

# SPORTS NEWS

## LEN WATER POLO CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HAS KICKED OFF



### Goals and results

The Water polo Champions league kicked off on the 7th of October and has been going on for the past two weeks. The matches are very intense and so far, it is very competitive and very close. There are four groups with four teams in each group battling for promotion into the knockout rounds. In group A, the leading team is Astrapool CN Sabadell, which managed to beat the runner-up and the favorite of the group, VK Novi Beograd. The head coach of the Serbian favorite commented on this, saying "We have to fight until the end to qualify for the next stage." They hope to step up in their next matches to get back on track and redeem the leading position.

### Intense battling in groups

In group B it is much more intense, as there are 3 teams battling for the leading spot, but so far, the favorite of the group, the Italian club Pro Recco, is still in the lead from Greece, and the club in third place, Jug Adriatic Dubrovnik from Croatia. Group C is also very balanced, with the clashes of the Hungarian team FTC Telekom Budapest in first place, and the Croatian team VK Jadran Split in second.

The last group, group D is being dominated by club CN Athletic Barceloneta from the Spanish city of Barcelona, which leads the group without a single point lost. The table of top-scorers Spaniard Alvaro Granados Ortega from the mentioned Serbian team, VK Novi Beograd with 12 goals in only 3 matches. There remain 3 more matchdays in the stage groups, so a lot could still change. Until next time.

## FIRST CYCLOCROSS WORLD CUP IS HERE

### Men's elite world cup

Only at twenty years old Thibau Nese, world champion in U23, from Belgium won first cyclocross in Waterloo in colors of team Lidl-Trek. This is his first career win in elite cyclocross and also his first elite cyclocross race in this season. Second was Eli Iserbit, one of the best riders of last season and representant of team Pauwels Sauzen, by sixteen seconds and third was Phim Ronhaar by forty-one seconds in front of two Netherlands riders. In the interview Thibau Nese said: "It is unbelievable how I won here, after solo ride it was one of the best races in my life, I believe my summer preparation paid off". Thibau Nese has big progress because last year he was fifth here in Waterloo.



### Women's world cup

Women's first world cup in Waterloo won Fem van Empel, world champion in women elite and representant of team Jumbo-Visma, at only twenty-one years old by thirty-six seconds. Second was Puck Pieterse in colours of team Fenix-Deceunix and third was Ceilin Alvarado with loss one minute and fifty-one seconds. Netherlands placed first three positions.



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## NBA SEASON ABOUT TO START

### First games

NBA season is coming, and with that, a lot of drama, stress and predictions. This year's season will start in Denver with defending champions Denver Nuggets who are home here, against the Los Angeles Lakers, who lost to Denver in the play-off Semifinals. The second match is going to be played at Chase Center in San Francisco, with The Golden state warriors at their home court and the Pheonix Suns as visitors.

### Best player or bust ?

A lot of discussions are also evolving around last year's first pick Victor Wembanyama, who is arguably the best prospect to ever be picked in the NBA draft. He stands at 7 Feet, 4 Inches and with a wingspan of 8 foot, he can easily block a lot of shots. However, people are arguing if he is going to be a bust or, how a lot of people say, the best player to ever play in the NBA



### Predictions

This season's favorites according to ESPN are probably the defending champions Denver Nuggets having Starting five with Jamal Murray at point guard, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope at shooting guard, Michael Porter JR. At small forward, Aaron Gondor at power forward, and Nikola Jokić at center. However, Let's not forget about the trades that happened this off season, with Damian Lillard Being traded from Portland Trailblazers to Milwaukee Bucks for Jrue Holiday. With this trade happening, Milwaukee Bucks have now even stronger starting five with Damian Lillard at point guard, Pet Connaughton at shooting guard, Chris Middleton at small forward, Giannis Antetokounmpo at power forward, and Brook Lopez at center.

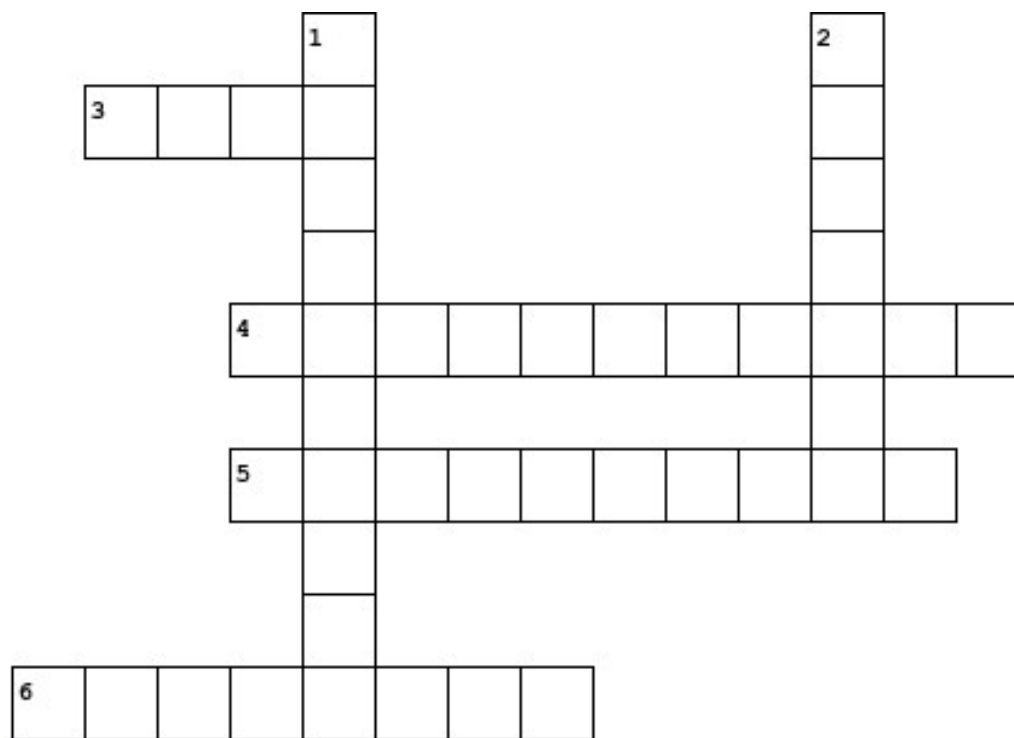


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# CROSSWORD

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1) 2023 NBA first pic

2) 2023/24 NBA champions

3) last name of world  
champion in U23  
(cyclocross)

4) Spanish water polo  
club

5) kind of cycling in mud

6) top scorer in water  
polo champions league  
(last name)