTS:

Day 4:
Papua New Guinea 72-31 USA (HT 38-18)
Republic of Ireland 49-65 Sri Lanka (HT 27-34)
Uganda 60-32 Singapore (HT 27-20)

DAY 3:
Uganda 52-52 Papua New Guinea (HT 21-35)
USA 33-62 Republic of Ireland (HT 7-37)
Singapore 60-43 Sri Lanka (HT 34-21)

DAY 2:
Sri Lanka 67-37 USA (HT 35-20)
Republic of Ireland 41-54 Uganda (HT 17-25)
Singapore 44-43 Papua New Guinea (HT 23-23)

DAY 1:
Singapore 42-31 Republic of Ireland (HT 22-15)
Sri Lanka 52-76 Papua New Guinea (HT 30-38)
Singapore 'A' 50-53 United States of America (HT 21-31)

REMAINING FIXTURES:

Date	Time	Fixtures		
5th December Thursday	Off Day			
6th December Friday	3.00pm	Papua New Guinea	V	Rep of Ireland
	5.00pm	Sri Lanka	V	Uganda
	7.00pm	USA	V	Singapore
7th December Saturday	1.00pm	5th	V	6th
	3.00pm	3rd	V	4th
	5.00pm	1st	V	2nd
	6.30pm	Closing Ceremony		

Current World Rankings (as of 4th Nov 2013)

Papua New Guinea – 18th

Republic of Ireland – 28th

Singapore – 21st

Sri Lanka – 23rd

Uganda – (No world ranking currently due to lack of international exposure)

United States of America – 19th

About Netball Singapore:

Netball Singapore is the national body for netball in Singapore. This well-established organisation has progressed dramatically since it commenced in 1962. It has become a professionally run National Sport Association which generates a proportion of its expenditure through sponsorship and other streams of revenue-generation. The association supports 68 multi-team club members and over 330 schools have netball in their curriculum.

Netball Singapore's mission is to encourage, promote and develop netball in Singapore. Singapore successfully hosted the World Netball Championships in July 2011 and has been awarded the rights to host the Asian Netball Championships in 2014. The National Team are currently ranked 21st in the World following their success at the 2012 Asian Championships where they were crowned champions for the second time in their history.

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