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## Men's water polo, 4th day, flash quotes

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**M25**

### [Canada-France 6-10 \(4-3, 1-2, 1-2, 0-3\)](#)

**Giuseppe Porzio**, head coach (CAN):

*„We fought until the end of the third period, we had many chances with powerplay but we didn't finalize them and after we made too many mistakes also in passing the ball. France was much clever and more experienced and they won the match.”*

**Ugo Crousillat** (FRA):

*„I'm feel really tired because it was a tough game, it was the fourth one for us. We played without one player so it was not so much rotation. But I'm really satisfied, we won the game. It was not so easy but we had the character and I'm so happy, we really want the 13th place in this tournament.”*

**Hrestak Hrvoje**, head coach (FRA):

*„The match was really emotional because of some old obligations between Canada and France. I am glad that my players stayed indifferent and didn't react to the Canadians small provocations. We weren't perfect, I know that for sure, but this time, we played good enough to beat Canada and to win. I'm proud of the boys.”*

**Igor Kovacevic** (FRA):

*"I am really happy that we won. We've had some really tough opponents in our group, and I'm dissapointed that we didn't win against Australia. At the end of the day, every victory in this championship is valuable, and, since this is France's first participation on the FINA World Championships since 1992, 13th place can be a great achievement.”*

**Matt Halaijan** (CAN):

*„I think it's a disappointing result, but through the entire match we fought hard. However, we didn't spread enough in our zone, with our center we fought as hard as we could.”*

## M26

### South Africa-United States 13-4 (0-1, 3-6, 1-3, 0-3)

#### **Pierre le Roux (RSA):**

*"It was a very competitive game in the first off. In the third and the fourth quarter they took control over the game, which was expected. We slowed down a bit in the end and that was a little dissapointing. But at the end of the day it is a good result."*

#### **Alexander Rodriguez, assistant coach (USA):**

*"I think we had some goals coming into the game because of the defence - we tried to focus more on it. The boys did a good job. I'm keeping in mind that even sometimes we struggle on offense. I'm happy about the situation obviously, and we have very good leadership from Alex Obert, the captain.They played very well with a lot of energy and intelligence."*

#### **Alex Obert (USA):**

*"The match was okay. South Africa is a good team. The result shows different, but it was a really tough game since they have a lot of good experience. We took this game very seriously."*

#### **Paul Martin, head coach (South Africa):**

*"United States is a better team, it is not a question. But I am very proud of my team playing a match like this against a stronger team. We have several veteran players, in the future some new player will come to the national team and I am sure the future of this team is bright."*

## M27

### Brazil-Australia 8-3 (2-2, 0-2, 1-2, 0-2)

#### **Angelo Coelho, head coach (BRA):**

*"It was a very difficult match for us. Australia was stronger and more experienced. We have a lot of problems with attack, missing many chances, and in defence we made three bad mistakes. We are not used to play a match every two days as i started to train my team just a few days before coming to the Championship and I didn´t have enough time to prepare my team better"*

#### **Pedro Stellet (BRA):**

*"I'm not diasappointed because of the result. The Australian team is much more experienced team, than ours. Moreover, we started to train together just ten days before the world cup, while other teams went to the training camp two month before the tournament."*

#### **Elvis Fatovic, head coach (AUS)**

*"We played a quite solid defense, which was the key for us in the beginning. We knew that we wouldn't be able to score a lot of goals against Brazil that has an organized defense, as well as an excellent goal keeper. We were patient, though, and used our chances when we had them, so, at the moment, this is a great result. An important thing is that our team is probably the most renovated one at the Championship, when we compare it to the Olympics. Now, we are going to prepare for the game against Serbia. We know everything about their team- which is somehow scary, they came here for the gold medal, but we will definitely give our best, and that is our only goal for now."*

**George Ford (AUS):**

*"I am happy that we won this game. It could have been better, of course, but we put in a great effort- we had a solid defense and allowed only one goal in the last three quarters, so I am happy with the result."*

