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## Serbia to meet Greece, Hungary faces Spain in the semis

Quarter-final: Spain's defence works properly to deny Croatia +

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**Game 55, 15.30 – Quarter-final: Croatia v Spain 8-10**

**Quarters:** 3-4, 1-2, 2-3, 2-1

**Referees:** Andreja Stanojevic (SRB), Stefano Pinato (ITA)

## **CROATIA**

Antonio Vukojevic (8/18, 44%), Martin Celar (GK2, n. e.) – Ivan Rako (0/0), Tin Brubnjak (1/2), Goran Solje (0/0), Filip Krzic (0/0), Kristijan Culina (0/3), Marko Radulovic (2/3), Branimir Herceg (1/3), Luka Bajic (1/2), Jakov Markic (2/4), Jerko Penava (1/2), Marko Zuvela (0/0). Head coach: Zoran Bajic

## **SPAIN**

Unai Aglizze (10/18, 56%), Viktor Garcia (GK2, n. e.) – Bernat Sanahuja (3/6), Oscar Asensio (1/2), Sergio Prieto (2/5), Pau Linares (0/0), Joan Coloma (0/1), Lluç Bertan (2/8), Echevarria Rodriguez (0/2), Oscar Montas (0/0), Guillem Friogola (0/0), Victor Alegre (2/2), Ivan Alcon (0/1). Head coach: Javier Sanchez

## **Shots:**

CRO: 8/23

ESP: 10/27

**Extramen:**

CRO: 2 for 11

ESP: 6 for 13

**Penalties:**

CRO: 2 for 4

ESP: none

**Report**

Due to some logistics issues – affecting the arrival of the Spanish team –, the first quarter-final match started with a delay of 40min. This didn't seem to influence the players too much as they opened the game with a series of goals. The Croats took the lead from their first possession but Spain responded with a quick double in 54 seconds and added a third one 20sec later after a quick steal in mid-field. It took some time for the Croats to recover but with a penalty by Jakov Markic they halved their deficit. Another exchange of goals meant that the action-packed first period produced seven goals, with Spain leading 3-4.

The Spaniards opened the next quarter with a man-up goal by Sergio Prieto – but for the next six minutes the flood was 'suspended', the teams were busy with missing even the best chances, the Croats wasted two 6 on 5s, the Spaniards one before Lluç Bertran put one away for 3-6. It seemed they could keep this gap for halftime but Jarko Penava just beat the buzzer from a late man-up. And even if the Spanish goalie showed a tremendous steal in a one-on-one, soon the Croats were back to one goal at 5-6 as Marko Radulovic netted a man-up. Bertran's action goal boosted the Spaniards' spirits but Radulovic's penalty kept Croatia in the game with 3:03 remaining from the third. However, the Spanish kept their calm, Alegre's blasted the ball in from the wing in their next man-up, then Unai Aglize made an easy save as the Croatians' passing didn't go properly in 6 on 5. The Spaniards didn't commit the same mistake, Alegre converted again for 6-9, then Markic couldn't beat the goalie either so Spain had the three-goal advantage before the last break.

The Croats' bad run continued in the fourth, they missed their very best chances – amazing it might read but couldn't put away two penalties (one post, one saves), between the two Alegre netted a man-up with just 0.8sec on the shot-clock, that virtually decided the match (6-10).

When Luka Bajic scored with some luck – the ball hit a block before landing in the net – only 2:35sec remained from the match. Their scoreless run lasted 8:28 minutes, enough to lose a match. Especially that their next man-up ended with a disastrous pass. Tin Brubnjak scored pulled one more back but only 35sec remained so Spain advanced while the Croats suffered their first loss here and that tossed them out from the medal contests.

Quarter-final: Italy couldn't climb back after Serbia's devastating 5-0 start

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### Game 56, 17.00 – Quarter-final: Serbia v Italy 9-6

**Quarters:** 3-0, 3-2, 1-2, 2-2

**Referees:** Sebastien Dervieux (FRA), Gabor Vogel (HUN)

Report

Serbia started the match in commanding style, Stefan Brankovic opened their account with a brilliant shot from the distance, followed by a great counter, finished by Marko Radovic. On the contrary, Italy began the worst possible way: wasting all chances coming up. Shots, soon man-ups, then – a penalty. With 1:54 to go Brankovic hit the top right corner once again so even earning a single man-up they were already 3-0 up.

