

Day 5 Junior Men's Water Polo: Serbia, Greece, Croatia, Hungary win groups

33. PUERTO RICO 6 RUSSIA 22

Results & Teams

Match 33. 09:00, Group A, PUERTO RICO 6 RUSSIA 22

Quarters: 1-6, 2-6, 1-5, 2-5

Referees: Sinisa Matijasevic (MNE), Kazuzo Moribayashi (JPN)

Penalties: PUR: 1/1.

Extra Man: PUR: 3/5. RUS: 5/7.

Teams:

PUERTO RICO: Jorge Torres, Alec Martir (1), Angel Andino, Guillermo Ocasio, Misael Andino (2), Raymond Rodriguez, Diego Zayas, Gabriel Robles (2), Angel Rosado, Fabio Mujica, Jose Loubriel (1), Jafet Hernandez, Roberto Gordills. Head Coach: Jean Pierre Mujica.

RUSSIA: Vladislav Chuvilev, Daniil Pronin, Ilya Shein (2), Roman Usov (1), Nikita Krug (1), Daniil Merkulov (4), Daniil Andreev (1), Oleg Kucherenko, Arslan Zakirov (5), Ivan Gusarov, Timur Shaikhutdinov (6), Konstantin Kharkov (2), Igor Chirkov. Head Coach: Dmitry Apanasenko.

Report

Russia was too powerful for Puerto Rico, who remains winless at Belgrade. Russia moves into second place, but will more than likely finish third by the end of the day. Russia has the team to go all the way so this type of match proves excellent preparation for the next stage. Timur Shaikhutdinov improved his scoring total to eight in a match where Russia's counter-attack gained three goals and 14 steals compared to Puerto's five. Both teams were efficient on extra-man plays. Puerto Rico now goes to its main championship in the bottom four and Russia will probably play Italy in the eighth-final round on Thursday.



Picture: Russell McKinnon

34. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 15 IRAN 3

Results & Teams

Match 34, 10:20, Group A, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 15 IRAN 3

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

Referees: Erwin Schapers (NED), Ammar Saleh (EGY).

Penalties: USA: 1/1.

Extra Man: USA: 6/9. IRI: 1/8.

Teams:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Alexander Wolf, Hannes Daube (5), Tyler Abramson (2), Ethan Wojciechowski, Quinten Osborne, Dylan Woodhead, Nicholas Bisconti (1), Jacob Ehrhardt (2), Jacob Cavano (2), Ashworth Molthen (2), Beck Jurasius, Johnathan Hooper (1), Samuel Murphy. Head Coach: Gavin Arroyo.

IRAN: Shayan Ghasemi, Amir Parhoon, Alireza Pourang, Arshia Almasi, Mehdi Yazdankhan (1), Hosein Khaledi (1), Amir Rahbar, Sajad Saviz, Amir Heidari, Amin Ghavidel, Bardia Peiravani (1), Mehdi Barzegari, Arash Pourzargar. Head Coach: Vahid Rezaei.

Report

United States of America took second place in the group with an even match, building as the match continued and denying Iran access to the goal in the second half. Hannes Daube scored five goals to lift his total to nine, having scored in every match. Six extra-man goals by USA shows it does not want to waste time turning over the scoreboard. Iran limited USA's potent counter-attack to two goals from five attempts. In total shots taken, USA had 31 to Iran's 19.



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35. JAPAN 17 MONTENEGRO 18

Results & Teams

Match 35, 11:40, Group B, JAPAN 17 MONTENEGRO 18

Quarters: 7-6, 6-3, 3-4, 1-5

Referees: Luca Bianco (ITA), Scott Voltz (USA).

Penalties: MNE: 1/1. MNE: 2/2.

Extra Man: JPN: 5/12. MNE: 4/8.

Teams:

JAPAN: Yusuke Ogura, Kenta Kobayashi (1), Tomoya Ichimura (1), Haruki Koppu (1), Kiyomu Date (5), Toi Suzuki (3), Ryosuke Aizawa, Shogo Kageta, Koki Maita (1), Takanori Maeno, Takeru Ogawa (2), Yusuke Inaba (3), Towa Mishimura. Head Coach: Makihiko Motomiya.

