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QUOTES SRB – HUN 9-8 FINAL MEN

Coach Dejan Udovicic (SRB): “It’s a fantastic result for this game and Serbian water polo in general. It is even sweeter because we had a difficult preparation as the Montenegro players left us and we had to form the team from just Serbian players. I want to thank everybody who trusted us, players as well as coaches and officials and particularly our fantastic fans.”

Aleksandar Sapic (10/SRB): “This was the toughest final match of my career. It is much tougher to watch than to play. I now know that I don’t want to be a coach. We proved that we are the best and we are a really united team. I’m the happiest man in the world.”

Coach Dr. Denes Kemeny (HUN): “Congratulations to Serbia - the scoreboard never lies. My players made too many mistakes, and that was to the advantage of our opponents.”

QUOTES ROM – ESP 4-10 Match 3-4 MEN

Coach Vlad Hagi (ROM): “This was a great opportunity for us to win the bronze medal and our first ever international medal. I don’t know when we’ll get our next chance to get on the podium. But I think we are on a good road towards the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Today Spain simply played on a higher level than my team.”

Kalman Kadar (12/ROM): “Spain was the better team today. We were very tired because we had tough opponents and matches before this game. I’m happy with our final position as well as with the organisation of the European Championships and with the many water polo fans here in Belgrade.”

Coach Rafael Aguilar (ESP): “I am very happy with this medal which is the result of our work this year. We had a good start. At the beginning the match was very much dominated on both sides by tactical moves. In the end our strong defence decided the match in our favour.”

Ricardo Perrone (4/ESP): “It was a tough match because Romania has a good team. I’m happy with the bronze medal because the entire tournament was played on a high level. I’m also happy with the organisation.”