The trend didn't change in the second: Italy missed two more 6 on 5s (scored a goal from the first but the shot-clock expired) – and Radovic also netted his second action goal. The Italians lost their composure in front, they were 0/10 at this stage (blocks worked, only 3 balls reached Milan Bulajic's hands), while the Serbs led a fine 5 on 4 counter and Kristian Sulc made it 5-0 with 3:19 remaining on the clock before halftime. Finally Italy got on the scoreboard, at 2:19, Michele de Robertis found the back of the net from a sharp angle. But it didn't help that much since Sulc also doubled the number of his goals, again, just a stroke advantage was enough to score the Serbs 6<sup>th</sup> action goal. They were yet to play in man-up – while Italy earned a fifth one but the ball was blocked again, then a counter-like man-up produced another Italian goal as two Serbians swam out though only one of

them was excluded and that left room for De Robertis to score for 6-2 with 1.7sec before the middle break.

Serbs' first man-up arrived in their first possession and Maric's blast bounced in from the bar, then Italy managed to deliver a nicely-carved 6 on 5, finished by Andrea Narciso with a nice tip-in from the 2m line. With 3:34 to go, Italy could get inside four goals as Domenico Iodoce converted a 6 on 4 – at this phase the Serbian offence lacked the dynamism, they got closest to the goal when they earned a penalty shot with 1:34 to go but Sulc's shot was stopped by Bernardo Maurizi who also showed a great catch in the next man-down to save some hope for the Italians – still, they trailed by three before the final period (7-4).

And the battle started heating up when De Robertis sent the ball under the bar from 7m and the Serbs' downhill went on as Radovic could hit the post only from their man-up. Since they went 6-1 up late in the second, the Serbs could score a single goal – their struggle lasting 11:49min ended by a man-up goal after a time-out, Petar Mitrovic tipped the ball in from close-range for 8-5 with 4:26 to go. Narciso's centre-shot hit the post and at that point Italy faced a kind of mission impossible. With 2:04 to go head coach Carlo Silipo called for a time-out but even if they could earn two man-ups, they couldn't come any closer as the Serbian arms covered the goal perfectly. Sulc scored with ease in an extra to settle the bill, Michele Mezzaroba's penalty came way too late 25sec from time.

Quarter-final: The Greeks were a bit smarter and composed than the Aussies in the finish



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**Game 58, 18.30 – Quarter-final: Greece v Australia 11-8**

**Quarters:** 3-3, 4-3, 1-1, 3-1

**Referees:** Mikhail Dykman (CAN), David Gomez (ESP)

## **GREECE**

Ugo Allesandro Piovan (3/11, 27%), Stayros Manthogiannis (GK2, n. e.) – Alexandros Alamanos (0/0), Aristgipis Chalyvopoulos (0/5), Efstathios Kalogeropoulos (1/1), Nikolaos Kovrouvanis (0/1), Ioannis Kechalaris (0/0), Dionusios Braime (0/2), Achilleas Grammatikos (1/1), Ippokratis Chalyvopoulos (2/3), Theodoros Pateros (2/2), Nikolaos-Sry Papanikolaou (2/5), Dimitrios Dimou (3/5). Head coach: Dimitris Kravaritis

## **AUSTRALIA**

Max Fodor (6/17, 35%), Ethan Zirth (0/2, 0%) – Joshua Collins (1/4), Matthew Oberman (0/0), Scott Dyson (1/2), Matthew Humby (0/2), James Gillfeather (1/2), Harry Molnar (0/1), Nicholas Taylor (1/2), Christian Kyriakou (3/7), Mitch Robinson (0/1), Kal Glanznig (0/0), Reilly Townsend (1/3). Head coach: Mark Salamon

### **Shots:**

GRE: 11/26

AUS: 8/24

### **Extramen:**

GRE: 3 for 8

AUS: 2 for 10

## Penalties:

GRE: 2 for 2

AUS: none

## Report

After some introductory pushing and swimming, the Greeks could set up the first clear opportunity and Papanikolaou Nikolaos-Sry finished a 2 on 1 counter. Soon they missed a man-up and the Aussies managed to put together a nice passing game and Christian Kyriakou tipped the ball in from the centre. Theodoros Pateros replied from a man-up but another finely tuned action, finished by Scott Dyson from the left wing levelled the score once more. And it happened for the third time still in the first period, though only just: Pateros scored from the centre with 0:28 to go but James Gillfeather scored from 7m with two defenders around his neck, just 0.3sec before the end.

