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# Women's Youth World Championships, Belgrade, Day 7

Game 45, 16.40, Finals 7th place: Russia v USA 6:10

## Results & Teams

Quarters: 2:2, 2:4, 1:2, 1:2

Referees: Mr Hinds, Mrs Daskalopoulou

### RUSSIA

Diana Khamraeva (0/1, 4/14, 28,6%), Anastasia Panfilova (0/7), Regina Galimzianova (3/5), Margarita Pystina (0/4), Elizabeta Ivanova (0/1), Polina Popova (1/5), Yulia Lapteva (0/4), Daria Chagochkina (0/1), Nadhezda Lipskaia, Anastasia Shiriaeva (2/3), Alena Topychkanova (0/2), Anna Kochetova (0/1), Polina Zabalueva.  
Coach: Sergey Markoch

### USA

Thea Walsh (14/20, 70%), Chloe Harbitas (2/3), Valeria Ayala (3/7), Abrielle Hill (3/7), Skyler Jones, Bayley Weber (1/2), Jewel Roemer, Carson Broad, Honnie Vandeweghe - O'Shea (0/1), Hannah Constandse (1/1), Sophie Wallace (0/1), Ava Johnson, Georgia Phillips. Coach: Ethan Damato

### **Shots:**

RUS: 6 - 34  
USA: 10 - 22

### **Extrawomen:**

RUS: 1 - 5  
USA: 3 - 12

### **Penalties:**

RUS: 0 - 1  
USA: 2 - 3  
MVP: Abrielle Hill

### Report

A deserved triumph for the US team. Thea Walsh was excellent in front of the North American goal, as well as Valeria Ayala and Abrielle Hill in front of the Russian goal. The match was balanced in the first 11-12 minutes (4:4), but then USA scored four goals in a row and the seventh place was secured.

Game 46, 18.00, Finals 5th. place: Hungary v Netherlands 8:11 

### Results & Teams

Quarters: 2:2, 3:1, 1:5, 2:3  
Referees: Mrs Goncharenko, Mrs Drury

## **HUNGARY**

Alda Anon Magyari (8/19, 42,1%), Kinga Peresletgi Nagy (1/2), Zita King Armai (0/2), Lucca Petovari (1/3), Morika Pap (1/3), Janka Kata Utassy (0/5) , Fanny Muzsnay (0/2), Vanda Hugzti (1/1), Panna Kudella (1/2) , Berta Farago (0/3), Natasa Rybanska (1/3), Dalma Domsodi, Barbara Papadi. Coach: Tamas Farago.

## **NETHERLANDS**

Sarah Buis (9/17, 52,9%), Lieke Rogge (0/5), Rozanne Voorvelt (3/8), Marit van der Weijden (1/1), Jasmin Entezar, Simone van der Kraats (2/4), Nina ten Broek (4/6), Maxine Schaap (0/1), Czynthia Mulder (0/1), Isis Keijzer (0/1), Lot Stertefeld (0/1), Yara Galje (1/1), Sanne Keilver. Coach: Schothans Gerrit-Jan.

### **Shots:**

HUN: 8 - 19  
NED: 11 - 29

### **Extrawomen:**

HUN: 2- 7  
NED: 3 - 6

### **Penalties:**

HUN: 1 - 1  
NED: 1 - 1  
MVP: Nina ten Broek

## Report

Hungarians were far better in the first two quarters. From the third period on, a completely different match unfolded. Netherlands scored five goals, so after a 3:5, the result evolved into a 8:5 for the Dutch team in few minutes. Their excellent attack proved efficient and the absence of mistakes was decisive for getting the fifth place.

Game 47, 19.20, Finals, bronze medal match: Greece v Australia 7:3

## Results & Teams

Quarters: 1:1, 2:1, 3:0, 1:1  
Referees: Mr Golikov, Mr Bianco

### GREECE

Emmanouela Archontaki (7/10, 70%) , Fountotou Eleftheria, Ninou Panagiota (0/1), Anastasia Loudt (1/2), Eleni Kanetidou (0/4), Dimitra Athina Giannopoulou, Ninou Eirin (0/3), Maria Myriokefalitaki (5/5), Effrosyni Katsimpri (0/2), Vasiliki Douli (1/3), Anna Ioulia Kontoni (0/3), Margarita Bitsakou, Angeliki Giannakea.  
Coach: Dimou Konstantinos

### AUSTRALIA

Lily Hawton (14-21, 66,7%), Jarnie Oberman (1/3), Nioka Thomas (0/1) , Ruby Swadling , Sophie Milliken (0/1), Abby Andrews (1/5), Carla Traplin (0/4), Hayley Ballesty (0/2) , Kasey Dalziel (0/3), Maisie Newell (0/1) , Matlinda Kearns (0/6), Charlize Andrews (1/2), Allysa West . Coach: Dusan Damjanovic

### Shots:

GRE: 7 - 23  
AUS: 3 - 28

#### **Extrawomen:**

GRE: 2 - 9  
AUS: 3 - 14

#### **Penalties:**

GRE: 3 - 3  
AUS: -  
MVP of the bronze medal match: Emmanouela Archontaki (Greece)

#### Report

On the same day the Greek male water polo team (U-19), in Belarus, won gold medal at the European Championships, the Greek women's junior team won the world bronze. A completely deserved victory in the match against Australia, in which the defence was decisive for the final outcome. The Greek goalkeeper Emmanouela Archontaki was fantastic one more time. The first quarter was quite balanced, but the Greek team had some problems with man-up situation (0-4). The only goals in that period of game were scored by Greece on penalty and by man-up for Australia. Defence still dominated in the second quarter with a minimal lead of Greece at the end of second period (3:2). The decision concerning the winner came in the third quarter when Greece scored three goals and took a 6:2 lead before the last eight minutes, which proved crucial.

