

Day 2: FINA World Men's Junior Water Polo Champs in Kuwait

Match 9, 08:30, Group B, EGYPT 4 SPAIN 18

Results & Teams

Match 9, 08:30, Group B, EGYPT 4 SPAIN 18

Quarters: 0-4, 1-2, 1-7, 2-5

Referees: Michiel Zwart (NED), Noboru Yamazaki (JPN)

Extra man: EGY: 0/7. ESP: 7/9.

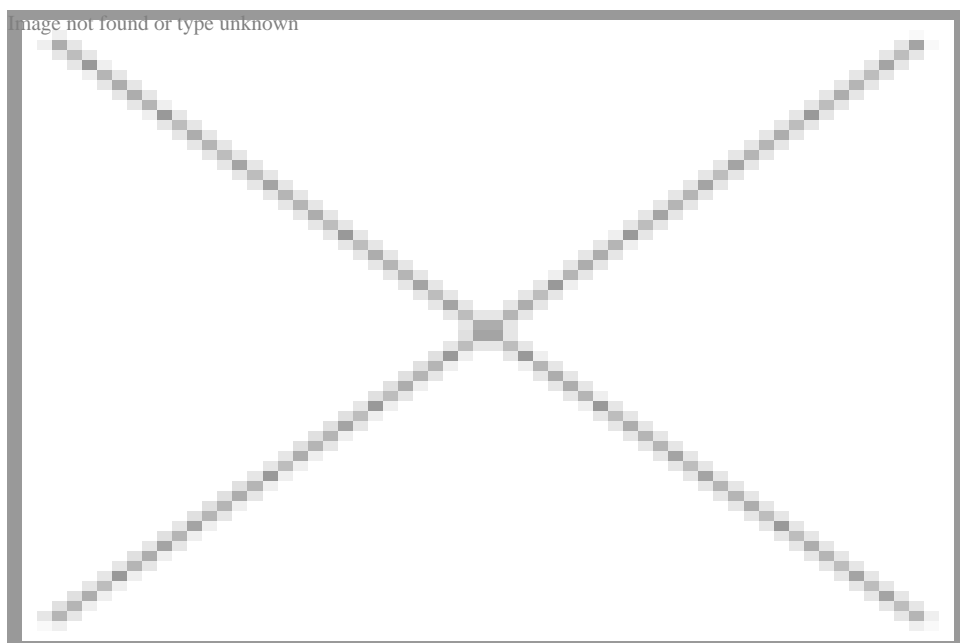
Penalties: Nil

Teams:

EGYPT: Marwan Reda, Youssef Amer, Abderahman Hamed (1), Ahmed Elsapagh, Mahmoud Maghwry, Karim Saleh, Mohanad Farahat, Mohamed Ziyad, Mohamed Rezk (), Eissa Bassel, Adham Saleh, Mahmoud Elzayat (1), Marwan Makarem. Head Coach: Konstantinos Vamvakaris.

SPAIN: Unai Aguirre, Bernat Sanahuja (3), Albert Ponferrada (1), Sergio Prieto (2), Pau Linares (2), Fran Valera (1), Lluc Bertran (1), Victor Alegre (4), Oscar Montes, Nikolas Paul (2), Oriol Rodriguez, Oscar Asensio (2), Victor Garcia. Head Coach: Svilen Ivanov.

Report



Picture: Eszter Novak

Spain, beaten finalist in August's European Championships and sixth two years ago at this event, made it two from two with a dominant display against Egypt. The second quarter caused concern for the Spaniards,

but a stern talk from head coach Svilen Ivanov was worth its weight in gold as seven goals came in the crucial third period. Egypt's best goal came from Mahmoud Elzayat late in the match when he zipped one in from well outside, finding the gap above the goalkeeper's head for 17-4. Victor Alegre scored three of his four on extra-man attack and the other came quickly from the left on counter. He was easily the best in water.

Match 10, 9:50, Group B, RUSSIA 10 CANADA 12
Results & Teams

Match 10, 9:50, Group B, RUSSIA 10 CANADA 12

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

Referees: Nikolaos Boudramis?(GRE), Darren Spiritosanto (USA)

Extra man: RUS: 4/9. CAN: 5/10.

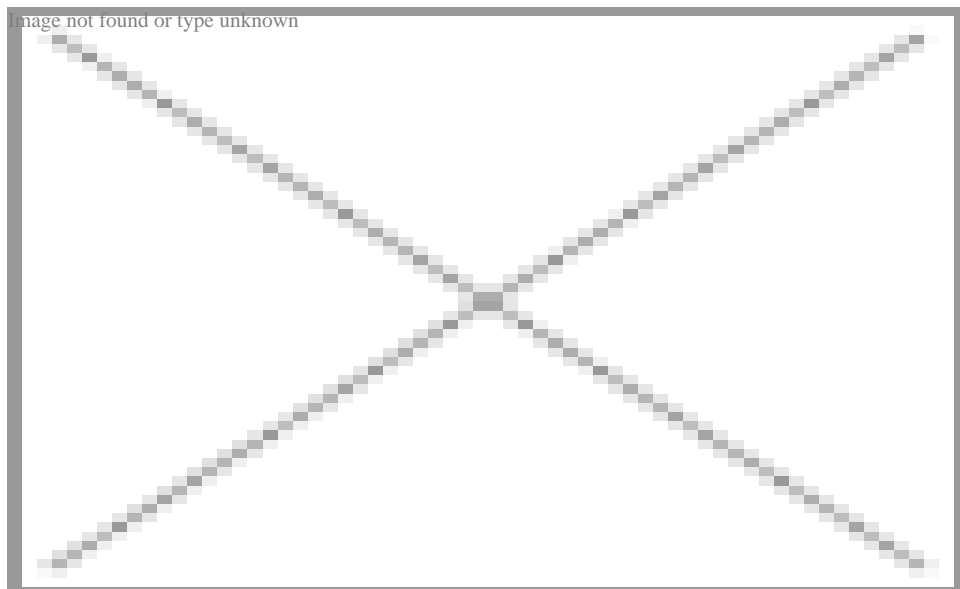
Penalties: RUS: 0/1.

Teams:

RUSSIA: Igor Chirkov, Sergei Mersh, Nikita Serebrennikov (1), Emil Zinnurov (1), Zamir Mirziev, Iaroslav Nikolaev, Nikita Mikhailov, Askar Makhryanov (1), Valerii Pelikh (1), Ivan Vasilev (6), Danill Frolov, Egor Vasilev, Danila Apultchin. Head Coach: Sergei Voronin.

CANADA: Brody McKnight, Antonios Giannatsis (1), Bogdan Djerkovic (2), Jeremie Cote (3), Harrison Henning (2), Nick Seredjuc, Kyril Marinov, Bor Tanasijevic (1), Stefan Dabic (1), Stephen Gloade, Max MacMillan, Reuel D'Souza (2), Minos Kotzambasis. Head Coach: Brian Parillo.

