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Turkey takes hockey gold in Sheffield

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The Turkish Underwater Sports Federation (TSSF) is building a common training platform for hockey, rugby and finswimming.

Turkish tourists and residents in the UK who perhaps had previously not heard of underwater sports got word, presumably via social media, that the Turkish men's U24 team was in the final against Great Britain. They came to the competition venue in number and cheered Turkey to 3-1 victory over the host nation.

TSSF President Şahin Özen was conspicuously present during most of the competition. He made a similar appearance at the first ever CMAS Junior World Championships in Oberhausen last year. There the Turkish women took gold. Özen, an Associate Professor of Physical Education at Marmara University, intends to establish his country as a force in underwater sports. Fitness requirements are mandatory for national team squads.

"Turkish boyz just solid,"

*—Willem Zylstra
Livestream fan*

This was visible in Turkey's performance in Sheffield. Over a 9-day competition, Turkey only lost one match. That was a 1-5 drubbing in preliminary play against New Zealand. However, three days later in a rematch, Turkey came out on top 1-0 in the semi final. New Zealand, whose senior elite are reigning men and women's World Champions, often played hockey as a school sport.

In the final Turkey over powered Great Britain 3-1. Two first half goals by Deniz Yılmaz and Mert Doğan put the UK players on the back foot. In the second half, [Sarp Kutay Çetinkaya](#) put the match out of reach with a third drive into the tin. With roughly two minutes remaining on the clock, a late goal by Thomas Pitchforth could not resuscitate Britain's hopes of a first place.

At the senior level Turkey has experienced some turbulence. As a consequence the men's senior national team did not participate in the Graz World Championships this year. However, given Özen's level of engagement in sports, it is likely that Turkey will attempt to claim space on the podium. TSSF is investing in young athletes and it is difficult to imagine that they will not challenge the traditionally dominant nations in the coming decade.

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Hard to match state sponsored teams in terms of fitness and preparation. Only way to level the playing field will be for every team to do a 6 week (full-time) training camp prior to World Championships.

| Spor ve hazırlık açısından devlet sponsorlu takımları maç zor. Oyun alanını seviye tek yolu, Dünya Şampiyonası öncesi 6 HAFTA (tam gün) antrenman kampı yapmak olacaktır.

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