

FIH HOCKEY5s WORLD CUP OMAN 2024

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FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024







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About the event

Event title: FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024

When: 24 January - 31 December 2024

Where: Hockey Oman Venue, Muscat, Oman

Teams

Women's Pool A - Fiji, Malaysia, Netherlands, Oman

Women's Pool B - Australia, South Africa, Ukraine, Zambia

Women's Pool C - India, Namibia, Poland, USA

Women's Pool D - New Zealand, Paraguay, Thailand, Uruguay

Men's Pool A - Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland

Men's Pool B - Egypt, India, Jamaica, Switzerland

Men's Pool C - Australia, Kenya, New Zealand, Trinidad & Tobago

Men's Pool D - Fiji, Malaysia, Oman, United States

Broadcast and live streaming

All matches will be streamed live (and available on-demand) on the <u>Watch.Hockey</u> app*. There are two options available on Watch.Hockey:

- the FIH+ Pass (enabling access to the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, the FIH Hockey5s World Cup, the FIH Hockey Pro League and the FIH Hockey Nations Cup)
- the Event Pass (for the matches of the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers only)

Passes can be purchased directly through the Watch. Hockey app (App Store and Google Play).

*Except on the Indian subcontinent

Global broadcast and live streaming information for each individual match will be published on the event website as soon as it becomes available.























Event website: Click Here

The official event website provides everything that you need to know about the event, including

news updates, fixtures, results, standings, live match reporting and broadcast information, with

data filters that allow the user to dig a little deeper.

In event photography:

Rights free match photography from the competition will be available at the following links:

Women's World Cup: https://hockey.photoshelter.com/galleries/C0000Yul3UzmUN28/FIH-Hockey5s-World-Cup-Oman-W

Men's World Cup: https://hockey.photoshelter.com/galleries/C0000zKmPN9hTLFc/FIH-Hockey5s-World-Cup-Oman-M

FIH.Family & Hockey Data Hub

The Hockey Data Hub features a huge and unique range of data for over 15,000+ players and

7,000+ matches (played since 2013). Accessing the Hockey Data Hub is very easy: all you need to do is to open an "FIH.Family" account on Datahub.Hockey (it's FREE!).

Social Media

The FIH will provide comprehensive coverage of the event via our social media channels, including YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X & TikTok.

Hashtag: #Hockey5s





















Welcome message from FIH President Tayyab Ikram



Dear Friends,

Welcome to Oman where we're celebrating together a historical moment for our sport, with the first ever FIH Hockey5s World Cup!

I have no doubt that this brand-new event in the FIH competitions' portfolio will provide athletes, fans and the whole hockey community an unforgettable experience, and truly showcase the great spectacle that Hockey5s is, on the highest stage possible.

I would like to congratulate all the women's and men's teams that will be a part of the record books as the first teams to compete in an FIH Hockey5s World Cup! You will be the trailblazers and the role models for all future players who take up this new and exciting format; a format that has all the potential to significantly boost the global development of our beloved sport.



To the Sultanate of Oman and, in particular, His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, I'd like to express our sincerest gratitude for your continuous support and personal involvement.

To the athletes, you are magnificent ambassadors of hockey! Thanks to your wonderful skills and your fair-play attitude, you're portraying the best image of our sport. From my side, I can assure you that we will spare no efforts to ensure optimal conditions for you to perform at your highest level!

To the teams, especially those playing their first ever FIH World Cup, this event has been conceived, amongst others, to enable a larger access to FIH tournaments. And that is only fair! Therefore, please make the most of this opportunity as you're writing history!

To the officials, you are wonderful examples of passion and volunteering! We're so grateful to have you here.

To the fans, thank you so much for your attendance and support! You are key to the success of all our events. I encourage you to come together in celebration of our shared love for hockey and witness this historic chapter in the story of our sport.

I hope you will all enjoy the action from this inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup which promises to be so exciting!

Yours in hockey,

Tayyab Ikram President International Hockey Federation (FIH)







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About Muscat and the Hockey Oman Venue

Muscat

Scenically wedged between mountains and ocean, with old forts and excellent museums, an opera house and flower-filled parks, the gentle city of Muscat is a delight to visit. Its name means 'safe anchorage', and the sea plays an important role in city life to this day, sustaining the fishing industry and providing opportunities for visitors to swim from sandy beaches or dive with turtles in nearby lagoons. (source: Lonely Planet)

Muscat on Lonely Planet: click here. Muscat on Wikipedia: click here. Muscat on Trip Advisor: click here.























About the Hockey Oman Venue



The FIH Hockey5s World Cup 2024 in Oman will take place at the Hockey Oman Venue, located in Al Amarat, southeast of Muscat. The venue will also host the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, which will be played between 15-21 January 2024. For more information on that event, please click here.











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About the FIH Hockey5s World Cup



The FIH Hockey5s World Cup is a new quadrennial event that will feature the best Hockey5s teams from around the world, battling for supremacy in hockey's exciting 5-a-side format!

