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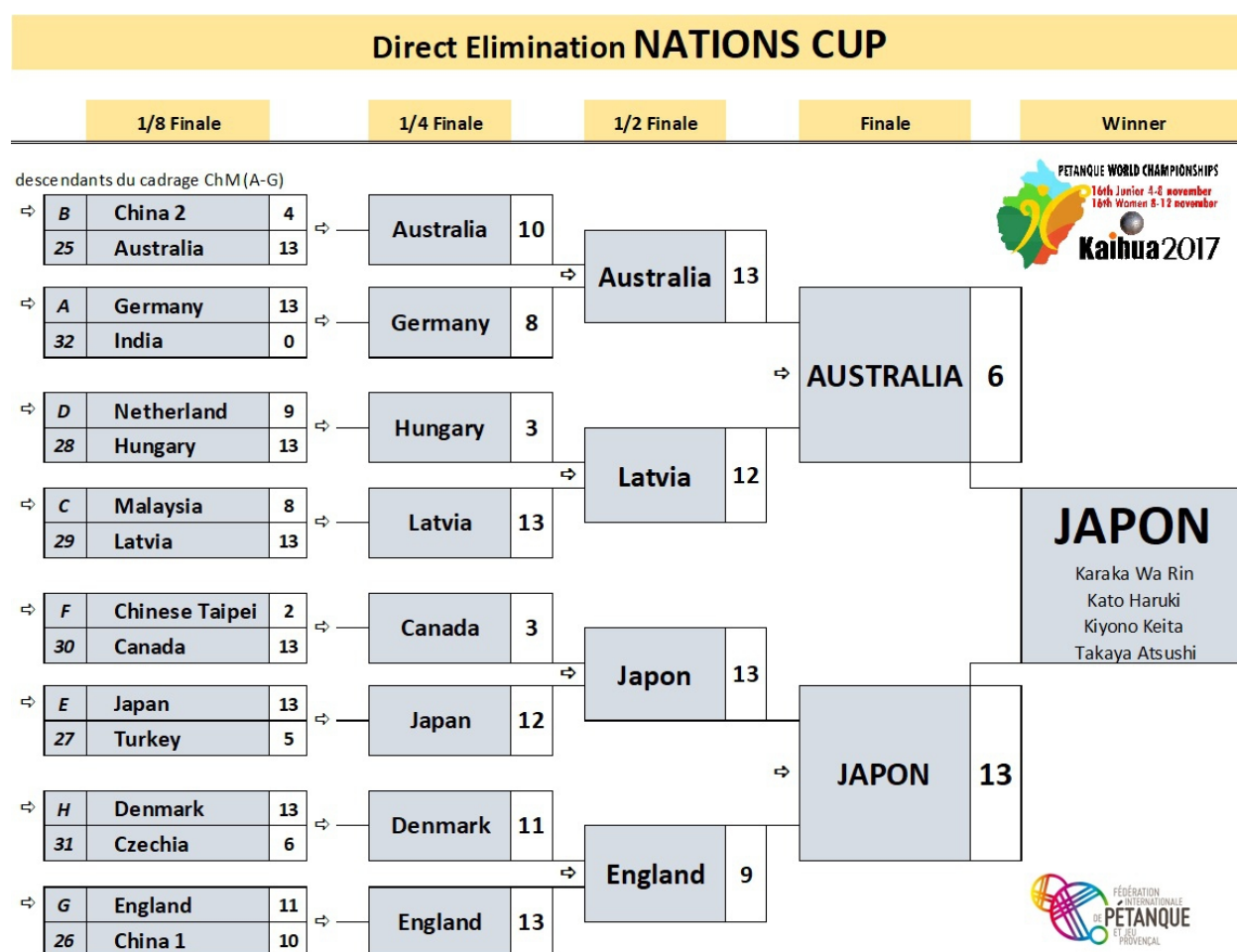
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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS KAIHUA 2017 CHINA

JUNIORS AND WOMEN

Junior results: Silver Medal runners up in Nation cup, the team missed qualification in Open title by one point but went on to qualify for the final of the Nation cup



