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COMPETITION

DAY 7



The penultimate day of the Women's and Men's FISU World University Handball Championships lived up to all expectations this Friday. After a week of intense competition, the top teams from each tournament met in the semi-finals, while the remaining national selections continued their campaigns through the classification matches.

Although the heat remained a significant factor across all competition venues, temperatures were slightly milder than on previous days, providing more favorable conditions for the players and the many spectators who came to witness this decisive day.

On the courts, the tension was palpable. Every possession, every save, and every goal had the potential to change a team's fate. The semi-finals delivered highly competitive contests, where defensive intensity and the ability to capitalize on key moments proved decisive. The winners secured their place in Saturday's finals, while the defeated teams will still have the opportunity to reach the podium in the third-place matches.

At the same time, the classification matches allowed all delegations to continue representing their countries with pride until the very end of the tournament. Despite the accumulated fatigue after several days of competition, the players once again demonstrated remarkable commitment and sportsmanship, producing closely contested and exciting encounters.

With the closing day of the World University Championships approaching, excitement continues to build. Both the women's and men's finals promise a spectacle of the highest level, bringing to a close a week dedicated to university sport, fair play, and a shared passion for handball.

Join us on Saturday to discover the new 2026 World University Champions and experience what promises to be an emotional and unforgettable final day.

RESULTS

5TH TO 8TH PLACES

WOMEN

Match 1



31 - 36



Match 2



20 - 27



During the women's 5th–8th place classification matches, China claimed a 36–31 victory over Germany after a closely contested game.

In the other match, Spain delivered a strong performance to defeat Brazil 27–20.

With these wins, China and Spain move forward in the race for 5th place, while Germany and Brazil will compete for the remaining positions in the standings.



RESULTS

5TH TO 8TH PLACES

MEN

Match 1



24

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38



In the men's 5th–8th place classification matches, Croatia comfortably defeated Argentina 38–24. Strong in every aspect of the game, the Croatians quickly took control and never looked back.

Match 2



46

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16



In the other match, Czechia secured an emphatic 46–16 victory over Lebanon.

With these wins, Croatia and Czechia advance in the battle for 5th place in the tournament.

Argentina and Lebanon will now face each other in the next classification match.

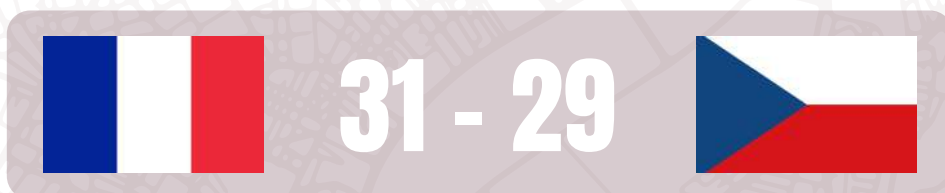


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RESULTS SEMI-FINALS

Women's Match



Men's Match



THE QUALIFIED TEAMS

Women's Final Bronze Medal Match



Men's Final Bronze Medal Match



Before the highly anticipated finals of the World University Handball Championships, the third-place matches will take center stage this Saturday. In both the women's and men's competitions, the teams defeated in the semi-finals will have one final opportunity to end their campaign on a positive note by securing a bronze medal.

Fans can look forward to two fiercely contested encounters, where every goal will count in the battle for a place among the tournament's top three nations.

Join us on Saturday to discover which teams will complete the women's and men's podiums at the 2026 World University Handball Championships.

FINAL GAME

WOMEN



France will face the Netherlands in what promises to be an exciting final. The two teams already know each other well, having met in the opening match of the championship. That encounter set the tone for the competition and now comes full circle with the World University title at stake. The French team will look to confirm their outstanding tournament run against a Dutch side that has continued to gain momentum throughout the competition.

MEN



In the men's tournament, Brazil and France will battle for the World University crown in a final that promises to be spectacular. Both teams have demonstrated their talent, consistency, and determination throughout the week to earn their place in the championship match.

Driven by the significance of the occasion and the ambition of claiming gold, all four finalists will be eager to deliver a memorable spectacle for the fans in attendance and handball enthusiasts around the world.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

During the FISU 2026 World University Handball Championship, attention is naturally focused on the athletes and their sporting achievements. Yet behind every match, every journey, and every moment of camaraderie stands another team that is just as essential: the volunteers.

Whether they are Angels or volunteers working across the various competition venues, they all share the same mission: to contribute to the success of the event and provide the best possible experience for both the delegations and the public.

The Angels are often the first ambassadors of the championship. From the moment international teams arrive in Bordeaux, they are welcomed and supported by these dedicated volunteers, who guide them throughout their stay. Present at accommodation sites, during transportation, and alongside the teams, the Angels help make daily life easier for the delegations while building meaningful connections with student-athletes from around the world.

Alongside them, many other volunteers are hard at work across the competition venues. Welcoming spectators, managing access points, guiding visitors, providing logistical support, assisting with venue operations, helping during ceremonies, and supporting officials—their responsibilities are diverse and essential to the smooth running of the championship.

The success of a world championship cannot be measured solely by sporting results. It is also built on the dedication of all those who work behind the scenes. Angels and volunteers form one united team, brought together by a passion for sport and a shared desire to make this event an unforgettable experience.





See you tomorrow for the finals!



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