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Women's water polo press conference highlights

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Highlights from the women's water polo medal winners' press conference staged at the Bernat Picornell Pool on Saturday night: SPAIN: Jennifer Pareja (ESP): "We know that we could not let go this final, that we had to play our best. For me the key is that we enjoy playing and all of us wanted to win. Playing here at home is the best atmosphere. "I have played the last World Championship (in Barcelona) in 2003 and now and it has been really different. Women's water polo has changed a lot. In the past there was a huge difference between men's water polo and women's water polo and now they're in the same level. In BCN 2003 I was really young and I enjoyed it a lot. Now, in 2013, what we get is awesome."

Miki Oca (ESP Head Coach):

"It's a great happiness getting the World Championship at home with such a wonderful team. We have an amazing generation of players, all of them working together. What we did this championship we practised in training every day. Although most of our players are young, they are mature and confident. We've won this championship just thanks to the work they do every day. In Shanghai, we started working and it was a part of the way. We have a talented group with a winning mentality."

AUSTRALIA:

Bronwen Knox (AUS):

“It’s been very hard to play with this crowd cheering so loudly, it made our communication more difficult. But it’s so nice to compete in this environment. We have not seen such a big crowd since the Olympics. We are not used to it. We only became a complete team in April. We have many new girls, although we are very pleased with the silver medal, there is a lot to be worked on and built for future challenges.”

HUNGARY:

Andras Meresz (HUN Head Coach):

“This is the first bronze medal for the Hungary women’s water polo team so I am definitely not disappointed. We are working step by step to progress in the future. I am very happy with bronze.”