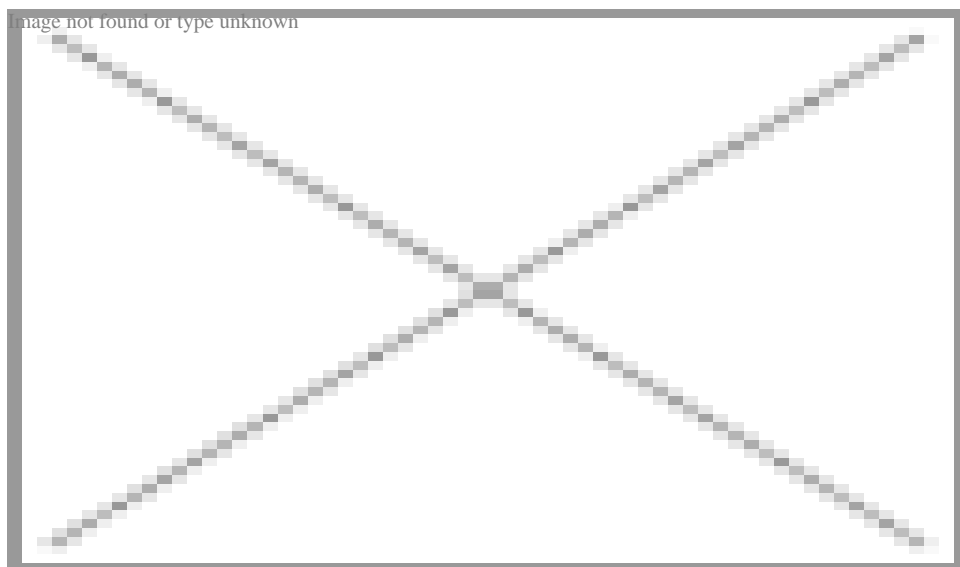
Report



Canadian goalkeeper Brody McKnight

Canada followed up its first-day victory against Egypt with a thrilling 12-10 margin over Russia — a much tougher opponent. Russia, heavily backed by a large, chanting crowd, always had to play catch-up water polo, coming from 4-0 down in the first quarter to level at five a quarter later, at nine early in the final period and then at 10, 90 seconds later. Jeremie Cote broke the deadlock at 4:13 on extra-man attack and the final nail was driven in by Harrison Henning, also on extra, at 1:17. Russia had plenty of chances in the last

quarter, but was smothered by Canada. Going back to that 4-0 margin after five minutes, Russia struck a winning chord with a vengeance, making it 4-3 early in the second quarter. The third goal came from Ivan Vasilev on extra. He then proceeded to dominate the match, scoring the next five Russian goals and even having his penalty shot blocked by Brody McKnight — the other star of the match. Time and again, McKnight was brilliant with several steals and many blocks, coming out of his cage like a loose tiger. Although Vasilev was named the best in field, McKnight probably had the greater impact on the result. Vasilev's four-goal onslaught in the second quarter was immense. This was a match of superlatives with Stefan Dabic's centre-forward goal pure gold, turning at two metres, surging forward a metre and then shooting with three on his body. The ball dribbled over the line for 7-5. Bogdan Djerkovic was also at his best in centre forward and a VAR decision was needed to confirm that 100 per cent of the ball had passed the front of the goal for the go-ahead 10-9 score. The only blot came when Bor Tanasijevic, who scored Canada's 9-7 goal, interfered with Valerii Pelikh after his 9-9 equaliser and he was issued a red card — the third of the tournament.



Photos: Eszter Novak

Match 13, 13:30, Group D, NEW ZEALAND 5 GREECE 14
Results & Teams

Match 13, 13:30, Group D, NEW ZEALAND 5 GREECE 14

Quarters: 1-6, 1-1, 1-4, 2-3

Referees: Liang Zhang (CHN), Mikhail Dykman (CAN)?

Extra man: NZL: 1/7. GRE: 1/7.

Penalties: NZL: 1/1. GRE: 3/4.

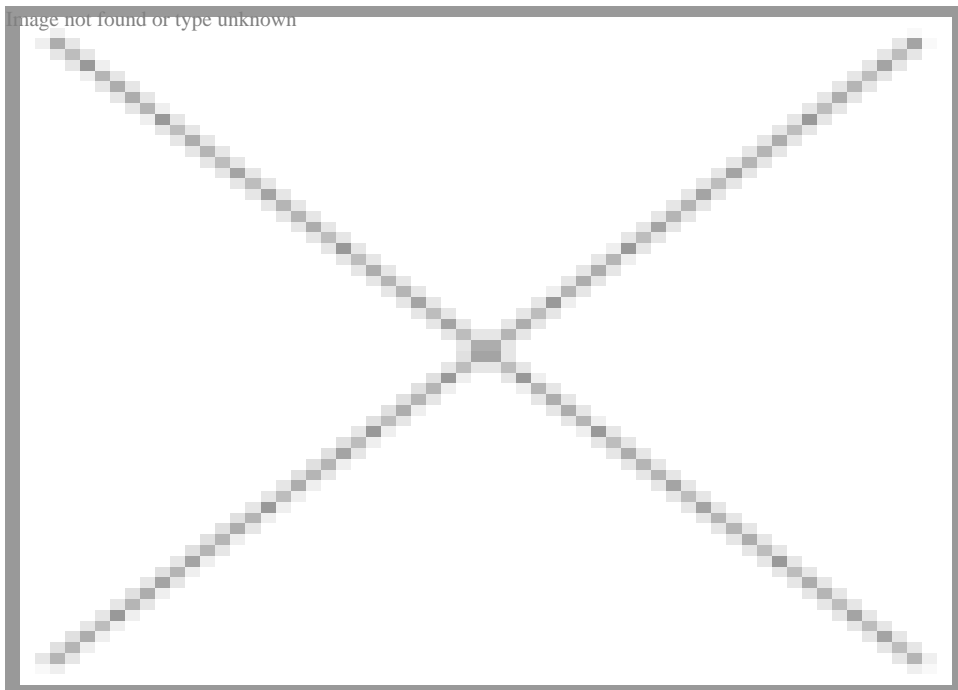
Teams:

NEW ZEALAND: Joshua de Reeper, Louie Ferigo (1), Hamish Sullivan, Louis Clark, Calum de Jager, Brandon Matthews (1), James Catlin, Loui Schuler, Sam Ratima, Matt Morris (1), Rowan Brown, Nicholas Paterson (2), Bae Fountain. Head Coach: Lionel Randall.

