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## **FRANCE IS WORLD CHAMPION FOR THE 6TH TIME IN HANDBALL FACING NORWAY**

**WITH A SCORE OF 33 AGAINST 26**

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**USPA NEWS** - France is the world champion, for the sixth time in its history of handball against Norway. The match took place at the AccorHotels Arena in France, where the French handball team succeeded in winning the sixth star in its history. The match came off against France in a 1st round followed by victory

The French Team of Handball wins the Mondial, for the sixth time in its history, against Norway. The match took place at the AccorHotels Arena in France, where the French handball team succeeded in winning the sixth star in its history. The match came off against France in the first round, then the situation was reversed against Norway to finish with a 33-point core against 26 for the Norwegians.

**THE FRENCH DOMINATE AT THE SECOND ROUND OF THE MATCH AND WIN-----**

The French players, under the supervising of their coach, Christian Berge attack the match by scoring the first goal (Espen Lie Hansen, 1st), and count up to three goals ahead when Captain Myrhol deceives Vincent Gérard pivot (13-16, 25th). But the French keeper, who replaced a captain Omeyer little successful (15th), chained three stops validated by Narcisse and Mahé twice (16-16, 29th). France finished strong, a final recovery doubled with a goal from Porte on the counter allow the French to regain the locker room with a small lead at the end of a first breathless period (18-17).

The French Players press on the accelerator at the return of the locker room. Coach Christian Berge calls for a team time-out just five minutes after the recovery, while his team is already leading four goals (22-18, 35). Guigou is untenable, Gerard builds a wall, Gate sends off the cox, Remili lights and France takes off ten minutes from the end (29-23, 50th). The most significant difference is at +8 to five minutes of the term (32-24, 55th), the Blues can no longer be joined. But they are great champions, they remain serious before finally, the explosion: the sixth star of world champion is clinched on a final goal of Karabatic (33-26)!

**AMAZING NUMBERS OF TITLES AND STARS SINCE 1995-----**

The French Team of Handball totalises 6 titles of world championships, since 1995, as follows :

The world finals, 6 stars on the jersey (1995, 2001, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017) Source BeinSoort, yahoonews, Equipe

- 5 titles for Omeyer
- 4 titles for Karabatic, Narcisse, Sorhaindo and Guigou
- 3 player titles for Dinart, 1 coach title
- 1 best player of the World (Karabatic), 1 best goalkeeper (Gérard), 1 best back right (Remili)
- 282 goals scored in 9 games, best attack of the World Cup

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