

MORE ON THE 1920 WOMEN'S WATER POLO DEMONSTRATION

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In *Citius, Altius, Fortius*, Vol. 2(2), Tony Bijkerk had a short article in which he noted he had discovered evidence of a women's water polo demonstration held at the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp. From Tony, further information has come to light on that demonstration.

The last sentence in my article was "It only remains now to find the names from the two teams, but that will most likely be the hardest part of this discovery." But I have found those names. Through a very competent historian, who has aided me many times in my research on the Dutch Olympic participants, I have received a clipping from a Dutch newspaper from 1920, in which the demonstration match in women's water polo at Antwerp was discussed. I will quote from it:

"This was an event that was very much liked. The demonstration was very successful and many foreign-swimming authorities gave their great appreciation for the match played by the Dutch female swimmers. Both teams were composed as follows:

Team A

T. Nijland (G), . . . Helweg (B), . . . Wijninck (B), . . . Van Laar (HB),
Maria M. Beisenherz (F), G. Klapwijk (F), . . . Knuyt (F).

Team B

C. van Stok (G), T. Nyland (B), . . . Van Tol (B), . . . Evelein (HB), . . . Duykers (F), . . .
Hoogakker (F), A. C. Bolten (F).

The referee was Mr. Delahaye. The result of the match was a 2-2 tie."