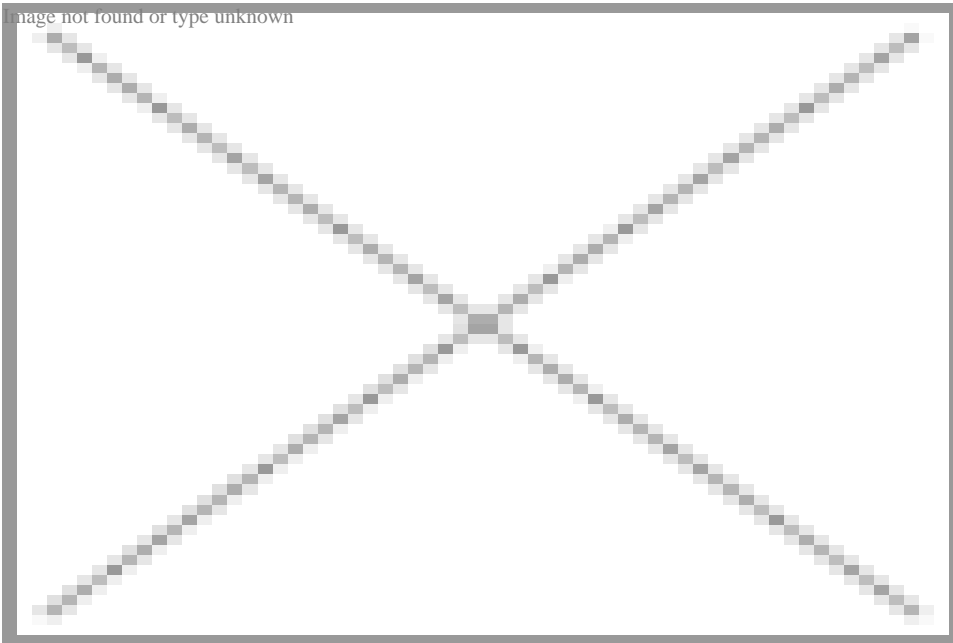
GREECE: Stylianos Dalmaras, Efstathios Kalogeropoulos (4), Ioannis Alafragkis, Konstaninos Gkiouvetsis (2), Dimitrios Nikolaidis (4), Alexandros Papanastasiou (3), Konstantinos Kakaris (1), Charalampos Rompopoulos, Efstathios Papageorgiou, Michail Diplaros, Aristeidis Chalyvopoulos (1), Michail

Goniotakis, Nikolaos Mitrakis. Head Coach: Theodoros Lorantos.

Report



Greece's surge to a repeat title remains on track with a solid victory over a determined Kiwi cohort. This was a match where Greece could have piled a mountain of goals on the board if it was not for the supreme goalkeeping of Bae Fountain. While New Zealand's firepower was restricted, Greece opened its arsenal to several more players to shoot, other than the three returning champions — Alexandros Papanastasiou (three goals), Konstaninos Gkiouvetsis (two) and Dimitrios Nikolaidis (four). Greece proved it has all-round snipers and its combinations were first class. However, while New Zealand fired into the body of the Greek goalkeeper on too many occasions, Fountain was using his palms, stretching to the many shots taken by Greece. Without his agility, the 15 saves could have sky-rocketed the score. The nature of the match was see-saw to some extent with the Kiwis opening and then watch as Greece boarded the express train and rammed in six unanswered goals. New Zealand opened the second quarter and kept Greece scoreless until 18 seconds from halftime. Then another five-goal burst blasted the score to 11-2. For the final 12 minutes, New Zealand matched Greece for most of the scoring in what was a tough, physical encounter. However, there was no stopping the power and aggression of Greece, who will go far in this tournament.



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Match 12, 14:50, Group C, MONTENEGRO 42 KUWAIT 7
Results & Teams

Match 12, 14:50, Group C, MONTENEGRO 42 KUWAIT 7

Quarters: 12-0, 4-3, 13-3, 13-1

Referees: Fabio Toffoli?(BRA), Gabor Vogel (HUN)

Extra man: MNE: 5/11. KUW: 0/6.

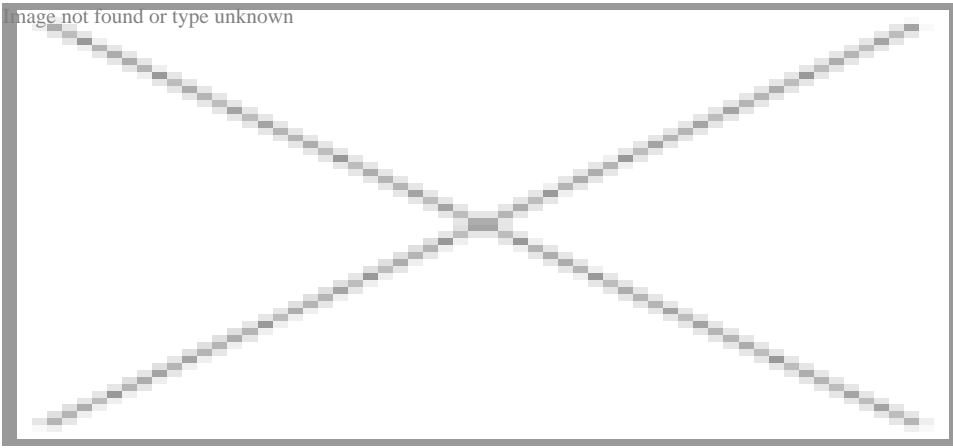
Penalties: MNE: 1/1.

Teams:

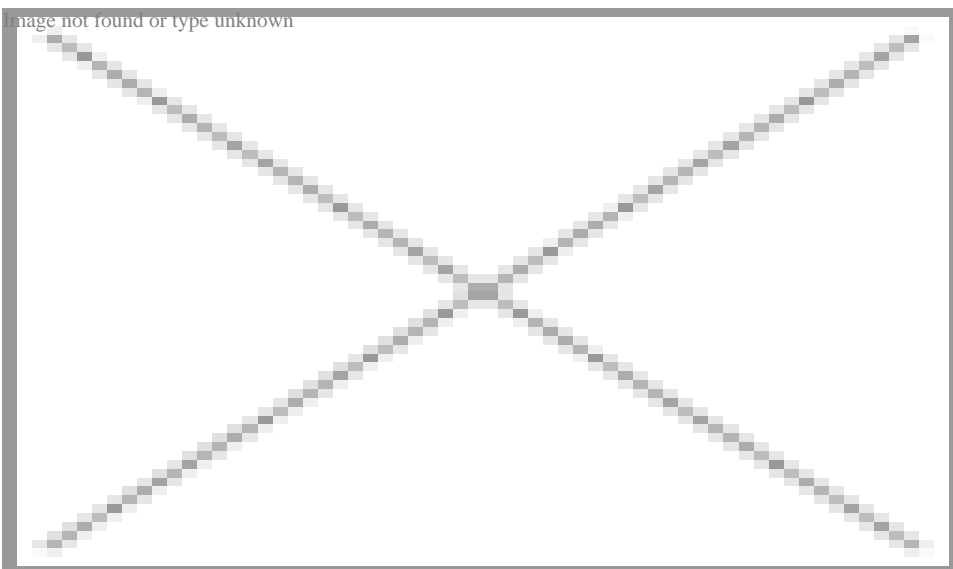
MONTENEGRO: Darko Durovic, Nebojsa Vuskovic (4), Savo Cetkovic (4), Uros Vucurovic (2), Aljosa Macic (2), Danilo Radovic (6), Luka Murisic (1), Petar Mijuskovic (10), Miroslav Perkovic (4), Vuk Draskovic (4), Dusan Matkovic (3), Branko Franeta (2), Alen Isljamovic. Head Coach: Vejko Uskokovic.