#### Quotes

#### **Dimou Konstantinos, National Head Coach of Greece:**

“We were better and deservedly won. Every honour to the girls, they did their best. When we secured the advantage at the end of the third quarter, it was clear that we were getting it. I am very happy both with my girls and all the technical staff”.

Game 48, 20.40, Finals, gold medal match: Spain v Italy 8:7 

Quarters: 1:2, 3:2, 2:1, 2:2  
Referees: Mrs Kunikova, Mr Aimbetov

## **SPAIN**

Sandra Domene (9/16, 56,3%), Andrea Arias, Clara Diaz (1/3), Mireia Guiral (1/2), Silvia Morell (0/1), Elena Camarena, Gisella Farre (0/1), Ariadna Ruiz (0/1), Olga Descalzi (0/1), Paula Camus, Ruth Arino (2/5), Alejandra Aznar (4/8), Paula Nieto. Coach: Javier Aznar

## **ITALY**

Caterina Banchelli (5/13, 38,5%), Sofia Guistini (0/4), Carlotta Meggiato (0/2), Giorgi Grazia Armedeo, Sara Cordovani, Lucrezia Cergol (2/3), Chiara Tori (0/3), Francesca Colleta (1/3), Dafne Bettini(1/5), Beatrice Clementi (0/3) , Isabella Riccioli (3/8), Roberta Santapaola (0/1), Teresa Mairmone. Coach: Paolo Ziza

## **Shots:**

ESP: 8 - 22  
ITA: 7 - 32

## **Extrawomen:**

ESP: 2 - 6  
ITA: 0 - 3

## **Penalties:**

ESP: 1 - 1

ITA: 1 - 1

MVP of the golden medal match. Alejandra Aznar (Spain)

## Report

Spain is the new world champion! Wonderful final match and exciting time concerning the decision of the world crown. The match displayed quality, tension and toughness from the first to the last minute. Favourite team of Spain was never scared by Italy. In the first quarter, the Italians were even better, presenting a more efficient game. The initial goal was scored by penalty shot, while Aznar immediately equalised for Spain. Riccioli, at 1.16 minutes to go before the end of the first period gave Italy a tangential advantage (2:1).

Spain was much better in the second period of game when Diaz, Arino and Aznar turned the result into a 4:2 lead for Spain. Italy responded with two goals of excellent Riccioli, so the result after first 16 minutes was balanced - 4:4.

The first action in the third quarter belonged to Italian team and was concluded by a fantastic goal of Dafne Bettini (5:4 for Italy), but on the other side, a beautiful move by Ruth Arino, who scored at 3.25 to go, equalised at 5:5. The best player of the final match, and also MVP of the tournament, Alejandra Aznar scored from penalty at 1.50 to go (6:5 for Spain before the decisive quarter).

In the second minute of the last quarter, Mireia Guiral scored in a man-up situation for Spain (7:5). Exactly five minutes to the end, Claudia Cergol gave some hope for Italy, scoring a goal (7:6). Two minutes later, Aznar scored again (8:6), but Italy successfully replied with 49 seconds to go (Francesca Colletta, 8:7). The last attack was on the Italian side, but Megiatto did not succeed.

## Quotes

### **Alejandra Aznar (ESP), MVP of the tournament:**

“We are very happy, we have accomplished a dream. I'm so proud also and for this MVP Award, but that belongs to the whole team. Congratulations to Italy too, they were a strong rival, but we were better”.

### **Paolo Ziza, Italian national team head coach:**

“I'm happy with this match, with the whole competition. This result is remarkable for us. We lost the final by the minimal difference, it hurts, but makes us proud”.

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Gold is going to Spain! The curtain at the 4th FINA World Women's Youth Water Polo Championships in Belgrade, capital of Serbia, is down, after Sunday's finals and the gold-medal match between two European teams, Spain and Italy.

The new world Women's Youth champions are the Spanish players who managed in the final a one-goal advantage over very strong Italy. The Spanish team deserved the trophy as they were the only team in the World Championships that hasn't lost a single match. In addition, they also had the best player in the tournament, Alejandra Aznar. Italy had its biggest moment when it won the quarter-finals against the US team, who came to Belgrade as a candidate for a medal and left in the seventh position.

The Greek national team won the bronze medal, thus confirming the good shape of the sport in the country. Two weeks ago, the Greek men's team (U-18) won gold at the FINA World Junior Championships in the Hungarian city of Szombathely, while in Belarus, also this Sunday, the Men's European Championship (U-19) also crowned the Hellenic squad.

**Individual Awards** at the 4th FINA Women's Youth Water Polo Championships Belgrade 2018:

**Best Scorer:** Maria Myriokefalitaki (Greece) - 29 goals

**Best Goalkeeper:** Caterina Banchelli (Italy)

**MVP Tournament:** Alejandra Aznar (Spain)

**FINAL RANKING:**

**1. SPAIN**



## **2. Italy**

## **3. Greece**

4. Australia
  5. Netherlands
  6. Hungary
  7. USA
  8. Russia
  9. New Zealand
  10. Canada
  11. Kazakhstan
  12. Uzbekistan
  13. Brazil
  14. South Africa
  15. Serbia
  16. Argentina
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