

Allez les bleus-European Champions Worksheet



What happened on January 31st??

Part 1

Why is it « a bit of handball history »?

Where did it take place? How many spectators were present?

Part 2

Describe the atmosphere in the Stadthalle in your own words and justify with quotations from the text.

Right or wrong? Justify with quotations from the text.

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Part 3

During the second half, the French defense was the best.

At the beginning of the second half, the Croatians managed to score a few goals.

France scored four goals in eight minutes' time whereas the Croatians scored only one.

After this, les bleus were more confident..

Parts 4 and 5

The end of the match was full of suspense.

11 minutes before the end of the match , the Croatians were leading.

French player Karabatic was expelled because he had committed a foul against Mataija.

Karabatic scored six goal in a row.

Karabatic played like an expert.

The French and the Croatians danced together after the match.

Correction

What happened on January 31st??

The French national handball team won the Euro final

Part 1

Why is it « a bit of handball history »?

Because they are the first team ever to have won the world championship, the Euro championship and the olympics

Where did it take place? How many spectators were present?

It took place in Wiener Stadthalle (in Vienna , in Austria)in front of 10,000 spectators

Part 2

Describe the atmosphere in the Stadthalle in your own words and justify with quotations from the text.

« The atmosphere in the Stadthalle was brilliant and vibrant »

« The French supporters may have been outnumbered but they pushed their team throughout the match. »

Right or wrong? Justify with quotations from the text.

At the beginning of the match, the French were really fast

W - « The current Olympics champions were very slow in attack at the beginning, »

Karabatic scored four goals during the first half hour

W « Nikola Karabatic, who hit the back of the net three times in the first 30 minutes. »

Part 3

During the second half, the French defense was the best.

R « But it was the “French wall” that stood strong in the first period of the second half. »

At the beginning of the second half, the Croats managed to score a few goals.

W- « The Croats could not find a way through and were unlucky with their shots. »

France scored four goals in eight minutes' time whereas the Croats scored only one.

R - « France turned the match within eight minutes, scored four goals with just one reply and took the score to 17:13 ».

After this, les bleus were more confident..

R - The French then fell back on their experience and slowed down the game and waited for their chances to come,

Parts 4 and 5

The end of the match was full of suspense.

« The two sides kept the 10,000 spectators on the edge of their seats. »

« In the 49th minute, the game was completely open again, »

11 minutes before the end of the match , the Croats were leading.

W- Balic reduced the gap to 18:19

French player Karabatic was expelled because he had committed a foul against Mataija.

W- « Vedran Mataija received a red card after a foul against Karabatic. »

Karabatic scored six goal in a row.

W- « France scored three time in a row «

Karabatic played like an expert.

W- An outstanding Karabatic decided the game with his sixth goal The French and the Croats danced together after the match.

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W- « It was the French dancing on the court at the end of the match as the Croats left with their heads hanging low. »