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WATERPOLO TOURNAMENT, GAMES OF THE IXTH OLYMPIAD, AMSTERDAM 1928

by Tony Bijkerk



The German Team

Like the Fieldhockey and the Football tournaments of the Olympic Games in Amsterdam in 1928, the water polo tournament also lacked many details in the Official Report.

No information was recorded on who scored the goals and in general the recorded information on each games was very sparse. Just as I did for the Fieldhockey and Football tournaments, I decided to start looking for the missing information in the various newspapers and with the assistance of some of our collectors found the information recorded below.

There are still quite a few details missing,

especially from the matches played by the French water polo team. I would be much obliged for any further help in finding the results of those matches!

As one can surmise from the list below, it concerns the following:

- The full score in the match Spain against France in the first round;
- Two British scores in the match between Great Britain and the Netherlands in the second round;
- The full score in the match Malta against France in the second round;
- The full score in the match for third place between Great Britain against France; and
- The full score in the match for third place between France against Argentine.

Here follow the results found up to this moment:

First Round:

CZECHOSLOVAKIA – GREAT BRITAIN:
2:4; (0:1 at halftime);

N.V. BEAMAN 0:1; P. RADMILOVIC 0:2; J.E.C. BUDD 1:2 (this must have been a score in his own goal!); F. SCHULZ 2:2; E.P. PETER 2:3; J.G.

HATFIELD 2:4.

SWITZERLAND – NETHERLANDS:

1:11; (0:3);

C.C. LEENHEER 0:1; and 0:2; J. KÖLER 0:3; R. MERMOUD 1:3; C.C. LEENHEER 1:4; J. KÖLER 1:5, 1:6, 1:7, and 1:8; A.H.C. van SENUS 1:9; J. KÖLER 1:10; J.B. van SILFHOUT 1:11.

BELGIUM – IRELAND:

11:1; (6:0);

H. de PAUW 1:0; P. COPPIETERS 2:0, 3:0, 4:0, and 5:0; H. de PAUW 6:0; P. MCCLURE 6:1; R. BAUWENS 7:1; P. COPPIETERS 8:1; R. BAUWENS 9:1; H. de PAUW 10:1; J. MALISSART 11:1.

HUNGARY – ARGENTINE:

14:0; (9:0);

2: József VÉTESY ; 3': Ferenc KESERÜ 2:0; 4' Má rton HOMONNAI 3:0; 4': Ferenc KESERÜ 4:0; 5: József VÉTESY 5:0; 6': Ferenc KESERÜ 6:0; 6 1/2': Ferenc KESERÜ 7:0; 7: Olivér HALASSY 8:0; 7: József VÉTESY 9:0; 8': Alajos KESERÜ 10:0; 10: Má rton HOMONNAI 11:0; 12': Alajos KESERÜ 12:0; 13': Oliver HALASSY 13:0; 14': Ferenc KESERÜ 14:0.

MALTA – LUXEMBOURG:

3:1; (1:1);

STAUDT 0:1; H.A. BONAVIA 1:1; E. MAGRI 2:1; R. VELLA 3:1.

SPAIN – FRANCE:

0:4; (0:2);

Score not known; H.A. PADOU score one goal.

Second Round:

GREAT BRITAIN – NETHERLANDS:

5:3; (2:2);

C.C. LEENHEER 0:1; J. KÖLER 0:2; Great Britain 1:2 and 2:2; N.V. BEAMAN 3:2; J.H. SCHOLTE 3:3.

In two periods of three minutes prolongation time: J.E.C. BUDD 4:3; N.V. BEAMAN 5:3.

BELGIUM – GERMANY:

3:5; (2:0)

P. COPPIETERS 1:0; A. MÉARDY 2:0; K. BÄHRE 2:1; E. BENECKE 2:2; F. GUNST 2:3; L. van GHEEM 3:3.

In two periods of three minutes prolongation time: K. BÄHRE 3:4 and 3:5.

UNITED STATES – HUNGARY:

0:5; (0:2);

1: József VÉTESY 0:1; 4': Ferenc KESERÜ 0:2;

10': Ferenc KESERÜ 0:3; 11': Ferenc KESERÜ 0:4; 12': Ferenc KESERÜ 0:5.

MALTA – FRANCE:

0:16; (0:8);

Score not known.