**M28**

**[Kazakhstan-Italy 7-12 \(1-3, 1-2, 1-4, 4-3\)](#)**

**Nemanja Knezevie, head coach (KAZ):**

*"Today we couldn't win the game, and lost with 5 goals. This is a young team, and all of the matches in the championship are good experience for us, which is necessary. Next year we must go for the victory. I think we have a good chance of beating either the Spanish or the Russian and the key of the victory will be the extraman-situations."*

**Alessandro Campagna, head coach (ITA):**

*"We had the match our under control, it wasn't easy to play in this heat, anyway, we have to improve in defense, though we did a good match. Now we will face Croatia, which will be a very tough game for sure, but at least the guys will have a chance to make an experience that would be useful for our project of the next years."*

**Francesco Di Fulvio (ITA):**

*"Even if our opponents wasn't so strong they did a good match. We must improve in defense and now we are thinking about the crucial match against Croatia. Now we are concentrating on the quarter final, but for sure I can say that the organization in Budapest is perfect and the city is wonderful."*

**M29**

**[Greece-Japan 14-4 \(5-2, 5-0, 4-2, 0-0\)](#)**

**Yoji Omoto, head coach (JPN):**

*„Greece outplayed us in strength, tactics and shooting skills. Our strategy worked out better in the second half. We're very confident and we're going to keep up the good work."*

**Kyriakos Pontikeas (GRE):**

*„I think that Japan is a strange opponent. Not difficult but dangerous. They have some*

*strong and weak points so we found their weaknesses and we beated it. We have reached this place and we will try our best to win the next game."*

**Theodorus Vlachos, head coach (GRE):**

*"We are very happy that we are in the quarter finals. So now we have an opportunity to get in the semi-finals. However, Montenegro is a very good team, it's one of the best now. The match with Montenegro will be a really tough game but I think it's possible for us to win."*

**Ioannis Fountoulis (GRE):**

*"We are satisfied, because we are qualified in the quarter finals. We played very well against a team which plays waterpolo a lot differently, with different tactics and style. The game with Montenegro will be very tough, and it's a great chance for the Greek team to get in the semi-finals. Everyone in this team has been waiting for this moment, to be in the quarter finals and I know that we will give our best against Montenegro."*

**Seiya Adachi (JPN):**

*"I'm very happy that I could play in this kind of major tournament and that my name's being spread around in the water polo industry. In this match we couldn't play our edge, which is counterattacks, but we really want to win the next one."*

**M30**

**[Spain-Russia 10-11 \(2-3, 2-4, 3-3, 3-1\)](#)**

**David Martin, szövetségi kapitány (spanyol):**

*„Ez egy igazán nehéz meccs volt, de azt hiszem az oroszok egyszerűen jobbak voltak nálunk, megérdemelték a győzelmet. Most kipihenjük magunkat, a világbajnokság még nem ért véget, hamarosan meglátjuk, ki ellen is játszunk majd az utolsó meccsünket."*

**Roger Tahull (spanyol):**

*„Ez egy nagyon bonyolult mérkőzés volt, sok minden nem úgy sikerült, ahogy kellett volna, de most már semmit sem tehetünk ez ellen. Megyünk tovább és megpróbáljuk megnyerni az utolsó meccsünket és kellemes érzésekkel befejezni a világbajnokságot."*

**Sergey Evstigneev, szövetségi kapitány (orosz):**

*„Nagyon örülünk az eredménynek, negyedöntőben vagyunk, a következő ellenfél Magyarország együttese lesz, remélem, hogy izgalmas mérkőzés lesz."*

**Ivan Nagaev (orosz):**

*„Nagyon örülünk a győzelemnek, jó meccs volt, nem is emlékszem, mikor játszottunk utoljára ilyen kiválóan, mint ma este. De nem akarunk itt megállni, a negyedöntőben ugyanolyan jól akarunk játszani, mint a spanyolok ellen. Igaz, hogy a magyarok mögött*

*állnak a szurkolóik, de mindent megpróbálunk ellenük és talán meglepetést is okozhatunk.”*