MONTENEGRO: Peta Tesanovic, Dusan Matkovic, Branco Franeta (1), Nicolas Saveljic (2), Blazo Mitrovic (1), Bogdan Vujasevic (2), Aleksa Ukropina, Duro Radovic, Filip Gardasevic (1), Nikola Moskov (4), Vladan Spaic (5), Goran Grgurevic (2), Milija Mandic. Head Coach: Veljko Uskokovic.

Report

Montenegro used its “get-out-of-jail” card in pulling victory from defeat with the final two goals to deny Japan a first victory in Belgrade. The Japanese have scored 50 goals, lost by nine goals to Spain, four goals to Croatia, two to the Netherlands and now one to Montenegro in what is probably the toughest group. Montenegro lost by three to Croatia, beat the Dutch by eight and went down by five to Spain.

In what was a goal fest. Japan was darting all over the pool and moving the ball so quickly it caught out the Montenegrin defence, especially with the last pass into the deep-left wing. Montenegro used strength and size and the occasional lob to try and keep up. It was level at six and seven and 6-5 was the last time Montenegro had the lead until 2:39 in the last quarter. Montenegro twice could have extended the lead with a centre-forward shot lacking force and a counter-attack attempt stopped by goalkeeper Yusuke Ogura. Japan

had the last, and hopefully equalising shot, only for it to be defended. Captain Vladan Spaic led Montenegro by example with five goals and Nikola Moskov dropped in with four. No greater goal was scored than that by Yusuke Inaba, who mesmerised the defence, holding the ball for five seconds, turning and twisting his body before scoring from two metres with two defenders trying to stop him. It was the go-ahead goal that lifted his team from 7-7 to 11-7 in just three minutes. Japan should now dominate the 13-20-classification competition while Montenegro will play the winner of the Croatia-Australia match.



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36. NETHERLANDS 3 CROATIA 11

Results & Teams

Match 36. 13:00, Group B, NETHERLANDS 3 CROATIA 11

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

Referees: Konstantinos Kyranis (GRE), Daniel Vazquez (MEX).

Penalties: Nil.

Extra Man: NED: 2/8. CRO: 7/9.

Teams:

NETHERLANDS: Frank Aarts, Bilal Gbadamassi (1), Mika Smelt, Sam van den Burg (1), Tarik Scherrenburg, Niels Hofmeijer (1), Tim De Mey, Tom Geestman, Bram van den Bersselaar, Tom de Weerd, Guus Wolswinkel, Stan van Ruiten, Thijs Stroomberg. Head Coach: Jacob Spijker.

CROATIA: Fran Cubranic, Antonio Duzевич, Ivan Domagoj Zovic (1), Jacob Mercep (3), Zvonimir Butic (1), Marin Dasic (1), Duje Pejkovic (1), Nikola Pavlicevic (1), Franko Lazic (2), Rino Buric, Matias Biljaka (1), Lovro Paporic, Luka Podrug. Head Coach: Nikica Gulin.

Report

Croatia sealed the group victory and earned a day off on Thursday with a well-crafted, if not easy, win over a heavily supported Netherlands. Croatia asserted itself in the first quarter and had to work hard to stave

persistent Dutch attacks in the second. Croatia maintained its impetus in the third and did enough in the fourth to warrant victory and its No 1 ranking. Three of those goals came from counter, but it was on extra that Croatia excelled with seven from nine, the best of the championship. Jacob Mercep scored his first three goals in Belgrade. Croatia used both goalkeepers and Fran Cubranic stopped 11 from 12 attempts before handing over to Luka Podrug, who dragged down five from seven. Netherlands' Frank Aarts made eight saves. Netherlands, as the fourth-ranked team in the group, goes to the round 13-20.



Picture: Russell McKinnon

38. NEW ZEALAND 7 CHINA 11

Results & Teams

Match 38, 16:40, Group C, NEW ZEALAND 7 CHINA 11

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

Referees: Viktor Salnichenko (KAZ), Martin Murray (CAN).

Penalties: NZL: 1/1. CHN: 1/1.