The Hockey5s World Cup will feature 16 teams (men's and women's) which include three qualified teams from each continent, along with the hosts. The 16 teams have been split into four pools of four teams each, with the top two teams in each group qualifying for the quarterfinals. The teams finishing in 3rd and 4th places in the pool stages will continue to compete for the newly introduced challenger trophy that will be awarded to the team finishing in the 9th place in the competition.

The 2024 edition of the Hockey5s World Cup is the inaugural edition of the event, and will be played in Muscat, Oman from 24 January to 31 January. The women's World Cup will be the first to get underway from 24 January and will end on 27 January. The men's World Cup will follow right after, beginning on 28 January, with the finals slated for 31 January.

The FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024 match schedule, including match timings is available here.

More information about the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024 can be found here.







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Qualification overview (Women's)



Teams

The FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup Oman 2024 will consist of 16 teams.

1.2. The Host Nation - Oman

1.2. Teams Qualified by Continental Federation

The Continental quotas are as follows:

- Africa (3): The Top 3 teams in the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022
- Asia (3): The Top 3 teams in the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023
- Europe (3): The Top 3 teams in the EuroHockey5s Championship 2023
- Pan America (3): The Top 3 team in the Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023
- Oceania (3): The Top 3 teams in the Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023

Qualification summary

Below is a snapshot summary regarding how the teams secured their respective places at the FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup Oman 2024.

Pool A

Fiji: 3rd Place – Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023 Malaysia: 3rd Place – Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

Netherlands: 1st Place – EuroHockey5s Championship 2023

Oman: Host nation

Pool B

Australia: 1st Place – Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023

South Africa: 3rd Place – African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

Ukraine: 3rd Place – EuroHockey5s Championship 2023

Zambia: 2nd Place – African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

Pool C

India: 1st Place – Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

Namibia: 1st Place – African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

Poland: 2nd Place – EuroHockey5s Championship 2023

United States: 1st Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023

Pool D

New Zealand: 2nd Place – Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023 Paraguay: 3rd Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023

Thailand: 2nd Place – Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

Uruguay: 2nd Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023





















Qualification overview (Men's)



Teams

The FIH Hockey5s Men's World Cup Oman 2024 will consist of 16 teams.

1.1. The Host Nation - Oman

1.2. Teams Qualified by Continental Federation

The Continental quotas are as follows:

- Africa (3): The Top 3 teams in the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022
- Asia (3): The Top 3 teams in the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023*
- Europe (3): The Top 3 teams in the Men's EuroHockey5s Championship 2022**
- Pan America (3): The Top 3 team in the Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023
- Oceania (3): The Top 3 teams in the Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023
- *Malaysia finished in the 4th place at the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023 but qualified as Oman, who finished in 3rd, had already secured a spot as the hosts of the inaugural World Cup.
- **Belgium finished in second place at the Men's EuroHockey5s Championship 2022, but decided to withdraw from the World Cup, with 4th placed Switzerland qualifying for the World Cup.

Qualification summary

Below is a snapshot summary regarding how the teams secured their respective places at the

FIH Hockey5s Men's World Cup Oman 2024.

Pool A

Netherlands: 1st Place – Men's EuroHockey5s Championship 2022 Nigeria: 2nd Place – African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

Pakistan: 2nd Place – Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

Poland: 3rd Place - Men's EuroHockey5s Championship 2022

Pool B

Egypt: 1st Place – African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

India: 1st Place – Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

Jamaica: 3rd Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023

Switzerland: 4th Place – Men's EuroHockey5s Championship 2022

Pool C

Australia: 1st Place - Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023

Kenya: 3rd Place – African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

New Zealand: 2nd Place – Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023

Trinidad and Tobago: 2nd Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023























Pool D

Fiji: 3rd Place – Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023 Malaysia: 4th Place – Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

Oman: Hosts

United States: 1st Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023







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Competition Format



The FIH Hockey5s Men's World Cup Oman 2024 event will feature four pools comprising of four participating teams followed by a knock-out phase / classification matches.

Pool phase

The Pools were established at a ceremony on 3 September 2023, in Salalah, Oman attended by FIH President Tayyab Ikram, chief guest H.H. Sayyid Firas Bin Fatik Al Said and Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth H.E. Basil bin Ahmed Al Rawas.

Women's

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Fiji	Australia	India	New Zealand
Malaysia	South Africa	Namibia	Paraguay
Netherlands	Ukraine	Poland	Thailand
Oman	Zambia	USA	Uruguay

Men's

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Netherlands	Egypt	Australia	Fiji
Nigeria	India	Kenya	Malaysia
Pakistan	Jamaica	New Zealand	Oman
Poland	Switzerland	Trinidad & Tobago	United States

To learn more about the formation of the pools, please click here.



