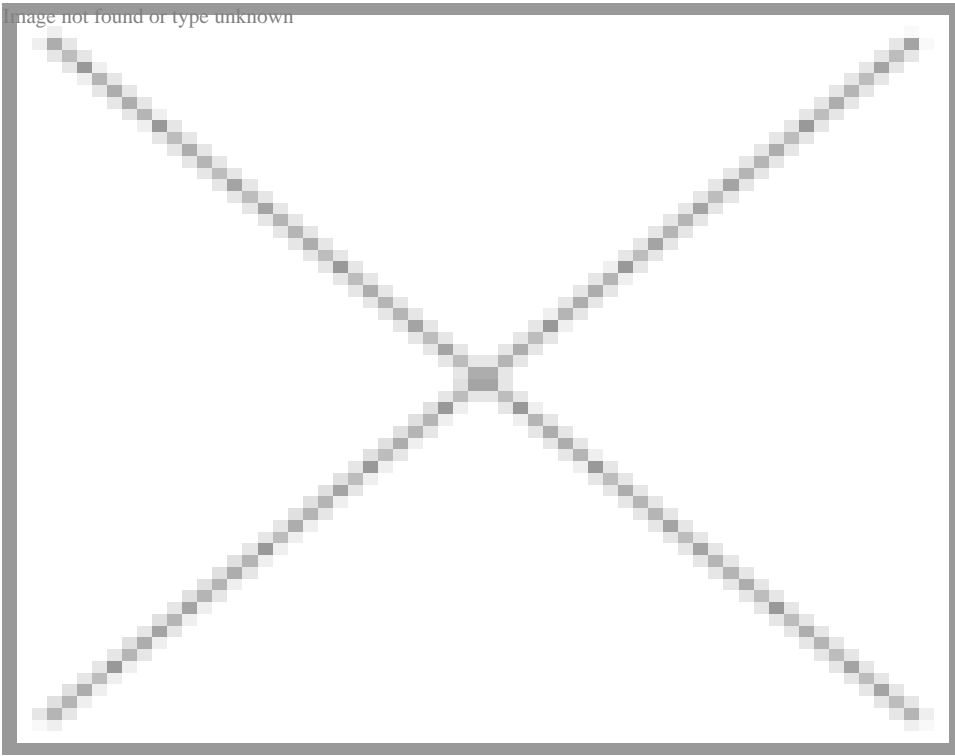
KUWAIT: Yousef Almotar, Abdullah Jasem (1), Saud Alotaibi, Ali Hasan, Abduirahman Alwazan, Manaf Almajadi, Abdulwahab Hasan, Mobarak Dashti (3), Hassan Dashti (1), Abdullah Alhammad (1), Mohammad Ashkanani (1), Yousef Alfaressi, Sultan Alsultan. Head Coach: Markos Markoglou.

Report



Montenegro checked into the tournament with a 12-0 first quarter and then stepped off the accelerator to allow Kuwait some movement. Montenegro was always going to win easily and its speed and stealing abilities proved a far higher level than Kuwait could expect to attain this coming week. Credit must go to Kuwait goalkeeper Yousef Almotar who rose high to every Montenegro ball and managed to thwart some attempts after the quarter break. A highlight for the Kuwaitis was the four-goal burst in the third period that lifted them to 16-5. Montenegro could do nothing else but play a normal match in preparation for upcoming encounters, including United States of America on Saturday. The scoring list speaks for itself and Petar Mijuskovic had a field day with nine goals, winning the player-of-the-match glass medallion.





Referee Gabor Vogel — Pictures: Eszter Novak

Match 14, 17:30, Group D, BRAZIL 23 UZBEKISTAN 6
Results & Teams

Match 14, 17:30, Group D, BRAZIL 23 UZBEKISTAN 6

Quarters: 6-2, 6-0, 4-2, 7-2

Referees: Hatem Gaber?(EGY), David Gomez (ESP)

Extra man: BRA: 7/8. UZB: 2/5.

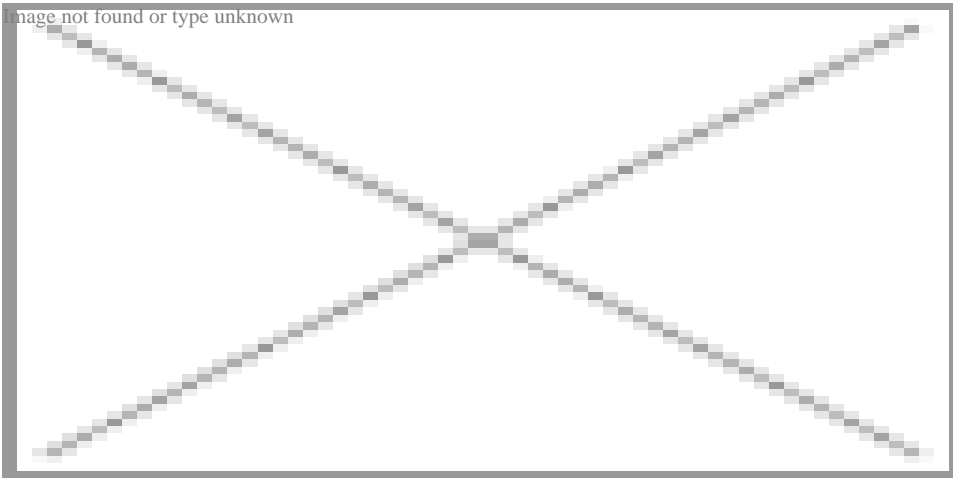
Penalties: BRA: 1/1. UZB: 0/1.