However heroic were the Aussies' efforts in the first eight minutes, it took only 97 seconds to fall behind by three goals: another man-up finished from close-range, a nice counter and a penalty, the Greeks started rolling in this phase. Some luck helped the Australians to stay in the game, a late shot rebounded from the bar and Nicholas Taylor pushed the ball in from close range for 6-4. Max Fodor made a crucial stop in a clear counter, Joshua Collins netted an action goal at the other end, so instead of a gap of three, the Aussies were back to 6-5. And even if Nikolaos Kovrouvanis scored a nice action goal, Reilly Townsend sent a cool-headed sneaking shot to the bottom right corner from the right wing in a 6 on 4 – so despite the early scare, the Aussies were still in the game at halftime (7-6).

The third period turned into a tremendous battle, the Greeks doubled their lead from the first possession, Dimitriou Dimou converted a penalty. But they couldn't add any more and with 4:06 from this quarter Kyriakou's distant shot found the back of the net. The next minutes saw forced shots from the back, lacking precision and power – in fact those were also missing from a late man-up of the Aussies who couldn't go even before the last break.

And in the fourth the Greek hit first, Ippokratis Chalyvopoulos had some free space in the wing and he made good use of it – but another 6m shot from Kyriakou kept Australia close. As usual, the really crucial part of any match are the man-up in the last period: the Greeks could sell the 2m finish for the third time in the match, this time Papanikolaou had the last touch. And the reply didn't arrive even though the Aussies had two 6 on 5s, the second after a time-out and there they could play a 6 on 4 for a while but lacked the composure – and nothing changed during their last two man-up opportunities. To hold a mirror, the Greeks netted their last one and advanced to the semis with a convincing performance.

Quarter-final: Hungary keeps Montenegro on 3 goals, goalie posts 77%

## Results & Teams

**Game 57, 20.00 – Quarter-final: Montenegro v Hungary 3-8**

**Quarters:** 0-3, 1-2, 1-2, 1-1

**Referees:** Frank Ohme (GER), Andreas Moiralis (GRE)

**MONTENEGRO**

Andrej Bosanac (16/24, 67%), Bogdan Radnjic (GK2, n. e.) – Vuk Draskovic (1/3), Uros Vucurovic (1/5), Aljosa Macic (0/3), Igor Uskokovic (0/0), Danilo Radovic (0/3), Jovan Vujovic (0/1), Martin Gardasevic (0/5), Luka Murisic (0/2), Marko Milic (0/2), Nenad Dragovic (n. e.), Marjan Mitrovic (1/4). Head coach: Petar Radanovic

**HUNGARY**

Mark Grieszbacher (10/13, 77%), Daniel Korom (GK2, n. e.) – Laszlo Szieben (0/2), Botond Bobis (0/3), Benedek Baksa (2/5), Oliver Fodor (0/0), Norman Schmolcz (2/6), Dome Dala (3/5), Tamas Csorba (0/2), Zsombor Szeghalmi (0/0), Gergo Fekete (1/3), Bendeguz Ekler (0/2), Akos Vekony (0/1). Head coach: Janos Horvath

### **Shots:**

MNE: 3/30

HUN: 8/31

### **Extramen:**

MNE: 3 for 11

HUN: 3 for 10

### **Penalties:**

MNE: 0 for 2

HUN: none

## Report



If a home team wishes to create a bewildering environment for its rival, then it should start a match like the Hungarians did. A killed man-down, followed by a converted one, then a brilliant distant shot, by Dome Dala, another killed man-down and finishing a great counter – in less than five minutes the Magyars led 0-3 and the Montenegrin coach thought it was better to call a time-out. At least they stopped rolling the Hungarians, but they were yet to direct the ball towards the goal – shots flew high and wide, one after the other.

And even if the Montenegrins managed to kill back-to-back man-downs at the beginning of the second, another counter gave the hosts a 4-0 lead as Dala put the ball away as if his World Cup-winner father had arrived in front

of the goal. Finally, the Montenegrins got on the scoreboard after 13:03 minutes, Marjan Mitrovic found some space under the goalie's arm in a 6 on 5. But Mark Grieszbacher's wings reached the next one, again in man-down, and Schmolz converted the Magyars' extra with 1:23 till the middle break. The Montenegrins' problems were deepening soon, Grieszbacher came up with a penalty stop, then Vujovic had a clear chance in a man-up but even if he lobbed the 2m goalie, the ball kissed the bar but didn't go in – much to the delight of the capacity crowd as Hungary led 1-5 at halftime.