Semi Final:

GREAT BRITAIN – GERMANY:

5:8; (1:5);

K. BÄHRE 0:1; and 0:2; J. RADEMACHER 0:3; J.E.C. BUDD 1:3; E. BENECKE 1:4; and 1 – 5; K. BÄHRE 1:6; J.E.C. BUDD 2:6; P. RADMILOVIC 3:6; and 4:6, and 5:6; J. RADEMACHER 5:7; M. AMANN 5:8.

HUNGARY – FRANCE:

5:3; (1:1);

2': A.C.M. TRIBOUILLET 0:1; 3': Ferenc KESERÜ 1:1; 8': H.A. PADOU 1:2; 8': Oliver HALASSY 2:2; 9: József VÉTESY 3:2; 11: József VÉTESY 4:2; 12': H.G. CUVELIER 4:3; 13: József VÉTESY 5:3.

Final:

GERMANY – HUNGARY:

5:2; (0:2);

2: József VÉTESY 0:1; 5': Ferenc KESERÜ 0:2; 9': K. BÄHRE 1:2; 13': M. AMANN 2:2.

In two period of three minutes prolongation time: 4': M. AMANN 3:2; 5': O. CORDES 4:2; 6': K. BÄHRE 5:2.

For third place:

FRANCE – GREAT BRITAIN:

8:1; (4:1);

Score not known;

FRANCE – UNITED STATES:

2:1 (1:1);

H.A. PADOU 1:0; W. O'CONNOR 1:1; H.G. CUVELIER 2:1.

FRANCE – ARGENTINE:

8:0; (4:0);

Score not known.

Final Result:

1. GERMANY, Gold Medal;
2. HUNGARY, Silver Medal;
3. FRANCE, Bronze Medal.

There were some other matches played as well:

NETHERLANDS – BELGIUM: 3 – 2; and

MALTA – UNITED STATES: 0 – 10.

NOTE 1:

Apparently, they still used the *Bergvall system* for the waterpolo-tournament. Otherwise it cannot be explained why France had to play three matches against three different opponents to win the bronze medal!

NOTE 2: A CRY FOR HELP!

As stated above, we need the efforts of our fellow-Olympic historians to complete the details of this particular tournament.

Unfortunately for us, Olympic historians, there is much more research to be done!

In general, the details of matches and specifically goal scorers for all team

competitions are missing for the team sports of the Olympic Games in Paris 1924, in Berlin 1936, London 1948, Helsinki 1952, and Melbourne 1956.

We, especially Bill Mallon and myself, therefore would like to request the assistance of our members in all the countries in which ISOH members live, to start doing research on the results of the various matches which were played in fieldhockey and waterpolo, and in which teams from their respective countries took part.

For this moment, we decided to exclude the sport of football, because enough research is in progress with regard to that particular sport!

BIOGRAPHIES OF IOC-MEMBERS

by Karl Lennartz

Since the Olympic Congress in 1894 more than 400 people have become members of the IOC. Among them were both important and less important personalities. We are quite well informed on various members through biographies or longer articles. Ten years ago when Patrice CHOLLEY and I put together a list about the IOC-members for the three volumes of the book *One Hundred Years* in which the history of the Olympic Movement is documented we recognised that there are numerous members of whom we were not even sure of the correct name and their date of birth and death. In addition we could not even fix the dates how long their memberships lasted in the IOC. Back then I made a request in the journal for biographies on IOC-members with reliable data. In some cases this led to success and to the publication of some articles. But of course, we have to go on with this work. Therefore, we start a new initiative. Lets go on chronologically by referring to the list of 1896:

**1. COUBERTIN, Baron Pierre de FRA
1863-1937 1894-1925**

Biographies of different length in various books and magazines. It lacks a modern critical biography.

**2. CALLOT, Ernest FRA
? 1912 1894-1912**

KRAYER, Albert / MÜLER, Norbert, „Ernest Callot“, in: IOC (ed.), *One Hundred Years*, vol. 1, Lausanne 1995, p. 272.

**3. VIKELAS, Demetrius GRE
1835-1908 1894-1899**

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LINARDOS, Petros, *From the Vision to the Reality. D. Vikelas*, Athen 2002.

**4. BOUTOWSKI, Aleksey RUS
1838-1917 1896-1900**

KRAYER, Albert / MÜLER, Norbert, „Aleksej Boutowski“, in: IOC (ed.), *One Hundred Years*, vol. 1, Lausanne 1995, p. 273-274.

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