



Spain v Switzerland.



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Mateusz Donart powered the Poles by scoring all four goals while a double from captain Sergio Bento rescued Portugal.

The Spaniards, ranked second, would have been concerned about their defensive record, going into the business end of the tournament after their 8-6 win over 14th ranked Belgium.

Spain retained the U21 men's trophy while France's U21 women won their first world title in 14 years.

World number one, Spain, controlled the final as they beat Denmark 3-1 to lift the trophy for the second consecutive time.

Despite the defeat, it was a significant step up for the Danes, who had finished 10th in the previous edition in Saint-Omer.

'This is the best feeling. We are world champions two times in a row. It is historic. Now it is time to part,' Spanish captain Antonio Romero Mesa said.

France scored 4-2 against Spain in the women's U21 final with captain Anais Bonamy scoring a brace.

'It feels great. We finished behind them in the final group stages but we won when it mattered the most. I am very happy for the team,' Bonamy said.

Earlier in the day, Spain defeated France 4-3 in the U21 men's semi final, with Jose Luis Aguilar and Javier Jesus Saborido Ruiz scoring two goals each.

On the other pitch, Denmark took on world number three, Italy, where Viggo Willumsen scored with almost six minutes remaining to complete the comeback and win 3-2.

France and New Zealand finished third in the men's and women's U21 categories respectively.

Germany would play Great Britain and France would be up against Denmark for a place in the final in the senior men's category.

The reigning champions were unstoppable in the final group games of the tournament, registering big wins. They beat Chinese Taipei 7-1 before a 3-1 victory over Poland.

Great Britain lost their first game of the day against world number two, Spain, despite a hat trick from skipper Suryan McCutcheon. However, they made up for it with a 7-1 win against Belgium.

Second ranked Spain, on the other hand, could only draw with world number three, Italy. The 4-4 result meant that both teams would not have a chance to play for the trophy.

German women recovered well from Friday to beat Sweden 9-1 before a huge confidence boosting 5-1 win against France.

World number two, France, were having an off day as the Danes managed to edge them 3-2 thanks to an Emilie Ahrnkiel Jorgensen winner with five minutes remaining.

Iran squandered a three goal cushion against Switzerland but captain Elahe Pourabdian Limoudehi proved her class with another clutch goal to shock the world number five team 4-3.

Germany defended the men's world title while New Zealand women were back on top for the first time since their triumph in 2016.

It was a slow start to the women's final with the Kiwis and Italians taking a cautious approach on the final day but the New Zealanders went into overdrive with five minutes remaining in the first half. Emma Malcolm and Tania Dugdale opened the scoring with the second one being a delicious dipping finish.

They started the second half with intent, scoring four more goals as the Italians were mentally and physically defeated.

Chiara Trevisan got a consolation for the Europeans as the match finished 6-1 to New Zealand.

'The game's not over until it's over. Even if we did put a couple away

early we kept working right to the end. I guess the scoreline does reflect how hard we work throughout the game,' New Zealand captain Kate Blincoe said.

'We were inspired by the 2016 New Zealand senior women's team who won gold and following in their footsteps is cool. It is so nice to bring it home for the country.'

The men's final was a contrast as Germany retained their title by beating France 2-1 with a defensive masterclass.

Germany broke the deadlock when captain Jonas Vieren found the back of the net from a tight angle. He bettered that finish by sending a rocket to make it 2-0 to the Germans.

There were plenty of chances for both sides and the French did their bit, too, attacking from both ends of the pitch.

Leo Dehainault finally cracked the German backline with four minutes remaining but could not add to the momentum.

'I think it's just great teamwork. We work well together. We might not have made the best match in the final but to be able to beat the French team is great,' Vieren said.

'We do our defensive work then it will be hard for other teams to score against us. We knew we would score at some point. It worked out in the semi final and the final as well.'

Germany, France, Denmark, Great Britain, Italy and Spain will head to the World Games in Chengdu next year among men after finishing in the top six.

New Zealand, Italy, the Netherlands, Iran, Germany and Spain among women sealed their spots.

Earlier in the day a goal in either half from Vieren and Arne Beckmann was enough for Germany to beat Great Britain in the first men's semi final.

Ivan Debelyi was the hero for world number six, France, as they came out on top against fifth ranked Denmark 3-1 in the other contest.

Iran faced New Zealand in the women's category for a place in the final but were unable to contain the Kiwis.

The first half finished 4-0 in favour of the Oceania side but the seventeenth ranked Iranians started the second half well with two quick goals.

However, the last three minutes saw world number four, New Zealand, add three more goals for a comfortable win, with Blincoe and Alyssa Shepherd scoring two goals each.

World number three, Italy, piped the Dutch in the other women's semi final. In the entertaining match Italian captain Roberta Catania scored a hat trick to win it 5-4.

Bronze medals went to Denmark and the Netherlands in the men's and women's categories, respectively.

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WU21: GB 14, Thai 2. GB 3, Australia 3. NZ 4, GB 3. España 1, GB 1. GB 6, Singapore 0. Deutschland 1, GB 1. NZ 3, GB 2. GB 3, Iran 2. **7:** GB 4, Australia 1. **3:** NZ 3, Deutschland 2.

F: France 4, España 2. **O/A:** 1 France. 2 España. 3 NZ. 7 GB.

W: GB 25, Zhongguo 0. Deutschland 8, GB 1. Danmark 3, GB 4. GB 9, Australia 3. GB 1, Singapore 1. España 1, GB 1. Nederland 3, GB 2. GB 0, Schweiz 0. **5-8:** Deutschland 6, GB 2. **7:** GB 1, Danmark 2. **3:** Iran 1, Nederland 2. **F:** NZ 6, Italia 1. **O/A:** 1 NZ. 2 Italia. 3 Nederland. 8 GB.

MU21: GB 4, Nederland 0. GB 7, Australia 1. GB 6, Taipei 3. Italia 1, GB 1. Danmark 2, GB 2. GB 8, Portugal 3. France 3, GB 3. GB 9, België 6. NZ 3, GB 3. **5:** GB 5, Polska 4.

3: France 4, Italia 1. **F:** España 3, Danmark 1. **O/A:** 1 España. 2 Danmark. 3 France. 5 GB.

M: GB 12, USA 0. GB 4, Polska 5. GB 6, Australia 0. GB 2, Schweiz 1. France 2, GB 1.

España 4, GB 3. België 1, GB 7. **SF:** Deutschland 2, GB 0. **3:** GB 1, Danmark 2.

F: Deutschland 2, France 1. **O/A:** 1 Deutschland. 2 France. 3 Danmark. 4 GB.