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## Europa-Cup Final, Turin, Day 3: Gold medal to the Netherlands, silver to Russia

15.00 - Hungary - Italy 13-11 +

Results & Teams +

13-11 (5-5, 3-1; 2-3, 3-2)

*Hungary:* 1 Gangl Edina, 2 Szilagyi Dorottya (1) , 3 Parkes Rebecca Grace (1) , 4 Gurisatti Greta (2), 5 Szucs

Gabriella (1), 6 Horvath Brigitta, 7 Illes Anna (1), 8 Keszthelyi Rita (C) (6), 9 Valyi Vanda, 10 Gyongyossy Aniko (1), 11 Toth-Csabai Dora, 12 Mate Zsuzsanna, 13 Toth Eszter. Coach Attila Biro.

*Italy:* 1 Gorlero Giulia, 2 Tabani Chiara (3), 3 Garibotti Arianna (), 4 Avegno Silvia, 5 Queirolo Elisa, 6 Aiello

Rosaria (1), 7 Marcialis Carolina , 8 Bianconi Roberta (4), 9 Emmolo Giulia, 10 Palmieri Valeria Maria Grazia (1), 11 Chiappini Izabella (2), 12 Giustini Sofia, 13 Lavi Federica Eugenia. Coach Fabio Conti.

*Referees:* Mr Maro Savinovic (CRO), Mr Juan Carlos Colominas Ezponda (ESP).

*FINA Delegates:* Mr Milivoj Bebic (CRO), Mr Dejan Perisic (SRB).

*Notes* –Goals on extra players: HUN 7/11, ITA 6/14. Penalties: HUN 3, ITA 1. Russia's goalkeeper throughout the game was n. 13 Karnaugh. Exclusion fouls Valyi (H) at 0'48 of the 3rd quarter, Avegno (I) at 2'20 and Szucs (H) at 3'57 of the 4th quarter.

## Report

### **Final for 3rd – 4th place**

With 39 seconds inside the 1st quarter Italy opened the score with Chiappini on an outside shot. Hungary promptly answered with a goal of Parkes from two metres. Half a minute later Italy was up again thanks a hat trick from Bianconi: the first goal on man up, the second on action and the third on penalty. At half of the 1st quarter Italy was leading by 3 goals, 4-1; this was the best moment for the home team. Hungary narrowed first with a lob shot of Keszthelyi from outside on man up, then with an outside shot of Szucs, also on extra player (3-4). At about 2 minutes from the end the Mgyars tied with Gurisatti. Soon after Tabani scored for Italy on extra player and so did Gyonggyossy for Hungary. The score at the end of the 1st period was 5-5.

In the 2nd period the score was opened by an action from outside of Keszthelyi at 4.42. Twenty seconds later Bianconi scored her 4th goal, also on action, prompting a new tie, at 6-6. In the last 2 minutes of the quarter Hungary's captain, Keszthelyi scored twice, the first goal on extra player, the second on penalty to secure her team a 2-goal lead (8-6) and to equal Bianconi's tally of 4 goals in the match. A minute inside the 3rd quarter Chiappini narrowed the gap with a man up goal putting Italy back in the match. Just over a minute later Italy scored again on man up, with Tabani who finalized a nice combination (8-8).

Hungary one goal up again with an action goal of Szilagy from two meters. Italy's centre-forward Palmieri tied again, on 9-9, also from 2-metres after receiving a nice assist from Bianconi. Less than a minute later Keszthelyi's 5th goal, a formidable diagonal shot from outside on extra player, gave Hungary a new lead, 10-9.

After 19 seconds inside the 4th quarter Hungary's captain Rita Keszthelyi, the best player of the match, scored her 6th goal on a blaze from outside (11-9). Incredibly soon after she missed a penalty shot enabling Gorlero a great save. Then Tabani scored her 3rd goal soon answered by Illes (12-10), both goals on extra player. Aiello's goal, also an extra player, from 2 metres, fed some more hopes for Italy (12-11). But at 1:07 from the end Gurisatti converted a penalty and Hungary went 2-goal up again. Game over. For the Magyars the 13-11 win meant the bronze medal while the Italians had to content themselves with the 4th place.

16.30 - Russia - Netherlands 9-11



Results & Teams



**Russia – Netherlands 9-11 (1-2, 2-4; 2-3, 4-2)**

**Russia:** 1 Golovina Evgeniia, 2 Bersneva Maria (1), 3 Prokofyeva Ekaterina (1), 4 Karimova Elvina (4), 5

Gerzanich Daria, 6 Gorbunova Olga (1), 7 Serzhantova Alena (1), 8 Simanovich Anastasia, 9 Timofeeva Anna (1), 10 Soboleva Evgeniia, 11 Tolkunova Tatiana, 12 Ryzhkova Daria, 13 Karnaukh Anna. Coach Gaidukov Alexander.

