

Georgia top Euro Sevens circuit

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At the end of the nine events which comprise the FIRA-AER European Sevens Circuit Georgia top the rankings, closely followed by France and Portugal.

Thirty-two unions participated in the European Sevens season and many, including the top three teams, also took part in certain IRB Sevens events around the globe.

The three Six Nations unions taking part - France, Scotland and Italy - field largely experimental and developmental squads, which then filter up into their teams taking part in the IRB Sevens.

The top 12 teams listed below proceed to compete in the FIRA-AER Sevens finals tournament at Heidelberg, Germany on 16 and 17 August 2003.

The standings take into account the two best performances by each team and in the case of parity the points difference of the tied teams is taken into account.

Significantly, the final event of the season in Hungary saw Croatia, Serbia Montenegro (both pictured above), Bosnia Herzegovina and Slovenia play competitive rugby against each other for the first time since the break up of Yugoslavia.



FINAL STANDINGS

POS.	COUNTRY	PTS	PTS DIFF
1	Georgia	0	+298
2	France	0	+268
3	Portugal	0	+159
4	Germany	2	
5	Scotland	3	
6	Croatia	6	
7	Romania	8	+157
8	Ukraine	8	+81
9	Poland	8	-1
10	Spain	12	+197
11	Czech Rep	12	-16
12	Netherlands	14	+105
13	Italy	14	+86
14	Sweden	17	
15	Switzerland	18	
16	Denmark	20	+28
17	Lithuania	20	+1
18	Serbia Montenegro	24	
19	Slovenia	26	+57
20	Armenia	26	-155
21	Bosnia Herzegovina	26	-174
22	Latvia	28	
23	Malta	30	-60
24	Hungary	30	-170
25	Bulgaria	30	-191
26	Israel	30	-251
27	Belgium	32	-64
28	Luxemburg	32	-319
29	Norway	One event	-5
30	Andorra	One event	-16
31	Austria	One event	-99
32	Azerbaijan	One event	-205