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Ranking in a Pool

Taken from FIH Tournament Regulations Hockey5s Competitions

- 1. In each pool, all the teams will play against each other, and the following points will be awarded for each match:
- Three points to the winner
- One point to each team, in the event of a draw
- No points to the loser
- 2. In each pool, teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the competition.
- a. If at the end of the pool matches two or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of matches won.
- b. If there remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference (which means "goals for" less "goals against"). A positive goal difference always takes precedence over a negative one.
- c. If there still remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of "goals for".
- d. Should there still remain equality among two teams, then the result of the match played between those teams will determine the ranking of the tied teams.
- e. If more than two teams are involved, then a ranking based upon the results of the matches among (only) them shall determine their respective position, based upon the points awarded in accordance with Article 1 of this appendix. If there remains equality, then the teams involved shall be ranked according to Articles 2.a, b, c, and d of this Appendix.
- f. If there still remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to the number of Field Goals scored in the pool matches.
- g. Should there still remain equality among two teams, then the ranking will be determined by a shoot-out competition between those teams (for details see Appendix 10 of these Regulations).
- h. If more than two teams are involved, then each team will play a shoot-out competition against the other teams in the same sequence of play as the order of play in the competition, in accordance with Appendix 10 of these Regulations but with one round of 5 shoot-outs only to be taken compulsorily by each team.























- i. A ranking will then be established based upon the results of the round of the shoot-out competition only, with the award for each play of 3 points to the team having scored the highest number of goals, 1 point to each team having scored an equal number of goals and 0 points to the team having scored the lowest number of goals.
- j. If equality remains then teams having an equal number of points shall be ranked according to Articles 2.a, b, c and d as applied to goals recorded during the shoot-out competition.
- k. If an equal position of three (or more) teams still remains thereafter, then the same procedure shall be repeated until the teams can be ranked. The Technical Delegate shall make a draw to establish each sequence of play if such further rounds of shoot-outs are required.

Classification matches

The winners and runners-up of the pools will play in the quarter-finals as set out below. The teams that finish 3rd and 4th will play classification matches from 9th to 16th as set out below.

The quarter-finals will be as follows although the matches will not necessarily be played in this order:

1st Pool A v 2nd Pool B - Match 5 1st Pool D v 2nd Pool C - Match 6 1st Pool B v 2nd Pool A - Match 7 1st Pool C v 2nd Pool D - Match 8

The winners of these matches will play for 1st to 4th places and the losing teams will play classification matches from 5th to 8th places.

The classification matches from 9th to 16th will be as follows although the matches will not necessarily be played in this order:

3rd Pool A v 4th Pool B - Match 9 3rd Pool D v 4th Pool C - Match 10 3rd Pool B v 4th Pool A - Match 11 3rd Pool C v 4th Pool D - Match 12

The winners of these matches will play for 9th to 12th places and the losing teams will play classification matches from 13th to 16th places.























The semi-finals will be as follows although the matches will not necessarily be played in this Order:

Winner Match 5 v Winner Match 6 Winner Match 7 v Winner Match 8

The winners of these matches will play for 1st and 2nd places (the final) and the losers will play for 3rd and 4th places.

The classification matches from 5th to 8th will be as follows although the matches will not necessarily be played in this order:

Loser Match 5 v Loser Match 6 Loser Match 7 v Loser Match 8

The winners of these matches will play for 5th and 6th places and the losers will play for 7th and 8th places.

The classification matches from 9th to 12th will be as follows although the matches will not necessarily be played in this order:

Winner Match 9 v Winner Match 10 Winner Match 11 v Winner Match 12

The winners of these matches will play for 9th and 10th places and the losers will play for 11th and 12th places.

The classification matches from 13th to 16th will be as follows although the matches will not necessarily be played in this order:

Loser Match 9 v Loser Match 10 Loser Match 11 v Loser Match 12

The winners of these matches will play for 13th and 14th places and the losers will play for 15th and 16th places.

The score at the end of the regulation time of a classification match will be registered by the FIH as the result of the match.

If at the end of the regulation time the result is a draw, in order to establish an outright winner of a classification match for the purpose of the competition, a shoot-out competition will be played to establish the winner of the match.

















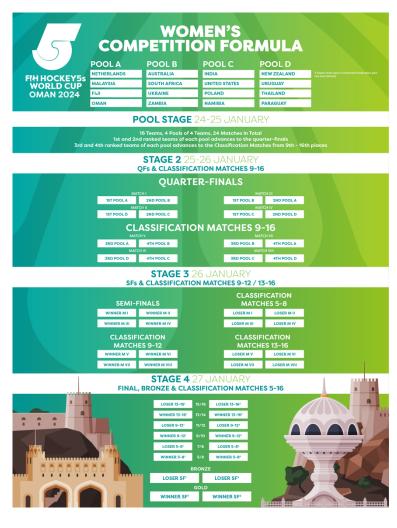


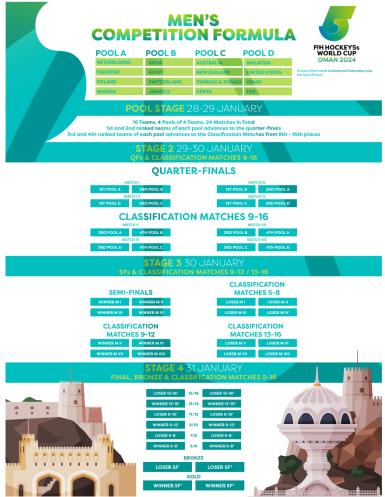




More information about the competition format can be found in Appendix 7 of the Tournament Regulations, FIH Top Tier Outdoor Competitions - October 2023. Information about the shoot-out format can be found in Appendix 10 of the same document. To download this document, click here.