Best result ever by an Australian team in all categories

Players

- Khrishika Ramjuttun 10 years old – youngest player in the event
- Logan Romani 11 years old
- Zac Diep-Nicholson 13 years old
- Bronson Romani 16 years old

The first 3 players can attend 2 to 3 world championships before turning 18 years of age

Bronson, Khrishika, Zac and Logan



Height and size doesn't matter, it didn't worry Khrishika



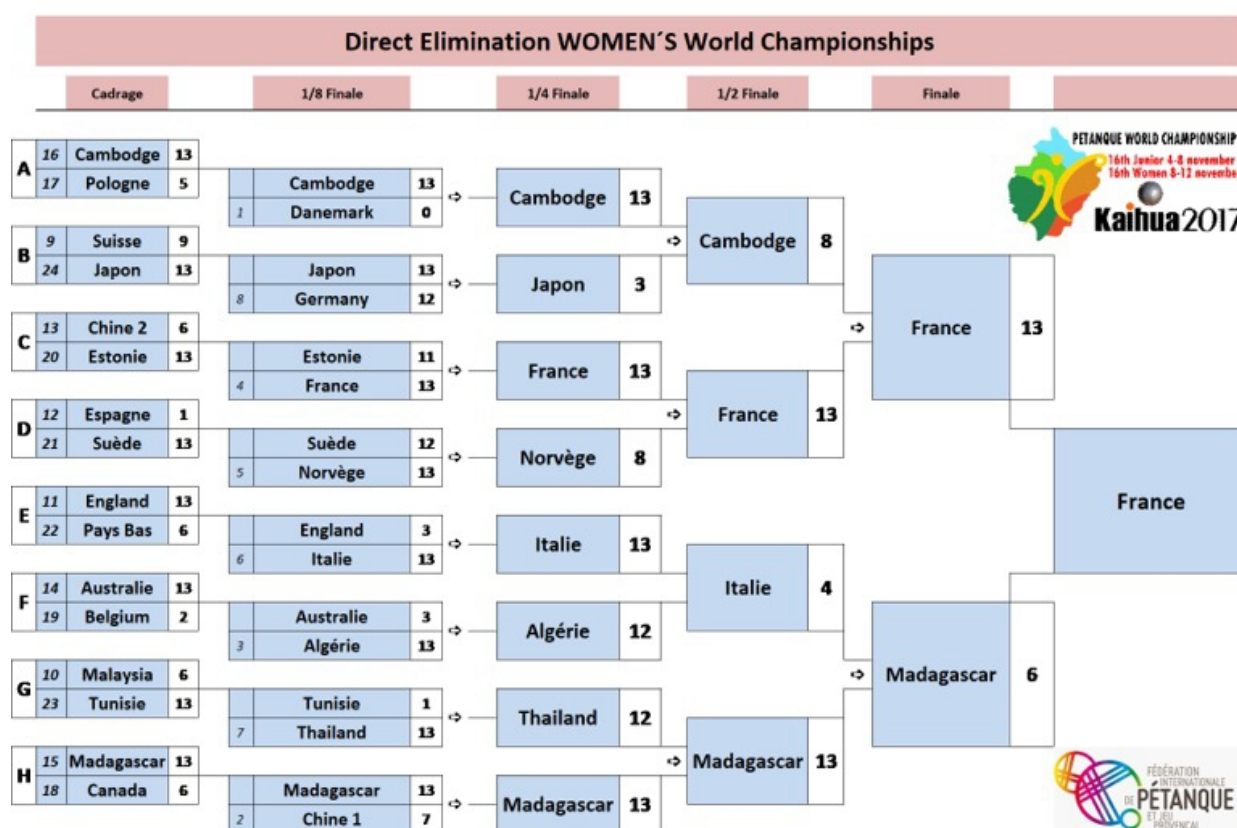
I must congratulate and applaud the behaviour, attitude and application of our players, Their coach Dr Gerard Finette was a great support to the team and we were well assisted by the parents.

