OGQT Women's Water Polo Day 5: NED and HUN off to Tokyo

Match 17, 14:00, KAZAKHSTAN 11 SLOVAKIA 10
Match 19, 18:00, NETHERLANDS 7 GREECE 4

Dimitrios Mavrotas (ISR) — Head Coach

Match 20, 20:00, HUNGARY 13  ITALY 10

Alma Yaacobi (0/5), Tahel Levi (0/1), Maria Bogachenko (1/5), Kerem Noy (1/2), Hila Futorian (1/2), Yahav Farkash (0/2), ... (0/2), Eden Tal (0/1), Noa Sasover, Nofar Hochberg (1/13), Ronny Gazit, Inbar Geva. Head Coach: Dimitrios Mavrotas.

Reports & Teams

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

Classification 1-2

Match 19, 18:00, NETHERLANDS 7 GREECE 4

For Hungary, it was the goal-scoring queen, Rita Keszthelyi, who once again reigned supreme with six goals, lifting her team into its third consecutive Olympic Games. The lead, 6-2, was incremented to 12-3, before the Greek defence managed to halt the flood of goals. It was on the second break that the team had its best chance for a win, but the Dutch goalkeeper, Jannique Dekker, needed only one hand to stop them. Her teammate, pinning Gamez to her chest, would set the goal for the final. In the end, Keszthelyi's six goals were the difference, and the team would secure a 7-4 victory.

Classification 5-6


Saturday Semifinal Programme

Chrsyoula Diamantopoulou, Christina Tsoukala (1), Foteini Tricha, Nikoleta Eleftheriadou (1), Margarita Plevritou (1), ... Plevritou, Eleftheria Plevritou, Maria Myriokefalitaki (1), Ioanna Stamatopoulou. Head Coach: Theodoros Lorantos.

Ever since Italy and Hungary missed in 2000, both made the cut on every occasion, so here the loser will miss the Games for the first time since 2000.

Pens: FRA: 2/2. ISR: Nil.

Classification 1-4 Semifinal (Winner qualifies for Tokyo 2020)

Match 22, 16:00, KAZ v FRA

In the round 5-8 semifinals, Kazakhstan needed a last-gasp goal to beat Slovakia 11-10 and France downed Israel 11-4. France impressed with its second win (beat Slovakia 17-9 in the preliminary round) in downing Israel 11-4. The team is now in the semifinals, aiming for a spot in the Tokyo 2020 Games. They will face Kazakhstan on Sunday.

Pens: NED: 1/1. GRE: 0/10.

Referees: Svetlana Dreval (RUS), Matan Schwartz (ISR).

“The finals mean nothing, other than pride.”

Giulia Gorlero, Chiara Tabani (2/6), Arianna Garibotti (0/5), Silvia Avegno (0/3), Elisa Queirolo (0/3), Rosaria Aiello ... (0/3), Valeria Palmieri (2/2), Izabella Chiappini (0/1), Giulia Viacava (0/1), Fabiano Sparano. Head Coach: Paolo Zizza.

“Now we are in the final, we are the champions.”

Greece will be ruing the lost opportunities, leading 2-1 and 4-3 at the first two breaks, only to be held scoreless in the second half.

Teams:

GREECE:

The fact that both matches were three-goal margins was an emphatic realisation by the victors that nothing but the best was required in the semifinals.

HUNGARY:

The Netherlands are through to the final day unscathed, while the Greeks will have to wait another three years to realise its dream of returning to the Olympic fold.


Pens: HUN: Nil. ITA: 0/2.

Referees: Boris Margeta (SLO), Nenad Peris (CRO).

1/2

2/2

Referees: Gabrielle Varkonyi (HUN), Georgios Stavridis (GRE).

Sunday Finals Programme

Some historical data here will be of huge interest to many of you.