Teams:

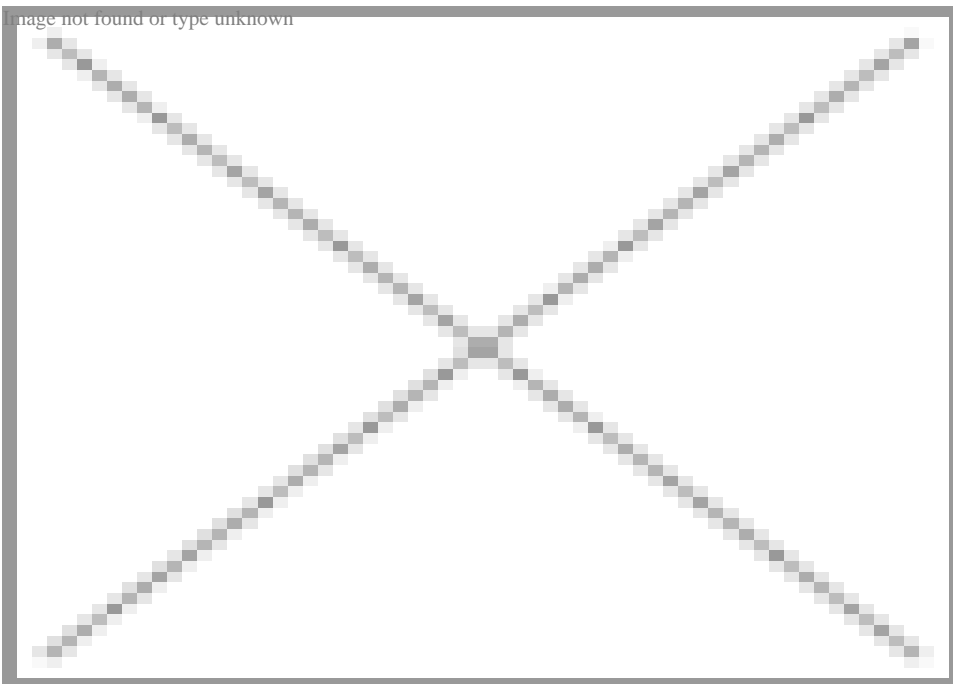
BRAZIL: Joao Silveira, Lucas Santos, Luiz Scarabelim (2), Felipe Ferreira (1), Nicholas Fichman (5), Bruno Chiappini (2), Italo Vizacre (4), Thomas Campedelli (4), Raul Morales, Marcos Pires (4), Vincius Pessin (1), Gabriel Galvane, Joao Fernandes. Head Coach: Thiago Nascimento.

UZBEKISTAN: Abdullo Yokubjonov, Mukhammadyusuf Dedabaev, Jakhongir Sobirjonov (1), Asadbek Kenjaev, Azizbek Turgunov (1), Asadbek Azizov, Zaven Osipyanyan (2), Azizbek Botirov, Javokhir Kutmonbekov, Asorbek Yusufjanov (1), Sukhrob Khoshimov (1), Muzaffarbek Makhmudjonov, Shokhboz Usmonjonov. Head Coach: Oleg Pletnev.

Report



On a day when close matches were few and far between, this promised something, but Brazil was the better team and asserted its authority early, turning 2-2 into 6-2 and 12-2 at the breaks. The score moved out to 16-2 before Zaven Osipyan snapped in two goals in 23 seconds. The first came from four metres and this was followed by a counter-attack goal, bringing his tally to six for the tournament. Brazil was decisive, fast and arrived in numbers. Its balance around the pool was reflected in the scoring being spread around. It was Brazil's first match and will be some confidence heading into Saturday's clash with reigning champion Greece. Nicholas Fichman was the star among stars for Brazil and his control at centre forward was precise and deadly with five goals.



Photos: Eszter Novak

Match 11 16:10, Group C, IRAN 4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 27
Results & Teams

Match 11 16:10, Group C, IRAN 4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 27

Quarters: 2-10, 1-4, 0-6, 1-7

Referees: German Moller (ARG), Conor Davis (AUS)

Extra man: IRI: ¼. USA: 2/9.

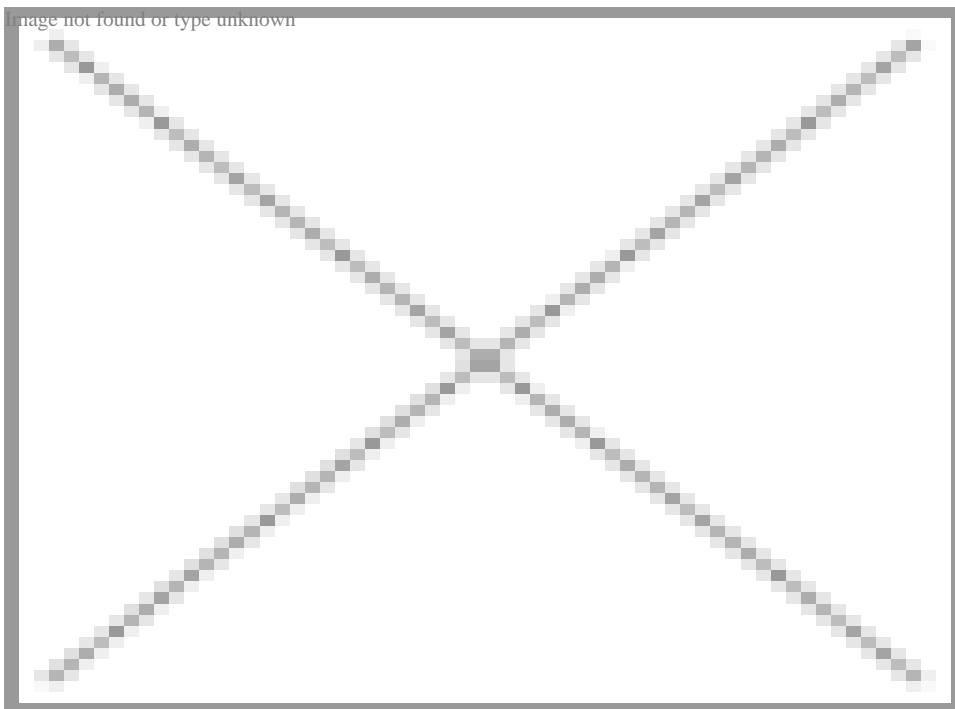
Penalties: USA: 2/2.