It was a great effort and their performance was noticed by all other teams and the FIPJP staff present, it demonstrate clearly that the work put in by our coaching staff under the direction of Patrick Dufresne our national director of coaching is starting to provide results.

I strongly recommend that all our clubs provide support to our few youngsters, they need financial assistance as well as proper training and guidance, we now have qualified coaches in all state leagues and please assist the coaching staff in the development of our youngsters.

Women results: Great result by our women's team ranked 14 after 5 qualification rounds, making top 16 and only losing to a very strong Algerian team

Susan, Julie, Kuan Lim and Wendy



Again a strong performance by our team, losing to France the eventual winners 13 – 7 in their first game of qualification, a game that they could and should have won, due to the number of opportunities.

As well our players had a wonderful attitude and approach always believing that they could get through, the win against Belgium 13 – 2 was incredible, surprising all the FIPJP members, Belgium being the double world vice champion earlier in the year.

Our coach Patrick Dufresne led our team in a very impressive manner and the players responded well to his tactical approach surprising often their opponents.

We Australia are now being seen as serious competitors and this is reflected by the interest of a few countries indicating their interest in visiting our shores and participating in our events. A few teams have indicated that they wish to attend our International open double in Melbourne as well as our Easter event.

As PFA sport director I believe that it is a way for our players to progress further by facing stronger and different opponents.

It is a fact that new countries are now challenging the established countries

- Estonia, Norway, Sweden, Japan (strong junior and women team), England and the host China.

In the shooting competition we saw players from Turkey, Germany, England, and Japan doing well in qualification

Junior:

- High score of 59 in the junior ¼ final (Morocco)
- Winner in the final Theo Bailliere French player with 46 points

Women:

- Highest score Ke Leng Cambodia 47 in qualification
- Ke Leng Winning the final with 43 points

I purchased the template for the shooting; the FIPJP has now indicated that all competitions must use same plate in preparation to Paris 2024.

PFA shall purchase and distribute in the near future the template to all leagues/clubs so to allow our players to practice and reach better scores in the shooting event.

International Coach:

Patrick Dufresne has been awarded the highest International level 3 as a coach, he is one of 5 international coaches accredited by the FIPJP. Patrick Dufresne was monitored by the FIPJP Technical director Victor Nataf during the Australian women team games. Victor Nataf indicated that after the performance of the team under Patrick guidance he was pleased to recommend Patrick for the level 3.

Patrick assisted by Gerard Finette has published a training manual available on line at www.petanquefederationaustralia.com I strongly recommend that all clubs and players have a good look at the basic exercises proposed in the manual.

It should be noted that this year Australian teams have performed very well on the international stage

- Winning Open Trans Tasman series Open division in Adelaide
- Men national team qualifying for the world Championships 2018
- Junior finalist of the nation cup at the world championship
- Women team ranked 14th at the world championship

Overall a great year for Australian Petanque and I take the opportunity to thank all our coaches around the country for their great contribution.

Umpire:

We had the pleasure of witnessing the debut of Pete Beaumont as an international event, the comments from all concerned were very complementary and Pete has I am secure secured a few more call for the future.

It was a long 8 days of competition, in 2 different areas plus the shooting competition, long day on your feet as an umpire.

We as the Australian delegation (junior and women) were very please by Pete Beaumont work.

Australian presence on the world stage is well notice and we need to pursue our search for excellence, I understand it can be annoying sometimes but it does pay in the long run.

International Calendar:

- Men world championships 2018
 - o Desbiens City on St John Lake in the province of Quebec – Canada in September 2018 Date to be confirmed
- Single, double and mixed double world championships 2019
 - o Almeria in Spain – May 2019 Date to be confirmed
- Junior and Women world championships 2019
 - o Phnom Penh Cambodia in October/November date to be confirmed

In conclusion I did enjoy my job as head of delegation, was very happy with contribution of players, coaches and parents. As usual I always try to bring back info and anything which can be useful to Petanque in Australia.

On behalf of PFA

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