At the beginning of the third mostly the Hungarians kept the Montenegrins in the match as they missed two man-ups and had some loose attacks. The Montenegrins finally got closer from a man-up, with 3:38 to go in the third – still, the hosts responded in a minute, Baksa sent the ball home from a 6 on 5. The Hungarians blocked the next incoming shot in extra which seemed to be wasted last chance as Dala's blast from 6m hit the top left corner, then Grieszbacher showed that his arms are long enough to steal the ball from the centre-forward – thus the Magyars turned into the fourth period with a commanding 2-7 lead.

A very last chance would have been a quick goal for the Montenegrins at the beginning, and indeed they could shoot a penalty but Uros Vucurovic sent the ball too high – avoided Grieszbacher's arm but not the post. They missed a man-up then so the Hungarians weren't forced to rush in front at all – and they didn't offer any counter opportunity for the Montenegrins, just shot the balls in the dying seconds of their possessions and closed down the rear lines. While the hosts could afford to waste a 6 on 5, the Montenegrins couldn't even take a shot in their next two – the reigning European champion side was limited to three goals (Grieszbacher posted 77%), while the crowd were flying around when Gergo Fekete netted the 8<sup>th</sup> from a counter with 34sec to go. Thus the Hungarians made the semis and as a message for the remaining days, the number of conceded goals in their last three matches were: 9, 6, 3.

For places 9-12: USA's 10-2 run in the middle two quarters crashes Colombia

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**Game 53, 12.30 – For places 9-12<sup>th</sup>: Colombia v United States 10-16**

**Quarters:** 3-2, 1-6, 1-4, 5-4

**Referees:** Andrija Duraskovic (MNE), Ahmad Hussain Almuallem (KSA)

## **COLOMBIA**

Manuel Quintero (6/22, 27%), Juan Bustamante (GK2, n. e.) – Simon Buitrago Gonzalez (5/11), Juan Foronda (0/2), Ihoan Betancor (1/1), Camilo Patino (0/1), Juan Giraldo (0/1), Fabian Rodriguez (n. e.), Sebastian Rendon (0/5), Juan Buitrago Tobon (3/7), Julian Roldan (1/3). Head coach: Juan Esteban Vasquez

## **UNITED STATES**

Daniel Roland (12/21, 57%), Kent Emden (0/1, 0%) – Garrett Zaan (0/0), Gabriel Discipulo (0/3), Thomas Gruwell (2/4), Ashworth Molthen (4/4), Samuel Utrecht (n. e.), Alike Naone (1/3), Warren Loth (0/2), Nicholas Tierney (1/3), Hannes Daube (5/8), Quinn Woodhead (1/4), Ian Minstermen (2/3). Head coach: Brett Ormsby

### **Shots:**

COL: 10/33

USA: 16/34

**Extramen:**

COL: 3 for 10

USA: 3 for 6

**Penalties:**

COL: none

USA: 2 for 2

For places 9-12: Russia downs Brazil in close battle



Results & Teams



**Game 54, 14.00 – For places 9-12<sup>th</sup>: Brazil v Russia 6-9**

**Quarters:** 2-3, 1-3, 2-2, 1-1

**Referees:** Vakhtang Mebuke (GEO), Peter La Marque (RSA)

## **BRAZIL**

Joao Pedro Vernandes (15/24, 63%), Natanael Bonfim (GK2, n. e.) – Lucas Farias (0/2), Mateus Stellet (1/1), Thomas Borges (0/1), Nicholas Fichman (1/2), Pedro Henrique Zwicker (1/3), Italo Vizacre (2/7), Lucas Golzio (0/0), Joao Carlos Mattos (n. e.), Thiago Ferreira (0/5), Luca Sasso (0/1), Bruno Chiappini (1/3). Head coach: Attila Sudar

## **RUSSIA**

Vladimir Zasedatelev (10/16, 63%), Vladislav Sergeev (GK2, n. e.) – Mano Shonia (0/0), Nikita Serebrennirov (1/1), Artem Andrianov (1/1), Nikita Volkov (2/4), Vladislav Pantaziev (0/1), Nikita Mikhailov (1/2), Askar Nakhyanov (0/5), Valerii Pelikh (2/3), Ivan Vasilev (0/3), Daniil Frolov (1/7), Oleg Diakov (1/1). Head coach: Vladimir Fedorin

