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## Day 4: World Women's Junior Water Polo Championship: Hungary, Spain, Italy and China into quarters

Match 25, 10:00, JAPAN 19 KAZAKHSTAN 5

### Results & Teams

Quarters: 5-1, 5-2, 5-1, 4-1

Referees: Liang Zhang (CHN) and Alessia Ferrari (ITA)

#### Teams

**JAPAN:** Yuka Kawatashiro, Asuka Watada (1), Fuka Nishiyama (2), Eruna Ura (1), Kako Kawaguchi (4), Akari

Danno, Maiko Hashida (4), Kaho Iwano (1), Kyoko Kudo (3), Hikaru Shitara (1), Chiaki Terakata (2), Manami Noda. Head Coach: Yoshinori Shiota.

**KAZAKHSTAN:** Azhar Alibayeva, Yelizaveta Rudneva, Dana Kydyrbekova, Viktoriya Khritankova,

Anastassiya Yeremina, Anastassiya Kolomatskaya, Anna Novikova (2), Madina Rakhmanova (2), Shakhzoda Mansurova (1), Nadezhda Shapovalova, Anastassiya Murataliyeva. Head Coach: Marat Naurazbekov

## Report

Japan had the bad luck to be drawn in the same group as United States, Hungary and Australia. Japan could only add a point, with its draw against the United States. Today, however, the Japanese team had a chance to change its sensations. Japan beat Kazakhstan 19-5 in the round of 13-16 semifinal. Maiko Hashida and Kako Kawaguchi both scored four goals. Japan will play New Zealand for 13th.

Match 26, 11:20, PORTUGAL 3 NEW ZEALAND 18

## Results & Teams

Quarters: 0-8, 0-2, 1-4, 2-4

Referees: Daniel Federico Daners Chao (URG) and Fiona Sharyn Haigh (AUS)

### Teams

**PORTUGAL:** Maria Sampaio, Alice Rodrigues (1), Carolina Fernandes, Fabiana Duarte, Jessica Teixeira, Ana

Jardim, Joana Monteiro, Madalena Lousa, Ana Sousa, Beatriz Pereira (1), Ines Tavares, Maria Machado (1), Manuela Freitas. Head Coach: Miguel Pires.

**NEW ZEALAND:** Ella Harford, Elizabeth Gault (3), Gabrielle Milicich, Georgia Milne (2), Elizabeth

Alsemgeest (3), Ella Pollock (1), Emmerson Houghton (4), Shinae Carrington, Lucia Doak (1), Gabriella Macdonald (1), Clodagh Weir (2), Sophie Shorter-Robinson (1), Charlotte Hooke. Head Coach: Megan Thomson.

## Report

Two quarters without scoring and ten goals received in the first 16 minutes of the game were a hard punishment for Portugal. The host team lost 3-18 against New Zealand in the round of 13-16 semifinal. Alise Rodrigues, Beatriz Pereira and Maria Machado netted three goals for Portugal in the second half of the match, but the host team could not achieve a good result against New Zealand, who made the classification play-off for 13th place and will be challenging with Japan on Friday.

Match 27, 12:40, HUNGARY 14 BRAZIL 10



## Results & Teams



Quarters: 3-2, 4-3, 4-3, 3-2

Referees: Ernesto Inesta Peralta (ESP) and Sander Paul Gransjean (NED)

### Teams

**HUNGARY:** Alda Magnon Magyari, Zita Armai (1), Vanda Valyi (2), Luca Petovari (1), Natasa Rybanska,

Janka Utassy (3), Fanni Muzsnay (1), Kamilla Farago (2), Eszter Lara Kiss (2), Berta Farago (1), Panna Kudella (1), Panna Petik, Lila Maczko. Head Coach: Tamas Farago.