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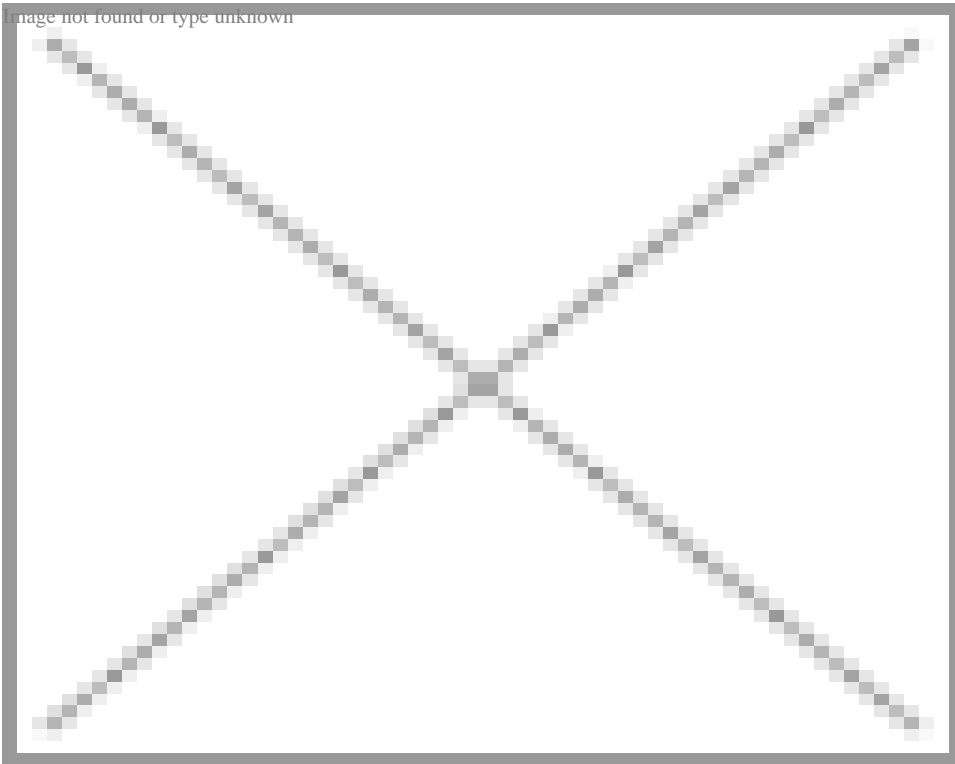
IRAN: Mohammad Bayat, Omid Aghaei (1), Seyeedalireza Pourang, Khashayar Ghareh (1), Hossein Lalehsiahpirani, Mohammadamin Hassany, Mahdi Barzegarisharifabad, Pouria Fatehi, Amirreza Jalilipour (1), Amirali Moradinoghondar (1), Ali Lotfi, Omid Khosor, Mohammad Hassany. Head Coach: Gholami Majid.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Adrian Weinberg, Quinten Osborne (4), Marko Vavic (1), Tommy Gruwell (3), Leo Yuno (3), Garrett Zaan (2), Hannes Daube (5), Jacob Ehrhardt (4), Mason McQuet (1), Ash Molthen (3), Quinn Woodhead (1), Warren Loth, Kent Emden. Acting Head Coach: Jack Kocur.

Report



United States of America wanted to make a statement after a first-day loss to Italy and the outing with Iran provided excellent redemption. Iran started the scoring only for USA to slam in the next nine goals and ended the first period heavily in front. It was all USA from then on with Iran chasing, occasionally upsetting the North Americans and generally providing a speed bump. Unlike the previous match, there was not a predominance of counter-attack goals, USA having to work hard for every goal. USA's snappy, hard passing paid dividends and helped shift the goalkeeper.



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Match 15, 18:50, Group A, CHINA 14 SOUTH AFRICA 13
Results & Teams

Match 15, 18:50, Group A, CHINA 14 SOUTH AFRICA 13

Quarters: 4-5, 3-2, 4-2, 3-4

Referees: Michael Brooks (NZL), Amirhossein Safabakhsh (IRI)

Extra man: CHN: 2/7. RSA: 7/11.

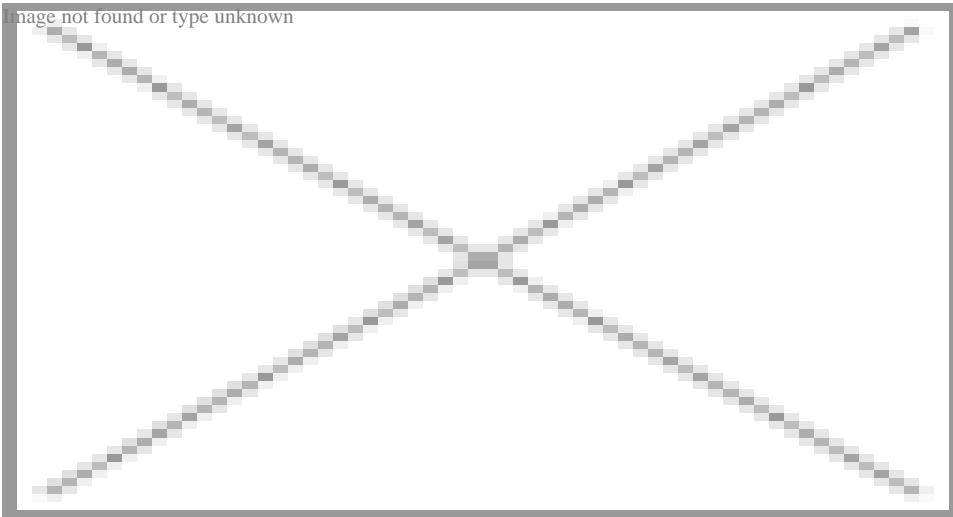
Penalties: CHN: 2/2. RSA: 2/2.

Teams:

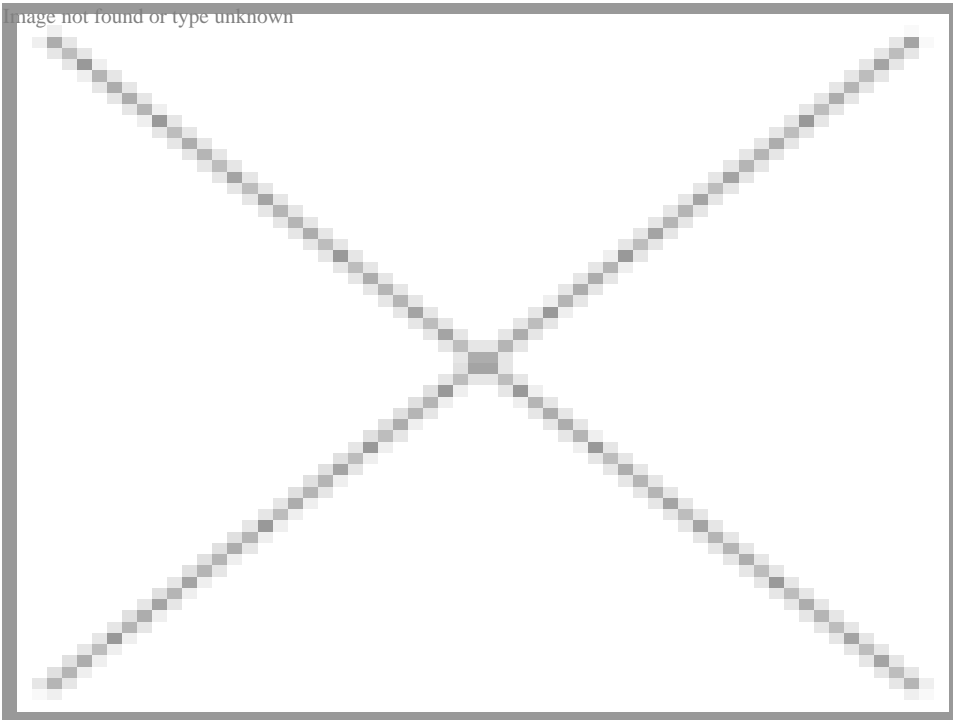
CHINA: Junjiong Wang, Xingmeng He (2), Boren Shi (1), Lei Yuan, Guan Ou, Beiyi Wang (3), Luobin Liu, Yingyi Gao (2), Yi Lu (4), Yile Cheng (2), Beile Zhu, Mingtao Wu, Haotian Zhou. Head Coach: Ji Shen.