**Netherlands:** 1 Aarts Laura, 2 Megens Maud (4), 3 Genee Dagmar (C), 4 Van Der Sloot Sabrina , 5 Wolves

Iris (3), 6 Stomphorst Nomi Lisa (2), 7 Marloes Nuhuis, 8 Sevenich Vivian Leonie, 9 Keuning Maartje , 10 Koolhaas Ilse Adriana, 11 Van De Kraats Simone (2), 12 Rogge Bente, 13 Buis Sarah. Coach Arno Avengea.

**Referees:** Mr. Adrian Alexandrescu (ROU), Mrs. Alessia Ferrari (ITA).

**FINA/LEN Delegates:** Mr. Milorad Krivokapic (SRB), Mr. Angel Moliner (ESP).

**Notes** – Goals on extra players: RUS 3/9 ; NED 3/10. Penalties: NED 3. Exclusion fouls Ryzhkova (R) at 4'53 and Gorbunova (R) at 6'15 of the 4th quarter.

## Report

At 7:19 of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Russia scored the opening goal on action from two metres with Karimova. Four minutes later the Dutch tied 1-1 with an action goal of Wolves. In the last minute of the first period the Dutch managed to take the lead again with Wolves who scored on man up a goal.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter the Netherlands increased their advantage on an action goal scored by Stomphorst at 7:19. A minute later Russia answered also on an action goal, scored by Timofeeva. The Dutch team insisted and scored twice with Megens, the first goal on penalty the second on action; in between an extra player goal from Russia's number 4 Karimova. But Wolves was implacable and scored her third goal pushing the Dutch team up 3 goals. At half time the score was 6-3 for the Netherlands, clearly in command of the game.

25 seconds inside the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Russia scored a nice action goal from 2metres with Gorbunova but about 40 seconds later the Netherlands reestablished the 3-goal gap on action with Van der Kraats.

At 4:25 Russia narrowed with Bersneva from mid-distance on man up. A minute and half later Van der Kraft reset the 3-goal gap scoring her second goal on extra player. Stomphorst increase the lead to 4 goals (9-5 for the Dutch) converting a penalty shot allowed for a major foul of Soboleva.

4<sup>th</sup> quarter. At 7:32 Megens from 2 metres finalised a great counterattack of Koohaas. Russia kept fighting and soon after Karimova scored her third goal but Megens, at 3:32, reasserted the Dutch unquestionable supremacy with an action goal from outside. After 8 seconds an action goal from Prokofyieva 7-11. Then Van der Sloot missed a penalty while Karimova scored her 4<sup>th</sup> goal, on action, at 2 minutes from the end. The last goal, on extra player, was scored for Russia by Serzhantova 36 seconds before the conclusion. Final score 11-9 for the Netherlands. The Netherlands' number 2 Maud Megens was judged as the MVP of the game.

The Netherlands won the Europa-Cup Final, while Hungary defeated Italy in the bronze medal match.

Third and last day in two acts of the FINA/LEN Water Polo World League Europa Cup Final Women 2019 this afternoon at the Palanuoto in Turin.

Act 1 saw Hungary prevail over Italy in the bronze medal match. In act 2 the stage was for the gold medal match between Russia and the Netherlands, the latter eventually claiming the victory of the tournament, with the silver medal going to Russia. The actors of both finals will all advance to the World League Final 8, in Budapest next June, including Italy, which, in spite of their defeat, will benefit from the fact that Hungary was already qualified as host country.

The final standings of the tournament reflect exactly the values shown here by the different teams, some of which appeared not to have fully assimilated the new rules. The Netherlands were the strongest team and featured also some impressive individualities.

The Netherlands' number 1 Elisabeth Aarts and Russia's number 4 Elvina Karimova were awarded respectively the best goalkeeper and the best player of the tournament prize.

## Europe Cup Final Six Schedule and Results

### **Quarter Finals - Friday March 29**

15.30 Hungary-Greece 13-9  
17.00 Spain-Netherlands 6-9

### **Semifinals - Saturday March 30**

15.00 (1) Russia-Hungary 15-14  
16.30 (2) Italy- Netherlands 11-17

### **Final for 5th-6th place**

18.00 Greece – Spain 14-17

### **Finals - Sunday March 31**

3rd / 4th place  
15.00 Hungary – Italy 13-11

**1st / 2nd place**

16.30 Russia-Netherlands 9-11



### Final Standings

- 1 Netherlands
  - 2 Russia
  - 3 Hungary
  - 4 Italy
  - 5 Spain
  - 6 Greece
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