

Greece opens men's water polo with stunning upset over Montenegro

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Greece turned on the action tap and caused a huge upset in the opening match with a deluge of early goals against Montenegro for a 6-4 victory in the FINA Men's Water Polo World Championships at the Bernat Picornell Pool. Just two weeks ago when the teams met in a four-nation tournament, world No 4 Montenegro thrashed Greece 11-4, but today it was all Greece as Montenegro was kept scoreless for the first half and gained two consolation goals in the final minute. In the other Group A match, Spain defeated New Zealand 18-3 in the final encounter of the day with Felipe Perrone scoring five goals, the best of the day.

In Group B action, Croatia beat United States of America 9-7 and Canada outlasted South Africa 17-11.

In Group C, Serbia proved too strong for Australia, winning 10-7 and Hungary put away China 13-5 with an excellent display of poise and power.

In Group D, Italy started strongly and cruised home 9-4 over Romania, while Germany saw a 9-4 three-quarter-time lead diminished to 9-8 by fulltime against Kazakhstan.

Points after day one:

Group A: ESP 2, GRE 2, MNE 0, NZL 0.

Group B: CAN 2, CRO 9, USA 0, RSA 0.

Group C: HUN 2, SRB 2, AUS 0, CHN 0.

Group D: ITA 2, GER 2, KAZ 0, ROU 0.