A new addition to the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024, is the Challenger Trophy. The teams finishing in 3rd and 4th places in the pool stages will continue to compete in the abovementioned classification format, with the challenger trophy being awarded to the team finishing in the 9th place in the competition.











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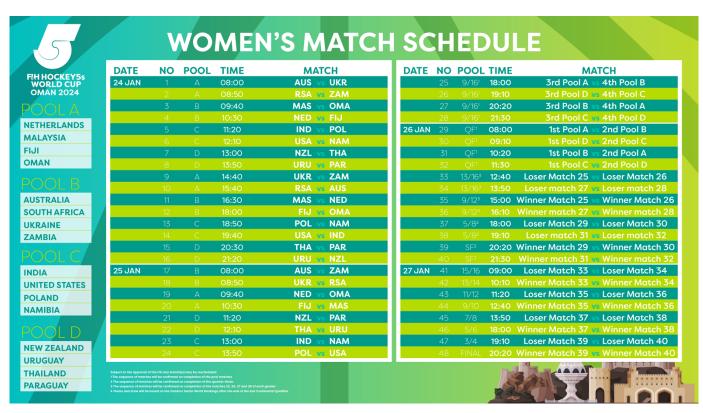
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Match schedule



To see the match schedule, please click here.





MEN'S MATCH SCHEDULE

	DATE	NO	POOL	TIME	MATCH	DATE	NO	POOL	TIME	MAT	ГСН
WORLD CUP OMAN 2024	28 JAN			08:00	NED vs POL				18:00	3rd Pool A v	s 4th Pool B
					PAK vs NGR					3rd Pool D v	4th Pool C
POOL A				09:40	IND vs SUI				20:20	3rd Pool B v	s 4th Pool A
					EGY vs JAM					3rd Pool C v	4th Pool D
NETHERLANDS				11:20	AUS vs TTO	30 JAN	29	QF1	08:00	1st Pool A v	2nd Pool B
PAKISTAN					NZL vs KEN					1st Pool D v	2nd Pool C
POLAND				13:00	MAS vs OMA			QF1	10:20	1st Pool B v	s 2nd Pool A
NIGERIA					USA vs FIJ					1st Pool C v	2nd Pool D
DOOL D				14:40	POL vs NGR				12:40	Loser Match 25 v	Loser Match 26
POOL B					PAK vs NED					Loser match 27 v	Loser match 28
INDIA				16:30	SUI vs JAM				15:00	Winner Match 25 v	Winner Match 26
EGYPT					EGY vs IND					Winner match 27 v	Winner match 28
SWITZERLAND				18:50	TTO vs KEN				18:00	Loser Match 29 v	s Loser Match 30
JAMAICA					NZL vs AUS					Loser match 31 v	Loser match 32
DOOL C				20:30	USA vs MAS				20:20	Winner Match 29 v	Winner Match 30
POOL C					OMA vs FIJ				21:30	Winner match 31 v	Winner match 32
AUSTRALIA	29 JAN			08:00	IND vs JAM	31 JAN			09:00	Loser Match 33 v	Loser Match 34
NEW ZEALAND					SUI vs EGY					Winner Match 33 v	Winner Match 34
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO				09:40	NED vs NGR				11:20	Loser Match 35 v	Loser Match 36
KENYA					POL vs PAK					Winner Match 35 v	Winner Match 36
KENTA				11:20	MAS vs FIJ				13:50	Loser Match 37 v	Loser Match 38
POOL B					OMA w USA					Winner Match 37 v	Winner Match 38
				13:00	AUS vs KEN		47	3/4	19:10	Loser Match 39 v	Loser Match 40
MALAYSIA					TTO vs NZL					Winner Match 39 v	Winner Match 40
UNITED STATES								J		Subject to the approval of the FIH any match(es)	may be rescheduled.
OMAN										1 The sequence of matches will be confirmed on a 2 The sequence of matches will be confirmed on	ompletion of the pool matches completion of the quarter-finals
FIJI										3 The sequence of matches will be confirmed on 4 Teams and draw will be based on the Outdoor!	completion of the matches 25, 26, 27 and 28 of each ionior World Rankings after the end of the last







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Teams



Below you will find some general information as well as the squad lists for the teams that will compete in each pool at the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024. All squad information is correct at time of publication.

The women's teams from Fiji, Oman, Paraguay, Thailand and Zambia will make their first ever appearance in an FIH Hockey World Cup when the women's competition begins from 24 January.

The **men's teams** from **Fiji**, **Jamaica** and **Oman** will make their first ever appearance in an FIH Hockey World Cup when the men's tournament begins from 28 January.

To see complete and up-to-date squad lists for each team competing in Muscat, please <u>click</u> here.





