Extra Man: NZL: 1/8. CHN: 7/15.

Teams:

NEW ZEALAND: Joshua De Reeper, Billy Simpson (2), Matija Jancic. Daniel Cameron, Hamish Booker, Liam Paterson, James Catlin, Adam Milne (3), Rowan Brown, Mark Morris (2), Brandon Matthews, Michael Slessor-White, Eric Munro. Head Coach: Goran Sablic.

CHINA: JunJing Wang, BeiYu Wang (3), JinPeng Zhang, YuTian Wang (2), XingMeng He, RongKun Lie, Yi Lu (1), YingYi Gao (1), XuLiang Zhang (1), DingSong Shen (3), Chi Liao, Boren Shi, LinFeng Li. Head Coach: Jie Shen.

Report

China needed just to win and New Zealand was looking for a win with a plus-eight advantage to make it through a three-way tie to the leading group. It was not to be, even though it was close early on. China had the better finishing and steadily grew the score to be a healthy 9-5 ahead at the final break. With the

merciless BeiYi Wang at centre forward, New Zealand struggled. Wang scored three goals and looked awesome in two metres. DingSong Chen was another to impress as the go-to man on extra-man attack, scoring all three in this manner. China took third in the group and improving results will assist in the coming days. New Zealand will look for a result in the 13-20 group.



Picture: Russell McKinnon

37. SERBIA 11 AUSTRALIA 2

Results & Teams

Match 37. 18:00, Group C, SERBIA 11 AUSTRALIA 2

Quarters: 2-2, 2-0, 5-0, 2-0

Referees: Axel Bender (GER), Vladimir Golikov (RUS).

Penalties: Nil.

Extra Man: SRB: 1/5. AUS: 1/8.

Teams:

SERBIA: Radoslav Filipovic, Velji Tanksovic, (2) Petar Tomic (1), Nikola Lukic (2), Dorde Vucinic, Ivan Gvozdanic (1), Radomir Drasovic (1), Nebojsa Toholj, Marko Jankovic, Filip Radojevic (2), Nikola Radonjic (1), Petar Velkic (1), Milutin Belopavlovic. Head Coach: Vladimir Vujasinovic.

AUSTRALIA: Nicholas Porter, Samuel Nangle (1), Adam Hall, Nicholas Elphick (1), Timothy Putt, Nicholas Hallam, Hugh Anstey, Rhys Holden, Christian Kyriakou, Lachlan Vos, Charles Negus, Conor Wolohan, Damian Williams. Head Coach: Andrei Kovalenko.

Report

What started as a close match to decide the group became a runaway victory for the host nation. Serbia took the lead twice in the first quarter with Australia equalising. A goal on counter and a quick fourth goal started the second quarter and so tight was the defence at both ends that neither team could score until the long break. While Serbia maintained its composure, Australia dropped away and had plenty of trouble with extra-man attack. Three times Serbia swam away to score in the second half as Australia found itself out of position. Several other times Australia badly guarded a shooter and the ball slipped in with ease. Eight

Serbian players made the scoresheet, taking 12 more shots than the Aussies.



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39. CANADA 6 HUNGARY 17

Results & Teams

Match 39. 19:20, Group D, CANADA 6 HUNGARY 17

Quarters: 0-5, 0-5, 3-3, 3-4

Referees: Jaume Teixido (ESP), Daniel Bartels (AUS).

Penalties: HUN: 1/1.

Extra Man: CAN: 0/5. HUN: 3/9

Teams:

CANADA: Samuel Reiher, Gareth Jones, Alexis Reiher, Felix Polisen (2), Aleksa Gardijan, Benjamin Lemay-Lavoie (1), Bogdan Djerkovic, Mark Spooner, Jeremie Blanchard (1), Aria Soleimanipak, Jeremie Cote (1), Reuel D'Souza (1), Aleksa Stanic. Head Coach: Nikola Maric.