**BRAZIL:** Thatiana Pregolini, Ana Quesada (1), Alissa Pincirolì, Giovana Silva (1), Ana Amaral, Ana Dias (2),

Kemily Leao (1), Luana Quinn, Leticia Belorio (5), Ana Alice Amaral, Mylla Pereira, Jennifer Cavalcante, Isabela Souza. Head Coach: Ricardo Crivella.

## Report



Hungary booked one place in the quarterfinals after beating Brazil 14-10. The Hungarian team dominated each quarter (3-2, 4-3, 4-3, 3-2) and became one of the best eight squads in the Olympic Swimming Complex of Funchal (POR). Brazilian goalkeeper Thatiana Pregolini, despite her big saves, could not deny to that four-goal final margin that puts Hungary in the quarters. The current champion Russia awaits Hungary in the next round.

## Quotes



### **Janka Utassy (HUN) - Player of the match**

I am very happy. We had a really tough time with the group matches, but I am glad we made it. I hope that we can keep the good work. We definitely talked about Russia and we will try to be the best against them. We had some matches during the summer, so we have a little bit advantage as we know them a little bit better. I hope that we can win.

### **Thatiana Pregolini (BRA) - Goalkeeper**

Unfortunately, we could not win. We knew that today we were going to play against a hard team. But from now on we can only expect the best for Brazil. The team has improved a lot, we arrived further than we expected. We cannot be in the top-8 but we will try to finish in the best position possible, from 9 to 12.

Match 28, 17:20, AUSTRALIA 9 SPAIN 11



Results & Teams



Quarters: 1-3, 1-3, 3-2, 4-3

Referees: Ursulla Wengenroth (SUI) and Anna Goncharenko (UKR)

Teams

**AUSTRALIA:** Claire Durston, Jamie Oberman, Glenda Morgan (1), Ruby Swadling, Sophie Milliken, Abby

Andrews (2), Carla Traplin (1), Nioka Thomas, Kasey Dalziel, Tenealle Fasala (1), Jessica Emerson (2), Charlize Andrews (3), Isobelle Pamp. Head Coach: Georgina Kovacs

**SPAIN:** Sandra Domene, Paula Camus (2), Paula Leiton (1), Ruth Ariño, Silvia Morell (1), Alba Bonamusa (1),

Berta Seto, Elia Montoya, Lucia Gomez de la Puente, Helena Dalmases (2), Sofia Diaz (1), Alejandra Aznar (3), Paula Nieto. Head Coach: Javier Aznar

## Report

Spain is seen by its opponents as a solid candidate to claim gold in Funchal. At the moment, the Spanish players have ensured a place in the last eight with a consistent win over Australia (9-11). Its good start, its solid defense and its inspiration when attacking at the first half of the game guided Spain into quarters. Consequently, Spain maintains plenty of options to win in Portugal. Spain will face Greece.

## Quotes

### Alejandra Aznar (ESP) - Player of the match

We are alive, we have only taken one more step. The most complicated part of the World Championship is ahead and we have to play with five senses. The quarterfinal matches are always the toughest, so we will fight to move on. We want to approach the medals.

Match 29, 18:40, ITALY 18 CANADA 6

## Results & Teams

Quarters: 3-2, 7-3, 6-1, 2-0

Referees: Damir Temyrkhanov (KAZ) and Josko Pranic (CRO)

Teams

**ITALY:** Caterina Banchelli, Nicole Zanetta (3), Anna Repetto, Giorgia Amedeo (2), Elena Borg (1), Lucrezia

Cergol (2), Sofia Giustini, Isabella Riccioli (1), Francesca Colletta (2), Carlotta Meggiato (1), Agnese Cocchiere (5), Dafne Bettini (1), Marzia Imperatrice. Head Coach: Paolo Zizza

**CANADA:** Hana Truchla, Blaire McDowell, Ava Marrant, Briana Utas, Adrien Van Dyke, Verica Bakoc (1),

Valeria Rojas, Daphne Guevremont (1), Apryl Gonzalez, Florranne Carroll (3), Myriam Lizotte, Paige Donald, Marianne Bouchard Cote (1). Head Coach: Cyril Dorgigne.