Women's Pool A: Fiji, Malaysia, Netherlands, Oman



FIJI

How they qualified: 3rd Place - Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023

About the team: Fiji are making their first ever appearance at an FIH Hockey World Cup event, after their impressive performance at the Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023. Fiji only registered losses to Australia and New Zealand throughout the tournament, winning the remaining 5 games, including the bronze medal match-up against Papua New Guinea (6-0) to seal their spot at the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

One to watch: Lala Ravatu

Lala Ravatu's prolific performance in front of the goal played a significant role in Fiji's qualification from the Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023. She scored 11 times in the tournament to finish 4th in the top-scorers list, as the only player not belonging to Australia or New Zealand to hit double figures.

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MALAYSIA



How they qualified: 3rd Place - Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

About the team: Malaysia made a rough start to the qualifying campaign, losing all three of their pool stage matches at the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023. But given the challenger-elite pool format, their hopes were not extinguished. Malaysia finally turned it on in the cross-over contest, getting the better of high-flying Hong Kong China, who had topped the challenger pool by winning all 5 of their games. Indonesia, who sprung a surprise on Japan by defeating them in their crossover contest stood between Malaysia and a spot in the World Cup. A tight bronze medal match saw Malaysia hold their nerves in the shoot-out after the teams had ended the game tied at 4-4, sealing their spot at the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

One to watch: Zati Muhamad

Zafirah Aziz top-scored for Malaysia in the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023, with 6 goals in 6 games, but it was Zati Muhamad's performance in the final that ultimately took the Malaysians to the podium. Zati scored her 5th goal of the tournament to open the scoring in the bronze medal match, and also got on the board in the shoot-out following Zafirah's miss in the first attempt.

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NETHERLANDS



How they qualified: 1st Place - EuroHockey5s Championship 2023

About the team: Netherlands were utterly dominant in the women's EuroHockey5s Championship 2023, comprehensively winning all 4 of their pool matches as well as the semi-final and the final matches. Netherlands averaged 12 goals per game in the pool stages to finish with 48 goals scored and 5 conceded in their 4 games, which they followed up with a 5-0 win over Switzerland in the semi-final and a 7-3 win over Poland in the final. The Dutch women's team are the reigning Olympic Champions, World Champions and Indoor Hockey World Champions. A Hockey5s World Cup win in the inaugural edition would be yet another feather in the already decorated cap of the Dutch women's hockey teams.

One to watch: Noor de Baat

Noor de Baat captained Netherlands at the EuroHockey5s Championship 2023, and led from the front, scoring 9 goals, including two in the final against Poland. While Netherland got great goal contributions from their entire squad, Noor de Baat's leadership, to go with her goal-scoring prowess, really stood out for the Dutch.

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OMAN



How they qualified: Hosts

About the team: Oman are making their first ever appearance at an FIH Hockey World Cup event. They qualified for the FIH Hockey5s World Cup 2024 as the hosts of the event and will need to rely heavily on the home support to make a mark at the inaugural event. The Oman women's Hockey5s team previously played in the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023, where they finished in the 10th place, losing all six of their matches, so they have their task cut out for them at the World Cup. However, with half the squad aged 24 and under, Oman can look to improvements from within as the team gets more comfortable together and builds their chemistry on field.

One to watch: Olaa Al Balushi

At just 24 years, Olaa Al Balushi will lead the Oman team at the home world cup. Olaa's twoway play will be crucial for Oman in breaking up opponent's attacks and launching their own counters.

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Pool B: Australia, South Africa, Ukraine, Zambia



AUSTRALIA

How they qualified: 1st Place - Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023

About the team: Australia are the traditional hockey powerhouse in Oceania and lived up to that billing in the inaugural Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023. They were a force to reckon with in the round robin stage of the event, winning all 6 matches, while scoring 57 goals and conceding just 3! They followed that up with a 12-1 win over Papua New Guinea in the semi-final followed by a hard-fought 3-1 win over New Zealand in the final, to seal their spot in the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024, as one of the prohibitive favourites.

One to watch: Jamie Zimmerman

At just 20 years of age, Jamie Zimmerman took the Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023 by storm, scoring 16 goals in the 8 games played by Australia. She finished second on the top goal-scorers list and while Australia had plenty of players contribute towards scoring, none were more prolific than Jamie Zimmerman.

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SOUTH AFRICA



How they qualified: 3rd Place - African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

About the team: South Africa's supremacy in Africa is usually unchallenged, but with the Hockey5s format, the emergence of others caught South Africa out in the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022, as the team finished the qualifier in 3rd place, but still managed to qualify for the inaugural edition of the World Cup. Namibia and Zambia both got the better of South Africa in the pool stage of the competition and sealed a place in the final, while South Africa faced off against Egypt in the bronze medal match, needing a win to qualify for the World Cup, which they achieved, thanks to a stellar 7-0 win, which finally saw the team fire on all cylinders.

One to watch: Sylvia van Jaarsveldt

Sylvia van Jaarsveldt top-scored for South Africa in the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022 with 6 goals. She also ended the tournament as the second top goal-scorer. Sylvia's clutch play included a hat-trick in the bronze medal match against Egypt, which was instrumental in the team qualifying for the World Cup, and they will similarly rely on her to get them out of a tough group stage in Oman.