HUNGARY: Soma Vogel, Lorand Zeriny (1), Denes Lukacs, Viktor Vadovics (1), Adam Nagy (2), Domonkos Selley-Rauscher (1), Kristof Szatmari (3), Erik Csacsovsky (2), Kristian Manhercz (3), Gergely Burian (2), Henrik Simon, Andras Teleki (2), Boldizsar Csiszar. Head Coach: Gyorgy Horkai.

Report

Hungary became the last group winner, with a fourth victory. Its superior play and defence in the first half gave it the path to success that it required, using the second half to rest players, utilise the bench and get as many players into the scoring mood as possible. The statistics tell the story of an even match, except on attack, where Hungary was forceful and kept Canadian stars Reuel D'Souza and Aria Soleimanipak to just one goal between them.



Picture: Russell McKinnon

40. ITALY 21 SOUTH AFRICA 3

Results & Teams

Match 40. 20:40, Group D, ITALY 21 SOUTH AFRICA 3

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

Referees: John Waldow (NZL), Josko Pranic (CRO).

Penalties: ITA: 1/1.

Extra Man: ITA: 2/7. RSA: 1/6.

Teams:

ITALY: Gianmarco Nicosia, Mario Del Basso (3), Giacomo Cannella (2), Michele Mezzarobba (4), Mario Guidi (1), Duilio Puccio, Stefano Guerrato (5), Edoardo Campopiano, Antonia Maccioni (2), Eduardo Manzi (3), Federico Piombo (1), Ettore Novara, Francesco De Michelis. Head Coach Ferdinando Pesci.

SOUTH AFRICA: Keegan Clark, Michael Stewart, Miguel Morais (1), Cameron Laurenson, David Rom, Sven Van Zyl, Jason Evazard, Mika'eel Essa, Ethan Coryndon, Michael Brakspear (2), Liam Neil, Isma'eel Essa, Themba Mthembu. Head Coach: Jason Selino.

Report

Italy beat South Africa to advance comfortably to the next stage in second place. South Africa will need to find solace in the 13-20 group and should be better for having played some hard matches. For Italy, Stefano Guerrato top-scored with five goals and Michele Mezzarobba netted four. Michael Brakspear was a double scorer for South Africa.



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Belgrade, Serbia, August 9.— Host nation Serbia rattled off an 11-2 victory over previously unbeaten Australia to surge into the quarter-finals of the FINA Junior Men's World Championships at the Sports Centre Milan Gale Muskatirovic here.

It gains a rest day as the eighth finals take place on Thursday to see who will advance to the top eight. The other Group C match was between China and New Zealand with the Asian side finishing 11-7 ahead and taking third in the group.

Group A was settled before the 40C heat arrived when Russia beat Iran 22-6 with Timur Shaikhutdinov beating the goalkeeper six times and United States of America sent off Iran 15-3. Hannes Daube scored five goals for the victor. With Greece having a rest day, USA slipped into second place with Russia third.

In Group B it was exasperation for Japan once more, losing to Montenegro 18-17 at the death after leading for much of the match and allowing the Europeans to score the last two goals inside the final four minutes. It means Japan is winless after scoring 50 goals and providing some of the most exciting water polo in Belgrade. Croatia wrapped up the group in the next match, defeating Netherlands 11-3, mainly with strong first and third periods.

Group C was won by Hungary, defeating Canada 17-6 after leading 10-0 at halftime. There were 14 scorers in the match as Canada claimed third place and stays in the top group while Hungary has a day's rest in preparation for the quarter-finals. Italy took second place with a 21-3 win against South Africa in the final match of the day.

Final points:

Group A: Greece 7, USA 6, Russia 5, Iran 2, Puerto Rico 0.

Group B: Croatia 8, Spain 6, Montenegro 4, Netherlands 2, Japan 0.

Group C: Serbia 8, Australia 6, China 4, Argentina 2, New Zealand 0.

Group D: Hungary 8, Italy 6, Canada 4, Egypt 2, South Africa 0.

Match schedule:

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Match 44, 13:00, 5B JPN -4C ARG

Classification 1-12:

Match 45, 16:40, 2A USA -3D CAN
Match 46, 18:00, 2B ESP -3C CHN
Match 47, 19:20, 3A RUS -2D ITA
Match 48, 20:40, 3B MNE - 2C AUS
