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### FINA MEN'S WATER POLO WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL Podgorica (MNE) poised to welcome the world's best, starting tomorrow

**Lausanne (SUI), June 15, 2009** – Podgorica – the largest and capital city of Montenegro – will host the impending FINA Men's Water Polo World League Super Final from June 16-21. Games will take place at the outdoor swimming pool "Moraca". The tournament will feature the following nations, which advanced to the Super Final by emerging from the preliminary rounds as the top-ranked continental teams:

**Group A:** USA, Serbia, Japan and Italy

**Group B:** Australia, Montenegro, South Africa, Croatia

**Here is the Super Final schedule:**

<b>Day 1, June 16</b>	<b>Day 2, June 17</b>	<b>Day 3, June 18</b>	<b>Day 4, June 19</b>
1. 16:20 USA-ITA	5. 16:20 AUS-RSA	9. 16:20 RSA-CRO	13. 16:20 2A – 3B
2. 17:40 SRB-JPN	6. 17:40 SRB-ITA	10. 17:40 JPN-ITA	14. 17:40 3A - 2B
3. 19:00 AUS-CRO	7. 19:00 USA-JPN	11. 19:00 SRB-USA	15. 19:00 1A – 4B
4. 20:30 MNE-RSA	8. 20:30 MNE-CRO	12. 20:30 MNE-AUS	16. 20:30 4A – 1B

**Day 5, June 20**

- 17. 16:20 Loser #13 – Loser #16
- 18. 17:40 Loser # 14 – Loser # 15
- 19. 19:00 Winner #13 – Winner #16
- 20. 20:30 Winner #14 – Winner #15

**Day 6, June 21**

- 21. 10:00 Loser #17 – Loser #18 (for 7th)
- 22. 11:30 Winner #17 - Winner #18 (for 5<sup>th</sup>)
- 23. 18:30 Loser #19 – Loser #20 (for 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 24. 20:00 Winner #19 – Winner #20 (for 1<sup>st</sup>)

The tournament promises to be highly competitive and will present a good indication of the participating team's preparedness for the fast-approaching 13<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships in Rome (ITA), beginning July 17. USA and Serbia are current Olympic silver and bronze medallists, respectively, while Montenegro (4<sup>th</sup> in Beijing), Croatia, Australia and Italy are also 2008 Olympic teams. The national team of Croatia are also current World Champions, a title they won in 2007 in Melbourne (AUS).

This Super Final also marks the debut World League appearance of South Africa (RSA). The African team and their coach are using their Super Final participation as a test of character and skill. "This week's matches will be extremely tough and good experience for our players ahead of the FINA World Championships next month," says RSA Head Coach Vladimir Trninic.

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