## **Shots:**

BRA: 6/24

RUS: 9/29

**Extramen:**

BRA: 3 for 6

RUS: 3 for 7

**Penalties:**

BRA: none

RUS: 1 for 2

For places 13-16: Egypt rolles on



Results & Teams



**Game 50, 09.30 – For places 13-16<sup>th</sup>: Egypt v Argentina 22-6**

**Quarters: 7-1, 4-1, 6-1, 5-3**

**Referees:** Andrey Carney (AUS), Pavel Letunovskiy (RUS)

## **EGYPT**

Marwan Hafez (8/14, 57%), Mohamed Mohamed (GK2, n. e.) – Joussef Addalla (0/0), Oman Mohamed (0/0), Ahmed Elsapagh (7/12), Joussef Ibrahim (1/1), Mohamed Ezzat (1/4), Mahmoud Maghwry (3/4), Ahmed Hamed (2/2), Adel Serry (2/2), Bassel Shazafeldin (1/1), Adhan Saleh (4/4), Ziyad Mohamed (1/3). Head coach: Nafeh Hishan

## **ARGENTINA**

Juan Paramo (3/14, 21%), Nicolas Fernandez (2/13, 15%) – Lorenzo Rizzo (0/3), Sebastian von der Horst (0/0), Acture Lopez (0/2), Matias Hoorn (0/1), Francisco Gayarin (1/1), Tomas Giri (0/6), Boris Cybulski (0/3), Manuel Fernandez (0/1), Alex Lorenth (3/8), Antones Balbi (2/2), Ignacio Setti (0/0). Head coach: Gabriel Ramirez

### **Shots:**

EGY: 22/35

ARG: 6/28

**Extramen:**

EGY: 1 for 3

ARG: 1 for 5

**Penalties:**

EGY: 3 for 3

ARG: 1 for 2

For places 13-16: NZL wins derby of Southern hemisphere



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**Game 52, 11.00 – For places 13-16<sup>th</sup>: South Africa v New Zealand 4-8**

**Quarters:** 1-2, 1-2, 1-4, 1-0

**Referees:** Reynel Castillo (PUR), Jakov Blaskovic (CRO)

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

Oliver Daffarn (6/14, 43%), Kgomotso Mataka (4/4, 100%) – Janco Rademeyer (0/1), Michael Sabor (0/1), Triston McKay (0/0), Todd Howard (2/6), Ross Stone (0/4), Yaseen Margro (0/0), Jonathan Swanepoel (1/3), Liam Brown (0/1), William Dowsett (0/2), Joshua Schmidt (1/4), Michael Smith (0/4). Head coach: Lizwi Mbonambi

## **NEW ZEALAND**

Bae Fountain (12/16, 75%), James Tyras (GK2, n. e.) – Louie Ferigo (0/1), Louis Clark (0/0), Kiahi Horan (0/0), Bronson Larsen (2/3), Brandon Matthews (1/2), James Catlin (0/0), Rowan Brown (0/6), Sam Ratima (0/2), Reuben Ronalos (2/3), Josef Schuler (1/3), Nicholas Paterson (2/7). Head coach: Rahiti Teokotai-White

### **Shots:**

RSA: 4/28

NZL: 8/29

**Extramen:**

RSA: 1 for 10

NZL: 2 for 7

**Penalties:**

RSA: 1 for 1

NZL: 0 for 1

For places 17-20: Forfeited game, Saudi Arabia declared the winner

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**Game 49, 09.30 – For places 17-20<sup>th</sup>: Saudi Arabia v Uzbekistan 5-0 (game forfeited)**

Report

After it was revealed that Uzbekistan had fielded an unauthorised player, the FINA TWPC Commission applied the relevant rule, annulled the result in the pool (10-20) and considered the game forfeited. Saudi Arabia was declared the winner by 5-0, shall play for the 17-18th place, while Uzbekistan shall play for the 19-20th place.

For places 17-20: Canada rebounds with shootout win

**Game 51, 11.00 – For places 17-20<sup>th</sup>: Canada v China 10-9 (pen)**

**Quarters:** 0-1, 3-1, 2-3, 1-1 – pen: 4-3

**Referees:** Humberto Navarro (USA), Diego Garibaldi (ARG)

**CANADA**

Komminos Kotambasis (4/10, 40%, pen: 1/3), Brody McKnight (GK2, n. e.) – Nicholas Serediuc (0/1), Nikola Cugalj (0/3), Sandro Miletic (1/3), Diego Gonzalez (2/5), Garrett Davis (0/1), Nemanja Ivezic (0/0), Bor Tanasijevic (0/6), Mason Archer (1/2), Stephen Gloade (2/5), William Chapman (0/3), Callin Chimilar (0/1).  
Head coach: Andras Szeri

