Water Polo Reports - Women, FINALS
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USA settles for world domination and all the trophies. United States of America became the first team in history to hold Olympic, World Championship, World Cup and World League crowns at the same time when it beat Netherlands 5-4 in the gold-medal final tonight. Netherlands was denied a second gold medal after winning in Perth in 1991 and now has five silver medals from this event. For the USA it was a fourth title after victories in 2003, 2007 and 2009. Twice champion Italy won the bronze medal over Australia in a penalty shootout, closing the match at 7-7 and winning the penalties 5-3 for a 12-10 victory. Greece was involved in its third penalty shootout in four days — two for men — when it came back seven times against China for 9-9 to force the five shots. However, like the men the night before, Greece lost the shootout, 3-4 in China’s 13-12 victory. In the classification match for seventh, outgoing champion Spain beat Russia 15-10. Media Awards:

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERRachel Fattal (USA) MEDIA ALL STAR TEAM
GOALKEEPERAshleigh Johnson (USA)
CENTRE FORWARDKami Craig (USA)
FIELD PLAYERSZoe Arancini (AUS) Roberta Bianconi (ITA) Rachel Fattal (USA) Rita Keszthelyi (HUN) Maud Megens (NED)

Fina placings:

1. United States of America
2. Netherlands
3. Italy
4. Australia
5. Greece
6. Russia
7. Spain
8. Russia
9. Hungary
10. Brazil
11. Canada
12. Kazakhstan
13. New Zealand
14. France
15. Japan
16. South Africa

Match 48: 22:00, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 5 NETHERLANDS 4
Quarters: 0-1, 2-1, 3-1, 0-1
ITALY: Giulia Gorlero, Chiara Tabani, Arianna Garibotti (2), Elisa Queirolo (1), Federica Radicchi, Rosarie Aiello (2), ... (2), Giulia Emmolo, Francesca Pomeri, Laura Barzon (1), Teresa Frassinetti, Laura Teani. Head Coach: Fabio Conti.

Outgoing world champion Spain was too strong for Russia, finding gaps all over the pool in which it could manoeuvre. The... standings, Ivanova top-scored for Russia with 15 goals and Roser Tarrago's four goals today lifted her to best with 14.

Referees: Sergey Naumov (RUS), Massimiliano Caputi (ITA).

USA made it a clean sweep of all the women's water polo trophies with a 5-4 victory over the Netherlands. USA trailed... goal. Maud Megens, out to emulate her mother, 1991 World Championship gold medallist Patricia Libregts, scored her 12

FLASH QUOTES:
Pens: Nil.


Match 47: 20:30, AUSTRALIA 10 ITALY 12 in pe
Fabio Conti (ITA) — Head Coach
Classification 5-6
Alexandra Asimaki (GRE) — Four Goals

Quarters: 2-3, 1-2, 2-0, 2-2. Pens: 3-5.
USA Team on the podium ©Giorgio Perottino / Deepbluemedia / Insidefoto
Classification 3-4 (Bronze Medal)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Samantha Hill, Madeline Musselman (1), Melissa Seidemann, Rachel Fattal (2), Alys Williams, ... (1), Ashley Grossman, Kaleigh Gilchrist, Makenzie Fischer, Kami Craig, Ashleigh Johnson. Head Coach: Adam Krikorian.

"The Dutch came out with tempo and physical play and we had trouble early on with forced errors and we were out of synch ... couple and it's incredible and each is unique in its own way. We have so many new kids on the team. It's their first."

"It was a very, very good finish. We won this medal. After the match against Netherlands we organised our ideas, did a very good game and we finished in a better way. We deserved it."

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"It was surreal. We played well together, we were balanced and our defence we nailed. Ash Johnson is just an amazing ... she holds: "Three of the four; I did not play the Olympics (London). Hopefully next year will be the cherry on the top."