## Report

Italy earned a convincing win over Canada (18-6) to face United States in the quarterfinals of the FINA World Women's Junior Water Polo Championship. Agnese Cocchiere led its team, scoring five goals, although the whole Italian squad competed brilliantly this Thursday in Funchal (POR). Quarters of 3-2, 7-3, 6-1 and 2-0 summarize the superiority of the European team.

## Quotes

### **Caterina Banchelli (ITA) - Player of the match**

It is a big win but we have to stay concentrated for tomorrow. The team is following its way so I don't know what to expect for the game against United States. We want to win and we will battle to win.

## Match 30, 20:00, SOUTH AFRICA 5 CHINA 13

### Results & Teams

Quarters: 2-1, 0-2, 1-8, 2-2

Referees: Asumi Nishihara (JPN) and Eurico Moreira da Silva (POR)

#### Teams

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Daniella Passoni, Paige Tancred, Jennifer Everett (1), Boati Motau, Astrid Faustmann, Hanna

Muller, Shakira January, Kate Hinrichs, Hanna Weppelman, Jordan Wedderburn (3), Chloe Meecham, Lucy Miszewski (1), Zanne Smit. Head Coach: Delaine Mentoor

**CHINA:** Wenxin Dong, Shiyun Wang (2), Yizhen Zhu (2), Xiao Chen, Bozhou Lu (3), Qingwei Wang (1), Wen

Su (1), Rui Xu (1), Xinyan Meng (2), Yujia Bai, Ziyan Xiao, Siya Yan (1), Yuting Xie. Head Coach: Jun Lin.

## Report

South Africa dreamed for at least 10 minutes about the possibility of going into the quarterfinals of the World Championship. Jordan Wedderburn scored twice at the start of the first quarter so she gave South Africa a valious advantage, but China reacted in the second period. Lu Buzhou and Xu Rui started the comeback of the Chinese team, which ended up winning 5-13.

Lucia Santiago, FINA Press Correspondent from Portugal

Hungary, Spain, Italy and China have won through to the quarterfinals during fourth-day play of the FINA World Women's Junior Water Polo Championship at the Olympic Swimming Complex in Funchal (POR) and join Russia, Greece, United States and Netherlands.

Hungary was the first second-round team to make Friday's quarterfinals with a victory (14-10)over Brazil, which is consigned to the round 9-12.

Hungary will grasp a clash with world champion Russia.

Spain shaked Australia (9-11) and will face Greece for a spot in the semifinals.

Italy raced to the quarterfinals with a big 18-6 win against Canada and will try to continue its way against the United States.

The day finalised with China defeating South Africa 5-13. The Netherlands will be its next opponent.

Brazil, Canada, Australia and South Africa will battle for 9th-12th place.

In the classification round 13-16 semifinals, Japan gained its first win of the week, defeating Kazakhstan 19-5. Japan will play New Zealand for 13th and Kazakhstan will face host Portugal for 15th.

## Thursday schedule

### Round 13-16 Semifinals

Match 25, 10:00, JAPAN 19 KAZAKHSTAN 5

Match 26, 11:20, PORTUGAL 3 NEW ZEALAND 18

### **Playoff - Second round**

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### **Friday schedule**

#### **Classification 15-16**

Match 31, 09:00, KAZAKHSTAN v PORTUGAL

#### **Classification 13-14**

Match 32, 10:20, JAPAN v NEW ZEALAND



## **Round 9-12 Semifinals**

Match 33, 11:40, BRASIL v CANADA

Match 34, 13:00, AUSTRALIA v SOUTH AFRICA

## **Quarterfinals**

Match 35, 16:00, UNITED STATES v ITALY

Match 36, 17:20, NETHERLANDS v CHINA

Match 37, 18:40, RUSSIA v HUNGARY

Match 38, 20:00, GREECE v SPAIN

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