

Water Polo Women: Day 2: HUN 10 ITA 4

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The hoodoo continues for Italy when it comes to playing Hungary at FINA World Championships. Italy has now lost six of seven clashes with Hungary, winning only once and that was for gold in Fukuoka, Japan in 2001. Tonight it was Hungary — or should we say Rita Keszthelyi and Barbara Bujka — who defeated Italy 10-4. It's all about teamwork and Hungary had plenty, especially when it came to passing to the two superstars. While Rita was popping high around the cage to score her goals, Barbara scored all hers from close in with an arm pent up with so much fury that the Cruz Roja (Red Cross) should be in attendance when she shoots.

They are among the leading scorers for the tournament with Rita on nine and Barbara on seven. Three equal periods of 3-1 set up Hungary nicely for the run in to a maximum four points while Italy now has a 1-0-1 record.

Italy sent in three of its four goals from well outside and the fourth was from near the 5m line.

One of the better statistics of the day would be Flora Bolonyai's saves percentage in the Hungarian goal — 71.4 percent — 10 saves from 14 shots on target. Italy's 2004 Olympic champion Elena Gigli made 13 from 23 — 56.5 percent.

Hungary is heading to the top of the group and Italy needs victory over winless Brazil to stay in the competition.

Match 14: 18:50, Group D, HUNGARY 10 ITALY 4

Quarters: 3-1, 3-1, 3-1, 1-1

Referees: Sergio Borrell (ESP), Boris Margeta (SLO).

Extra Man: HUN: 3/4. ITA: 0/5

Pen: HUN: 1/1

Teams:**HUNGARY:**

Flora Bolonyai, Anna Illes, Dora Antal (1), Dora Kisteleki, Gabriella Szucs (1), Orsolya Takacs, Ibolya Miskolczi, Rita Keszthelyi (4), Ildiko Toth, Barbara Bujka (4), Krisztina Garda, Kata Menczinger, Orsolya Kaso. Head Coach: Andras Meresz.

ITALY: Elena Gigli, Francesca

Pomeri, Arianna Garibotti (1), Federica Radicchi (1), Elisa Queirolo, Rosaria Aiello, Tania Di Mario, Roberta Bianconi, Giulia Emmolo (1), Valeria Palmieri, Aleksandra Cotti, Teresa Frassinetti (1), Loredana Sparano. Head Coach: Fabio Conti.

FLASH QUOTES:**Anna Krisztina Illes (HUN):**

“I am proud of our team, we are a good team. Now we should focus on our next match. I don’t want to say that the next match is going to be easy, now we have to concentrate.”

Krisztina Garda (HUN):

“It was not a perfect match, but finally we achieved the victory. Italy was a good team; it was a hard match. We should win our upcoming match (Kazakhstan).”

Loredana Sparano (ITA):

“We didn’t start the right way and we tried to improve during the game. With Brazil (Thursday) we have to work hard and be more aggressive. The match we had today was the most important and now we can only try to finish second in the group”.

Teresa Frassinetti (ITA):

“We have to be more aggressive and we’ll try to win against Brazil.”
