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For the 7th place:

[Russia-Australia 7-10 \(3-4, 2-2, 1-3, 1-1\)](#)

Elvis Fatovic, head coach (AUS):

"We are very happy to have won our last match in the tournament. This is the first time in 20 years that Australia has reached the 7th place, which is, with this team, a big success. We are aware of the fact that we can do a lot better, and in the coming years, we will work hard to come close to the teams that are in front of us. I don't think it's impossible, because I felt that we have been getting better with every match we played, and the last two ones have definitely been our best ones."

Aaron Younger (AUS):

"It was a good game, though we are a bit disappointed that we have to stop in here instead of finishing the tournament, but with a win like this we are really happy, I think the 7th place is good for our team, which is still quite new and young. It is a good start for us towards Tokyo, the tournament has been great, I think, one of the best World Championships. We are going to keep building from here. "

For the 5th place

[Montenegro-Italy 5-4 \(1-1, 1-1, 3-2, 0-0\)](#)

Aleksandar Radovic (MNE):

"We are satisfied with the result. There was big pressure on us, we fought hard, our defence was great from the beginning. 5-4 is a great result against Italy."

Vladimir Gojkovic, head coach (MNE):

"I wish we had played that well against Greece. The strategy that took us ahead all year is based on our good defence. It helped us today, too. I'm proud of my young team. They fought wholeheartedly for the 5th place. We wanted to show that we are a sports nation and

we can be motivated.”

Alessandro Campagna, head coach (ITA):

“To be honest we played badly, we were tired and even if I tried to train the team to perform better I wasn’t able to do it and I could say that today it is my fault. By the way despite our 6th final position I think we played very well in the group stage against Hungary and Australia and I think we played at the same level as the teams ranked better than us at this World Championships. Now we will start to work on the future.”

Goran Volarevic (ITA):

“We tried to give our best in this match but we were very tired and frustated by the match lost against Croatia. We missed many opportunities and Montenegro’s goalkeeper was very clever and skilled. He showed a very good performance. We must also consider that three players had to stay at home just few days before the competition started. I want to thank our team for everything we did, hoping for a better future.”

For the 3rd place:

Greece-Serbia 8-11 (3-5, 1-2, 3-3, 1-1)

Theodoros Vlachos, head coach (GRE):

„My emotions are mixed. I am happy that we are in the four best teams in the world, but I am not so satisfied with our performance in the last two matches. Due to some mistakes, we were not able to get any Qualification or medal but I hope that we will learn from our mistakes and we will be better in the future.”

Ioannis Fountoulis (GRE):

“We came here with a goal, to get in the four best teams of the championship. We achieved that goal, but when someone achieves it, he can't stop expecting more and more. So, we are a bit unsatisfied with our last appearances because I think that this team has a great potential. This championship was a great experience for all the players and it really helped us become better.”

Dusan Mandic (SRB):

„I’m really satisfied with the medal, we corrected our mistakes from the past. With today’s victory we achieved our personal goals, we couldn’t suffer defeat on two occasions following each other. This is a great team, the same we had in the past years, nothing changed. There is no tragedy, we made a mistake in the semi-final but we are really happy about the final result.”

Nikola Jaksic (SRB):

„We deserved today’s victory and the bronze medal. We played as well as during the group stages. What could I say, I’m really proud of my team. We gave our maximum from the

beginning, defeat was no option."

Final:

[Hungary-Croatia 6-8 \(0-4, 2-0, 2-2, 2-2\)](#)

Márton Vámos (HUN):

"We started very badly, and the relapse took so much energy out of us that we could not move forward. Those who work for it have luck, but we did work on it though seems like the Croatians did it a bit more. We've been fighting all over, we did not give up, but the fact that the beginning was so bad decided the end result."

Tamás Márcz, Head Coach (HUN)

"We would like to congratulate the Croatian team, it was a great World Championship for them, from the beginning to the end they played flawless. They were concentrated, beating very strong opponents in the quarterfinals, the semi-finals and then the finals. They deserve their success. But I congratulate my team, it took a long way to the final from the January preparation until now. It was not an easy game, it was very difficult to stand up after 4-0, but our players demonstrated how great water polo players they are, in the second and third quarters, were well-grounded that it might be close to the end. We were very close to turning the result."

"I'm happy for our silver medal despite it's being always difficult after a losing game, of course, we do have to really appreciate it. We have to learn how to play in finals, this is what the Croatians already do better than us."

Viktor Nagy (HUN):

"I'm sad, because we came here to win today, and that we did not succeed. I'm sorry if we made the fans disappointed. This is sport. Our opponent was better today."

Mile Smodlaka, assistant head coach (CRO)

"We started well and that has determined the match. We were able to keep the game under our control all the time. The arena was fantastic, the whole World Championship was amazing, thanks for having us here, the organization was great."

Luka Loncar (CRO)

"This was a great tournament; I can congratulate the Hungarians as well. It was difficult to play in such circumstances, but we could show our strength during the two weeks. I believe that victory does not have to be explained. I congratulate the Hungarian and Serbian team for my silver and bronze medals. "