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UKRAINE



How they qualified: 3rd Place - EuroHockey5s Championship 2023

About the team: Ukraine have been on a steady rise in the world of Hockey over the past few years, despite all the challenges faced by their teams due to the war. The bronze medal at the women's EuroHockey5s Championship 2023 was yet another landmark performance for the team that saw them qualify for the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup. Ukraine were placed in the same pool as Netherlands in the EuroHockey5s Championship, and despite losing to Netherlands in their head-to-head matchup, qualified for the semi-final by winning their remaining 3 pool matches. They narrowly lost their semi-final contest against Poland by a 3-2 margin, but sealed the World Cup spot with a convincing 6-2 win over Switzerland in the bronze medal match.

One to watch: Karyna Leonova

23-year-old Karyna Leonova was the breakout star for Ukraine at the EuroHockey5s Championship, top scoring for them, with 11 goals through the competition. 2 of Karyna's 11 goals also came in the bronze medal match against Switzerland, which were crucial in sealing the team's progress into the World Cup.

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ZAMBIA



How they qualified: 2nd Place - African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

About the team: Zambia will be making their first ever appearance at an FIH Hockey World Cup thanks to their outstanding performance at the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022. Zambia topped the pool stage of the event, winning 3 and losing 1 game through the round-robin phase. That solitary loss for the team came against Namibia, who they faced once again in the final of the event. The final was a closely fought affair, with Namibia scoring twice, before Zambia answered back, late in the game. Despite Zambia's late game pressure, they couldn't find an equaliser and had to settle for the silver medal, which was an impressive finish for the team ahead of traditionally stronger opponents like South Africa, Kenya and Egypt.

One to watch: Carol Nakombe

23-year-old Carol Nakombe was the top-scorer for Zambia in the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022 with 7 goals in 4 games. She also topped the overall goal-scoring charts at the tournament and established herself as one of the best in the game when it comes to converting chances in front of the goal.

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Pool C: India, Namibia, Poland, United States























Pool C: India, Namibia, Poland, United States

INDIA

How they qualified: 1st Place - Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

About the team: India came into the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023 as favourites and went undefeated throughout the tournament to justify their favourites tag. Led by the vastly experienced Navjot Kaur, India relied on a mix of solid defence and precise counter-attacks to do their damage. They topped the Elite pool winning all three of their contests comfortably, before once again registering straightforward wins over Malaysia and Thailand in the semi-final and final respectively to collect the gold medal and seal their spot at the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

One to watch: Navjot Kaur

Navjot Kaur was the only Indian player in their Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023 side above the age of 23 and led the young side with great poise. Not only was she stellar at the back, cutting out opposition attacks, but her lethal long-distance shots also saw her top-score for the team with 7 goals.

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NAMIBIA



How they qualified: 1st Place - African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

About the team: Namibia were the standout team at the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022, dominating from start to the finish, to win the gold medal and secure their spot at the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup. They finished second in the round-robin stage, behind Zambia, albeit only on goal difference and controlled the final against Zambia, relying on their steady defence to win the match 2-1 and secure the gold medal. All 8 of the outfield players for Zambia managed to get on the scoresheet at some point through the event showing that they have multiple avenues to goalscoring.

One to watch: Petro Stoffberg

Petro Stoffberg captained Namibia to the top spot at the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022, as their rock in the back. Namibia conceded the least number of goals through the qualifiers, and Stoffberg was a big reason for it. Namibia will similarly rely on Stoffberg at the World Cup to climb out of a tough group featuring two other continental champions.

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POLAND



How they qualified: 2nd Place - EuroHockey5s Championship 2023

About the team: Poland were placed in Pool B in the EuroHockey5s Championship 2023, where they were thoroughly dominant winning all four of their pool matches by big margins, scoring 39 goals and conceding just 6. Their first place finish earned them a semi-final berth against Ukraine, where their winning run continued as they eked out a narrow 3-2 win to make it to the finals. Their winning run came to a halt in the final against the Netherlands, but a second place finish was enough to secure their spot at the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

One to watch: Amelia Katerla

Amelia Katerla top-scored for Poland in the EuroHockey5s Championship, with 11 goals in 6 games, including a goal in the semi-final that paved the way for Poland to secure a spot in the final as well as the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024. The 11 goals also saw her finish third in the top goal-scorer list at the EuroHockey5s Championship 2023.

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UNITED STATES



How they qualified: 1st Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023

About the team: USA went undefeated through the Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023 to secure the gold medal and a berth at the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024. United States won all 4 of their pool stage matches scoring 29 goals, without conceding a single one! They followed that up with a 2-1 win over Trinidad & Tobago in the semi-final which earned them a spot against Uruguay in the final. The final was an incredibly tense affair with the two teams trading blows as the regulation time finished 5-5. United States aced the shoot-out though, securing the gold medal and qualifying for the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

One to watch: Lora Clark

21-year-old Lora Clark was the stand-out performer for USA scoring 11 goals through the Hockey5s Pan American Cup, top scoring for her team. She showed great poise in front of the goal despite her young age, finishing second on the tournament top-scorer's list, and will be USA's biggest threat at the World Cup.