SOUTH AFRICA: Keegan Clark, Mogamad Mayman, Christopher Beamish, Ethan Coryndon-Baker, Todd Howard (2), Ross Stone (1), Joshua Faber (1), Jonathan Swanepoel (1), David MacDonald, William Dowsett, Yaseen Margro, James Hablutzel, Barnard van Rooyen. Head Coach: Jason Sileno.

Report



China pulled one out of the bag, thanks to tenacious play and a large, cheering Chinese spectator base. It was a match of attrition as neither team could afford to let up. When South Africa was controlling, China was conspiring and then the goals started flowing to snatch the lead and head to victory. The match was levelled eight times, a major feat in itself considering we had been watching big gaping margins for most of the day. South Africa made all the headway, leaving China to pick up the pieces and come back to level the match. This it did at four, five, six, seven, eight and nine. Then China took the lead and scored another for 11-9 by the final break. South Africa pulled one back from the penalty line before China's Yile Cheng scored a second consecutive goal, needing a brief visit to the VAR room for 12-10. South Africa levelled with two goals by 5:22. Yi Lu scored twice either side of a Ross Stone goal for 14-13 by 2:25. South Africa used its two timeouts and on the second a player lost the ball after the first pass. China called a timeout at 0:23 and wasted the ball almost to the end before Ethan Coryndon-Baker stole the ball and fired a long shot only for the goalkeeper to save and win what was truly an exciting match. He was hoping to score the day's 200th goal. China was patient and withstood the green caps, even with Todd Howard a continual thorn in the side with his almost-match-winning five goals. His standout performance was earned through sheer guts and perpetual motion. He was not rewarded with the player of the match, probably because his team lost. South Africa was impeccable on extra-man attack and shut down five of China's attempts. What it needed was more action goals — something China was most capable at doing. Well done, China on its first win after losing the Asian derby with Japan on Thursday.



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Match 16, 20:10, Group A, SERBIA 13 JAPAN 7
Results & Teams

Match 16, 20:10, Group A, SERBIA 13 JAPAN 7

Quarters: 3-3, 3-1, 2-3, 5-0

Referees: Harvey Hinds (CUR) , Luca Bianco (ITA)

Extra man: SRB: 2/3. JPN: 2/12.

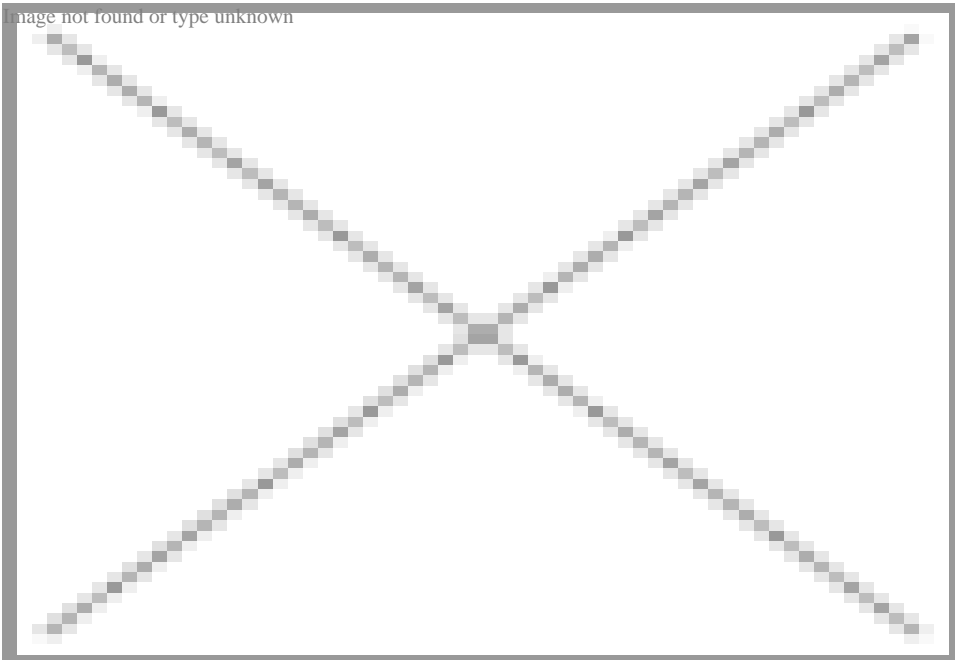
Penalties: SRB: 1/1. JPN: 1/1.

Teams:

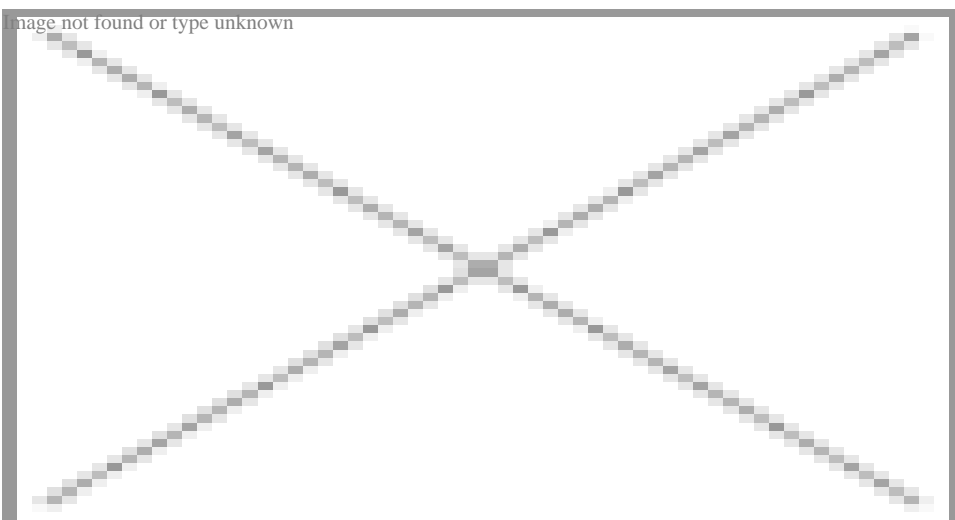
SERBIA: Pavle Gavrilovic, Stefan Brankovic (1), Andrej Barac (4), Aleksa Nestic, Nemanja Stanojevic (1), Petar Mitrovic (1), Dorde Vucinic (4), Aleksa Cvetkovic, Vasilije Martinovic (2), Kristian Sulc, Luka Pijevancic, Marko Radovic, Vladimir Misovic. Head Coach: Uros Stevanovic.

