

## Water Polo Women: Day 4: AUS 25 UZB 2

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Australia advanced to the quarterfinals with a comfortable 25-2 clash with Uzbekistan. Australia has been one of the form teams at the championship and head coach Greg McFadden used his bench for vital match practice ahead of the harder matches. This led to Hannah Buckling, a relative newcomer on the international stage playing her 28th match, scoring a championship-high six goals from six attempts. Uzbekistan was limited to just 11 shots as Australia took 39.

Uzbekistan coach Akbar Sadikov fell foul of the delegate when he appeared wearing jeans and not in team uniform. He was confined to the bench for the remainder of the match.

Uzbekistan's two goals came firstly off a penalty (7-1) and then by a cross-cage lob (12-2).

The victory was two shy of Australia's biggest win against Uzbekistan (27-2) in 2011. The 25 goals extends Australia's record at these championships to 742. The Netherlands is expected to top 700 today.

### Match 26: 10:50, Quarterfinal Qualification, AUSTRALIA 25 UZBEKISTAN 2

Quarters: 6-0, 5-1, 5-1, 9-0

Referees: German Moller (ARG), Brian Littlejohn (GBR)

Extra Man: AUS: 2/3. UZB: 0/0.

Pens: AUS: 2/2. UZB: 1/1

#### Teams:

##### AUSTRALIA:

Lea Barta, Jayde Appel (1), Hannah Buckling (6), Holly Lincoln-Smith (3), Isobel Bishop (3), Bronwen Knox (3), Rowena Webster (2), Glencora Ralph, Zoe Arancini (3), Ashleigh Southern (3), Keesja Gofers (1), Nicola Zagame, Kelsey Wakefield. Head Coach: Greg McFadden.

##### UZBEKISTAN:

Elena Dukhanova, Diana Dadabaeva, Aleksandra Sarancha (2), Angelina Djumalieva, Evgeniya Ivanova, Ekaterina Morozova, Natalya Plyusova, Anna Shcheglova, Ramilya Khalikova, Adelina Zinurova, Guzelya Khamitova, Anna Plyusova, Natalya Shlyonskaya. Head Coach: Akbar Sadikov.

#### FLASH QUOTES:

##### Lea Barta (AUS):

"It was a good match. However, we missed some opportunities. It could be good for us to improve our shot accuracy."

##### Greg McFadden (AUS Head Coach):

"I am obviously very glad with this big victory and the way we played, even though we can still learn to be more patient to finish our actions. Reaching the quarterfinals was only a first step in this competition. We are

very ambitious and we came here to gain at least a medal and why not the gold medal? Now the serious things start.”

**Natalya Plyusova (UZB):**

“We couldn’t do better considering that our group was the strongest one. It was impossible for us to get higher, but we fought as much as we could.”

**Elena Dukhanova (UZB):**

“We are very angry because it hasn’t been a good day for the team. In this tournament we had a lot of problems. We are very sad because Barcelona is a great city and we should enjoy it more.”

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