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Pool D: New Zealand, Paraguay, Thailand, Uruguay



NEW ZEALAND

How they qualified: 2nd Place - Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023

About the team: New Zealand were largely dominant in the Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023, registering wins against all their opponents at the tournament, outside of Australia. Australia proved to be their nemesis in both the round robin stage, where they were defeated 6-2, as well as the final where the Black Sticks lost out in a much closer contest, losing 3-1. The final showed the progress New Zealand had made through the event as they were in the contest for the majority of the game, searching for an equaliser, until a very late Australian 3rd goal put the game beyond their reach.

One to watch: Hayley Cox

Hayley Cox was absolutely unstoppable at the Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023, leading all scorers in the event, by hammering in 21 goals in 8 games! She scored 17 goals from open play, while also displaying her prowess from set pieces, adding 4 goals from penalty corners. If Hayley continues to fire at the same rate in the World Cup, New Zealand will be real contenders to beat any team they come up against.

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PARAGUAY



How they qualified: 3rd Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023

About the team: Paraguay will make their first ever appearance at an FIH Hockey World Cup event, after finishing the Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023 in podium places. Paraguay were placed in Pool A at the continental cup where they won three of their four matches, with their only loss coming to eventual gold medalists USA. Paraguay tasted defeat at the hands of Uruguay in the semi-final, but bounced back well, relying on their steady defence to win the bronze medal match-up against Trinidad & Tobago 2-0, to secure their place at the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

One to watch: Paula Pistilli

At just 17, Paula Pistilli led Paraguay at the Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023, helping the team secure a podium place which saw them qualify for their first ever FIH Hockey World Cup! Pistilli chipped in with valuable goals as well, scoring 4 times in the tournament, to top score for her team and Paraguay will rely once again on their young captain at the World Cup as they aim to make their way out of the group stages and into the quarterfinals.

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THAILAND



How they qualified: 2nd Place - Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

About the team: Thailand are making their first ever appearance at an FIH Hockey World Cup event. They were the surprise package at the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023, defeating both Japan and Malaysia in the pool stage, in what could be categorised as upsets, given their opponents' prior reputations in hockey. Their only loss in the entire event came at the hands of India, first in the pool stage, where they lost a tightly contested game 5-4, and in the finals where India were much more dominant in a 7-2 win. But the losses to India took nothing away from Thailand's impressive showing through the event and the team will be a force to reckon with at the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.

One to watch: Natthakarn Aunjai

While Thailand spread their goals around their entire squad, with 8 different players getting on the score-sheet throughout the Hockey5s Asia Cup, Natthakarn Aunjai was the pick of the lot, scoring twice against Japan, Malaysia and India in the pool stages of the tournament. At just 23, Aunjai also has plenty of scope to improve into an even better goalscorer and overall player in the Hockey5s format.

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URUGUAY



How they qualified: 2nd Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023

About the team: Uruguay went incredibly close to securing the gold medal at the Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023, missing out on the top podium spot, in a shoot-out loss to USA in the final. Up until the final, Uruguay had played a near perfect tournament, dominating their pool, by winning all three games, scoring 25 goals and conceding just 2. They also came away with a convincing 5-0 win in the semi-final against Paraguay. The final saw USA take a 4-1 lead early in the second half, but a monumental comeback for Uruguay enabled them to go level at 5-5 with less than 2 minutes left in the game. Uruguay's comeback fell short in the shoot-outs as USA held their nerve to come away as the winners, but Uruguay showed they are strong contenders for the title at the upcoming FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.

One to watch: Manuela Vilar

Manuela Vilar was the driving force behind Uruguay's potent attack, scoring 13 goals in the 5 games played by her team. She not only top-scored for her team, but was also well clear at the top of the goal-scorers list for the entire tournament and will have to lead from the front if Uruguay want to continue making waves at the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.

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Men's Pool A: Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland



NETHERLANDS

How they qualified: 1st Place – Men's EuroHockey5s Championship 2022

About the team: Netherlands went through the Men's EuroHockey5s Championship 2022 with a perfect record winning all of their 5 pool stage matches, followed by straightforward wins in the semi-final and the final. In typical Dutch fashion, Netherlands scored 75 goals through the tournament while conceding just 13. The 5-3 victory in the semi-final against Poland and 4-1 in the final against Belgium were particularly impressive given the form their opponents were in. The statement wins in the EuroHockey5s Championship cements Netherlands as one of the favourites for the podium places at the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.

One to watch: Alexander Schop

22 year-old Alexander Schop was the top scorer for Netherlands at the EuroHockey5s Championship with 16 goals in 7 games. Given Schop's age, there is plenty of room for him to get even better and with more time to build chemistry with his teammates, he is a player that can take the World Cup by storm.

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NIGERIA



How they qualified: 2nd Place – African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

About the team: Nigeria finished their African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier campaign in an impressive second place ahead of traditional African hockey powerhouses Kenya and South Africa. They finished the round robin stage in second place, with wins over Kenya and South Africa, a draw against Zambia; and their solitary loss coming against Egypt. They would once again face table toppers Egypt in the finals, and face a second straight defeat, but a second-place finish was enough to earn them a spot in the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

One to watch: Peter John

Peter John was a one-man wrecking crew at the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier, scoring 11 goals in 5 games to not only top the scoring for Nigeria, but also top-scoring in the tournament overall. John's 11 goals accounted for over 50% of Nigeria's goals, showing his great value for the team, who will need him to continue firing on all cylinders if they are to make it out of their pool at the World Cup.