**CHINA**

Wang Jun Jing (4/11, 36%, pen: 1/5), Zhon Hao Tian (1/6, 17%) – He Xing (2/8), Shi Bo (0/0), Zhu Bei (0/0),

Wu Ming (2/2), Yu Qiu (0/1), Yuan Lei (0/1), Gu Zi (0/0), Wu Yu (0/1), Cheng Yi (1/3), Lin Luo (1/4), Ou Guan (0/1). Head coach: Zoran Maslovar

**Shots:**

CAN: 6/29

CHN: 6/21

**Extramen:**

CAN: 1 for 7

CHN: 2 for 4

**Penalties:**

none

**Shootout:**

Yi 0-1, Gonzalez saved, Xing 0-2, Serediuc 1-2, Lei 1-3, Tanasijevic 2-3, Qiu missed, Archer 3-3, Guan saved, Gloade 4-3

**and the Spaniards' fighting spirit prevailed in the first encounter. The Hungarians were flying high after the dramatic**

**shootout win against the US in the eight-finals and with some incredible defending they beat the Montenegrins 8-3. The other**

**two group-winners were more composed, Serbia built a massive 6-1 lead in the second period and despite some fierce attempts**

**by the Italians later they held on till the end. Australia managed to stay close to Greece till deep into the fourth period but the**

**Europeans were smarter and more precise in the finish, especially in man-up play.**

Spain was always ahead in the match, though after going three goals up in the second, the Croats were able to come back to minus one. However, they missed most of their chances in the second half, arrived to the last period with a three-goal deficit, missed two penalties in the most crucial moments, letting the Spaniards to go 6-10 up. Croatia could score after a goalless phase of 8:28 minutes, way too late to avoid their first defeat in the tournament.



*Unai Aglize was voted the MVP of the game, the Spanish goalie posted a couple of crucial saves against Croatia – Credit*

*(all photos): Noemi Kondor*

Serbia stayed on course thanks to a magnificent first half. They led 5-0 and 6-1 – all goals came from action, they didn't even need man-ups – before Italy arrived to the pool and began to climb back. For a while the Serbs' offence showed signs of slowing down (even missed a penalty) and Italy seemed to have a chance at 7-5. However, the Serbs put away a man-up in the middle of the last period and that killed their rivals' momentum.



*The Italians couldn't stop the Serbian cannons*

Despite a 3-0 rush in 97 seconds by the Greeks early in the second period, the Aussies kept coming back after 6-3 and they were trailing by a single goal even in the middle of the fourth period. Even though a couple of fine action goals entertained the crowd, ultimately the man-ups decided the outcome and the Greeks were more precise, the Aussies missed the crucial ones after 10-8 – three in a row – and this set up an all-European semi-final.



*Though Max Fodor denied Efstathios Kalogeropoulos in this one-on-one, altogether the Greek had more big moments in the*

The fourth team to join the party was the host side. The Hungarians, at a tender age of 18, offered a master-class of defending, led by their giant goalie. Mark Grieszbacher completely bewildered the Montenegrins while saving a penalty and stopping a handful of shots in man-downs – he finished the game with a 77% saving percentage. The reigning European champion side was limited to three man-up goals, was 0/17 in action as the Magyars rushed to a 0-4 lead and never looked back.



*Dome Dala, son of former HUN great Tamas, offered his best performance so far in the quarters, his hat-trick was a huge*

*boost for the Magyars*

In the matches played for the lower ranks the two favourites, USA and Russia, going for the 9-12th places, earned convincing wins over the respective rivals, Colombia and Brazil. Egypt rolled on with another big win, this time over Argentina while New Zealand bettered South Africa in a hard-fought battle for the places 13-16th. Uzbekistan claimed its first win here against Saudi Arabia (20-10) but as it was revealed later they used an unauthorised player so the game was considered forfeited and Saudi Arabia was declared the winner. The Saudis will meet Canada as the North Americans halted their bad run and managed to overcome China even if in the penalty shootout.



*The ticket office had to close at noon: the evening session was sold out, later the fans jumped out of their skins*

## **Schedule, Day 8**

### **Semi-finals:**

18:30 Spain v Hungary

20:00 Serbia v Greece

**For places 5-8<sup>th</sup>**

15:30 Croatia v Montenegro

17:00 Italy v Australia