JAPAN: Tomoharu Shinto, Toi Suzuki (2), Shun Kobayashi (1), Shohei Yamada, Fumiya Tsuta (1), Naoki Aoyama, Goro Hizume (2), Eisuke Takahashi, Takumu Miyazawa, Yusuke Inaba (1), Yuki Maita, Taiyo Watanabe, Kentaro Tani. Head Coach: Takamitsu Nakashima.

Report



Serbia began its campaign after finishing sixth at the August European Championship. It opened the scoring with the 200th goal of the day — to Andrej Barac — and then had to come to level after two Japanese goals. Barac scored a second to send Serbia 3-2 ahead before the high-scoring Yusuke Inaba opened his account to go into the first break even. Toi Suzuki gave Japan the lead for a second time. However, Serbia took control for the rest of the half with three goals, including a fantastic turning effort in front of goal by Petar Mitrovic. Barac nailed his third to start the second half, driving down the left, turning to receive a pass and then turning to blast it home while two defenders paid close attention. Suzuki drove home another a minute later for 7-5 as the frantic pace lifted with the Japanese twisting and turning on their bigger Serbian opponents. Hizume scored a second from the top, sending it high into the top right for 7-6 at 1:21. On the next attack, Shun Kobayashi fired one in from deep right for 7-7. This was nullified by Vasilije Martinovic from outside with the clock almost showing the end of the period. Vucinic grabbed his second and third for 10-7 by 5:12 in the fourth. Barac found inside water and steered in an air ball for 11-7 at 4:01, leaving little chance for Japan to come back. It was the second time Serbia scored four straight. Japan was trying everything in front of goal to no avail. Vucinic scored his fourth at 1:00 sealing the match. Martinovic added the icing to the cake for 13-7. Serbia took a timeout at 0:25 and the player failed to play the ball, giving Japan the last attack. Serbia was third two years ago when the championship was played in Belgrade. In contrast, Japan was 13th, but then there are the Tokyo Olympics next year and Japan has been improving its playing pool in preparation. Japan's ability to earn ejections was positive, although the conversion rate was not good.



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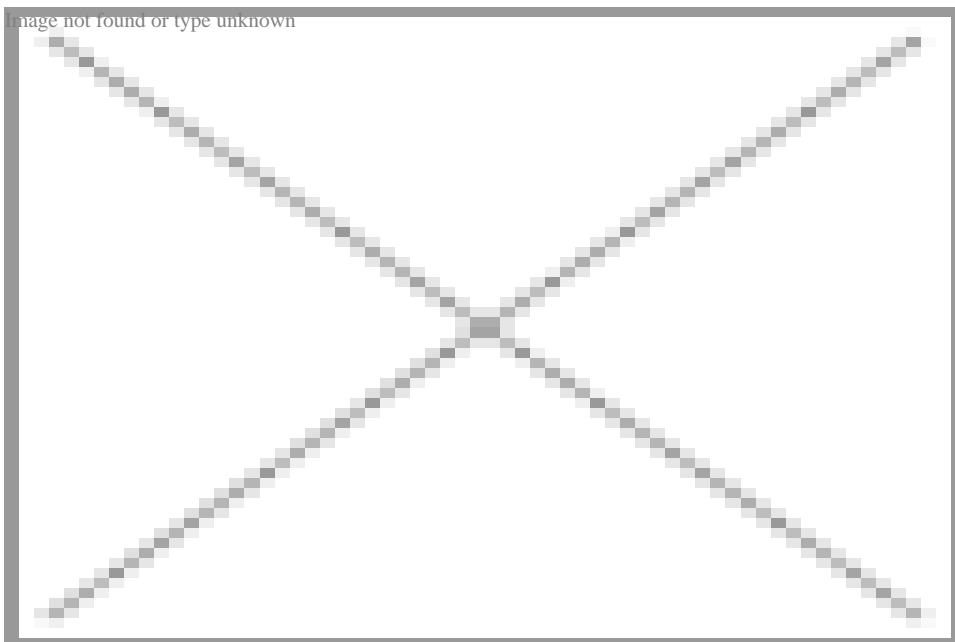
It is the second day of the FINA World Men's Junior Water Polo Championships at the new Al-Nasar Sport Club Kuwait.

In Group A — the last two matches of the day — China overcame the front-running South Africa 14-13 in the most exciting match of the tournament. The match was levelled an incredible eight times with China having to come back six of them. Todd Howard scored five for the South Africans, but it wasn't enough for victory. Serbia outplayed Japan 13-7, scoring the last six goals after it was tied at 7-7 just before the final break. Dorde Vucinic turned the match with three of those final goals in his tally of four — the same as team-mate Andrej Barac.

In Group B, Spain won for the second time, beating a somewhat demure Egypt 18-4, with Victor Alegre netting four goals. Canada also made it two wins, fending off Russia 12-10, thanks to goalkeeper Brody McKnight who was just brilliant. Ivan Vasilev did his best for Russia with six successive goals in the middle of the match to keep his team in the contest.

In Group C, Montenegro was far too good for host nation Kuwait, winning 42-7 with Petar Mijuskovic netting 10 goals. United States of America had a similar romp, besting Iran 27-4 with the goals spread around the team.

In Group D, Greece went two from two, downing New Zealand 14-5 with superior play, despite the attentions of Kiwi goalkeeper Bae Fountain, who made 15 fantastic saves. Brazil made its first appearance and closed a 23-6 winner over Uzbekistan to leapfrog into second place in the group. Centre forward Nicholas Fichman was on fire with five goals from two metres.



Progress points:

Group A: Croatia 2, Serbia 2, Japan 2, China 2, South Africa 0.

Group B: Spain 4, Canada 4, Hungary 0, Egypt 0.

Group C: Montenegro 2, USA 2, Iran 2, Italy 2, Kuwait 0.

Group D: Greece 4, Brazil 2, New Zealand 2, Australia 0, Uzbekistan 0.

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Saturday Schedule:

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Match 23, 10:50, Group B, HUNGARY EGYPT

Match 19, 12:10, Group D, AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

Match 20, 13:30, Group D, GREECE BRAZIL

Match 21, 14:50, Group A, CROATIA CHINA

Match 22, 16:10, Group A, SOUTH AFRICA SERBIA

Match 18, 17:30, Group C, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MONTENEGRO

Match 24, 18:50, Group B, SPAIN RUSSIA
