A total of twelve very motivated teams, selected through Continental Qualification Tournaments or Continental Championships, are facing each other this week in Gouda (NED), the city where the FINA Women's Water Polo Olympic Games Qualifications Tournament is currently taking place and running through March 28: Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, Spain, South Africa, and USA.

With already 12 games played on Monday and Tuesday (six in each group), Group A’s USA and Greece, and Group B’s Italy have taken the lead. The three teams have now 4 points each. The host country and Russia follow with 3 points each (tie game when they played each other).

The ranking in the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament gives two (2) points to the winner of the game, one (1) point in a tie and null (0) to the losing team.

The provisional ranking is as follows:

**Group A:** USA 4pts (2W), GRE 4pts (2W), ESP 2pts (1W, 1L), CAN 2pts (1W, 1L), JPN 0 (2L), RSA 0 (2L)

**Group B:** ITA 4pts (2W), RUS 3pts (1w, 1T), NED 3pts (1W, 1T), GER 2pts (1W, 1L), FRA 0 (2L), NZL 0 (2L)

The four best teams in Gouda (gold, silver, bronze medallists and fourth place) will secure a spot for the Olympic Games.

Four teams (Australia, Brazil, China, and Hungary) have already secured a place for the Olympic Games by winning their respective Continental Championships. Brazil, as Olympic Games host, will represent the Americas.
The Men's Olympic Qualification Tournament will be held in Trieste (ITA) from April 3-10.

Diving powerhouse China excelled at the first two FINA/NVC Diving World Series 2016 leg in Beijing (CHN, March 11-13) and Dubai (UAE, March 17-19) by grabbing all gold medals at stake.

Team China remains totally unbeaten as of today in the 2016 circuit of the annual event sponsored by NVC Lighting since 2014.

Other nations on the podium in the Chinese capital and in the Emirates were: Australia, Canada, France, Great Britain, Italy, Malaysia, Russia, Ukraine and the USA.

Results can be found here.

While in Dubai for the event, FINA caught up with Malaysia’s diving legend Pandelela Pamg who will be attending the Rio 2016 Olympic Games this summer with one dream in mind: a gold medal for Malaysia.

She came back on the evolution of the sport in her country.

"Malaysian people now know what is diving... thanks to me! There is some improvement and some support is coming in, but the evolution is slow," she explained.

A new Diving Aquatics complex in Sarawak is nevertheless a testimony of this appreciation Malaysia has for her star’s performances.

"It’s true that it can help us develop this sport in my country," she conceded.

Being a solid hope for a medal in Rio, Malaysian people will certainly follow her performances with interest. Before her achievement, only five medals (none of them were gold) had been earned by the Asian country at the Games. All were obtained in men’s badminton – silver in 1996, 2008 and 2012, and bronze in 1992 and 1996. So, why not the first Malaysian gold for Pandelela in Rio?

"It’s true we never got gold at the Olympics, but I don’t close the door to that possibility. Everyone in Malaysia expects an Olympic medal from me, and there is some public pressure. But I can cope with that: the most important thing for me is to train well and to be able to perform regularly in the decisive moments," she considered.

Read full interview here.

The next rendezvous of the FINA/NVC Diving World Series will take place in Windsor (CAN) on April 15-17. More than 60 athletes from 13 countries have confirmed their attendance in Canada. The last leg will be held in Kazan (RUS) on April 22-24.

All DWS legs are live streamed on FINA TV.
As per the two first legs in Madrid (ESP) and Rostock (GER), the competition’s format comprises of the following events: 3m springboard (men and women), 10m platform (men and women), 3m springboard synchro (men and women), 10 platform synchro (men and women) and the 30m and 10m mixed events.

The world’s elite divers will compete at the San Juan Natatorium Aquatic Complex at Parque Central, Santurce Puerto Rico and the four-day competition’s schedule unfolds as follows:

**Thursday 31/03 from 10am**
- Women’s 3m Springboard Preliminaries
- Men’s 10m Platform Preliminaries
- Women’s 3m Springboard Semis A / B
- Men’s 10m Platform Semi-Finals A / B

**Friday 1/04 from 10am**
- Men’s 3m Springboard Preliminaries
- Women’s 10m Platform Preliminaries
- Men’s 3m Springboard Semis A / B
- Women’s 10m Platform Semis A / B

**Saturday 2/04 from 10:30am**
- Women’s 10m Platform Synchro Final
- Men’s 3m Springboard Synchro Final
- Women’s 3m Springboard Final
- Men’s 10m Platform Final
- 3m Springboard Mixed Synchro Final

**Sunday 3/04 10:30am**
- Men’s 10m Platform Synchronised Final
- Women’s 3m Springboard Synchro Final
- Men’s 3m Springboard Final
- Women’s 10m Platform Final
- 10m Platform Mixed Synchro Final

**Diving Grand Prix 2016 calendar**
1. Madrid (ESP): January 15-17
2. Rostock (GER): January 29-31
3. San Juan (PUR): March 31-April 3
4. Gatineau (CAN): April 7-10
5. Bolzano (ITA): July 15-17
7. Gold Coast (AUS): October 27-30
8. Singapore (SIN): November 4-6

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