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Competition day 3

No room for comfort today. Every match mattered, and everyone on site knew it. From the first whistle, this looked nothing like Day 1 - tighter games, sharper focus, less margin for error.

By the final buzzer of the day, several teams were already doing the maths, trying to work out what they'll need tomorrow to stay alive. Because tomorrow, the pool stage ends. No more cushion, no more "we'll get it next time." One match each, then it's over - qualified or eliminated. Today was loud. Tomorrow will be louder.



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Interview



Hello, I'm Léopold Picard and I represent the French university team. We arrived in Pessac on Sunday and have received a very warm welcome.

We are making use of high-quality facilities here, which allow us to prepare for this competition under the best possible conditions. We are very proud to represent France in this international tournament. Wearing the blue jersey is always an honour, and we are committed to giving our very best in order to go as far as possible in the competition.

On the eve of the first matches, the team's mindset is excellent. The training sessions since our arrival have gone very well; everyone is fully committed and the team spirit is strong. We are focused on our objectives while also looking forward to starting the competition.

The overall atmosphere is very positive, and we are motivated by the opportunity to compete against teams from all over the world. All the ingredients are in place for a great week of competition.

FOCUS ON REFEREES

You'll never see them in the victory photos, yet without them, this championship simply wouldn't exist. Whistle in hand, referees have to read the game before it happens, absorb every shift in momentum, and hold authority on the court without ever smothering the players' intensity.

This week's officiating duos come from every corner of the globe, many of them juggling refereeing with studies or a full-time job back home.

Today's matches were a sharp reminder of just how fine their margins really are: a contested seven-metre throw, a fast break called in a split second - decisions made in the moment, under pressure, capable of tipping a whole match.

One thing's for sure : without their composure, this championship would run a lot less smoothly.



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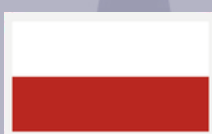
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GROUPE A



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GROUPE D



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GROUPE C



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GROUPE A



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	FRANCE	1^{er}	+11
	NETHERLANDS	2^{ème}	+6
	CHINA	3^{ème}	-7
	POLAND	4^{ème}	-10

GROUPE B

	CZECHIA	1^{er}	+25
	SPAIN	2^{ème}	+7
	BRAZIL	3^{ème}	-13
	GERMANY	4^{ème}	-19

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GROUPE C

	FRANCE	1^{er}	+49
	POLAND	2^{ème}	+46
	BRAZIL	3^{ème}	-3
	LEBANON	4^{ème}	-92

GROUPE D

	SPAIN	1^{er}	+38
	CZECHIA	2^{ème}	0
	CROATIA	3^{ème}	-7
	ARGENTINA	4^{ème}	-31

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TOP 5 PHOTOS



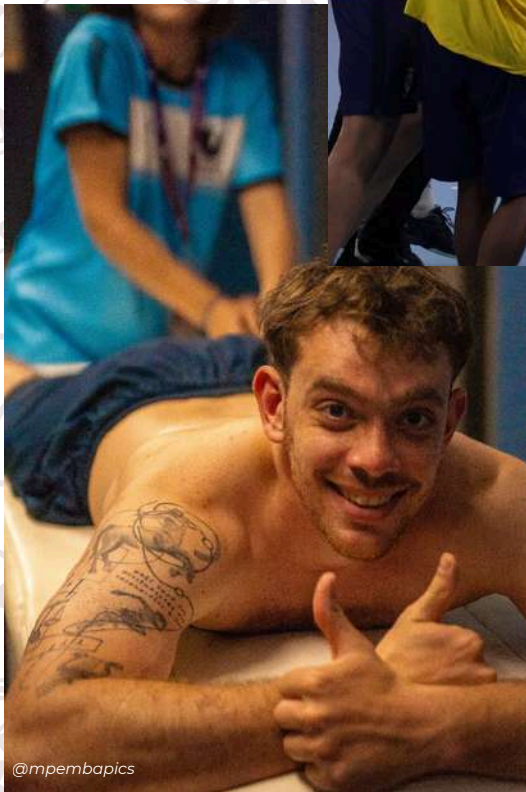
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