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PAKISTAN



How they qualified: 2nd Place – Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

About the team: For much of the Hockey5s Asia Cup, Pakistan looked like the favourites to win the gold medal, after topping the pool stage of the competition registering 4 wins and a draw in the process. They won the marquee matchup against India early in the tournament in an enthralling 9-goal thriller, that they edged by a 5-4 margin. They were held to a 5-5 draw by Malaysia, but that would not prevent them from topping the pool. They dispatched Oman in the semi-final before facing off against India once again in the final, where an evenly fought contest was won by India in the shoot-out following a 4-4 draw in regulation time. Pakistan's performances throughout the event were mighty impressive, especially on the offensive end, and they will once again be strong contenders at the upcoming World Cup.

One to watch: Waheed Ashraf Rana

Waheed Ashraf Rana made goal scoring look easy at the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023, hammering 27 goals through Pakistan's 7 games. He ended the tournament as the top scorer, scoring 20 goals from open play, and adding 6 penalty corner goals along with a goal from a penalty stroke. If Rana can continue his goal scoring exploits in the World Cup, Pakistan will be among the favourites to lift the trophy at the end of the event.

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POLAND



How they qualified: 3rd Place - Men's EuroHockey5s Championship 2022

About the team: Poland were the most prolific scorers across all continental qualifiers for the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024, scoring 105 goals across their 8 games, averaging over 13 goals per game! They finished second in the pool stage of the EuroHockey5s Championship winning 5 matches, with their singular loss coming at the hands of Belgium in a thrilling 7-5 contest. They faced off against Netherlands in the semi-final and posed the eventual gold medalists their biggest threat, losing 5-3 at the end. They secured their spot at the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024 with a massive 8-2 win against Switzerland in the bronze medal match.

One to watch: Gracjan Jarzyński

Poland received goal contributions from all of their outfield players through the EuroHockey5s Championship, with 5 different players scoring 14+ goals, but Gracjan Jarzyński was the most prolific of the lot. The 21-year-old Jarzyński scored 23 goals through the competition and looks to be on an upward trajectory that will be hard for opposing defences to reign in at the World Cup.

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Men's Pool B: Egypt, India, Jamaica, Switzerland



EGYPT

How they qualified: 1st Place - African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

About the team: Egypt gave home fans a lot to cheer for at the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier as they cruised to the gold medal, winning all of their round robin matches and followed that up with a dominant win in the final against Nigeria to win the gold medal and qualify for the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024. Egypt relied on a solid defence, that conceded just two goals across their first three matches to start the tournament, and also limited Nigeria in the finals to just two goals, while their offence provided a steady stream of goals, as they averaged 6 goals per contest.

One to watch: Ahmed Elganaini

Ahmed Elganaini top scored for Egypt at the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier with 10 goals in 5 games including a goal in the final. He finished the tournament as the second leading goalscorer and Egypt will hope to see him continue his hot scoring streak at the World Cup as they try to get their first ever podium finish at an FIH Hockey World Cup.

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INDIA



How they qualified: 1st Place - Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

About the team: Despite finishing with the gold medal, India had an up and down start to the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023. After registering big wins against Bangladesh and Oman, India faced defeat in their top-of-the-table clash against Pakistan, where they went down 4-0 early and mounted a spirited comeback, but eventually fell short, losing 5-4. India managed to win their remaining group stage matches though, and made it to the semi-final where they dispatched Malaysia with a 10-4 win. The finals saw them face Pakistan once again and this time India went one better, by mounting another second half comeback to draw level at full time, and winning the shoot-out to secure the gold medal and a place at the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.

One to watch: Mohammed Raheel

Mohammed Raheel scored 21 goals for India through their Hockey5s Asia Cup campaign, including two crucial goals in the final against Pakistan in the second half, when India trailed 4-2. Raheel also starred for India as they won the showcase Hockey5s event at Lausanne in 2022. With a proven track record of scoring crucial goals when his team needs it the most, Raheel will be a player opponents will keep a keen eye on while taking on the Indian team.

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JAMAICA



How they qualified: 3rd Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023

About the team: Jamaica will make their first ever appearance at an FIH Hockey World Cup after finishing third at the Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023. Jamaica were placed in Pool A of the event and finished second behind USA, winning their games against Puerto Rico and Panama before losing to USA. They suffered a heavy defeat against Trinidad & Tobago in the semi-final but bounced back well to defeat Paraguay in the bronze medal match sealing their spot at the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

One to watch: Nickoy Stephenson

With 7 goals in 5 games Nickoy Stephenson top scored for Jamaica in the Hockey5s Pan American Cup and scored the third most goals in the tournament overall. Stephenson was particularly lethal from the penalty corners, scoring from the set piece on 3 occasions. His hat-trick in the bronze medal match led Jamaica to the podium place and sent them to the World Cup, where they will hope he can keep up his heroics.

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SWITZERLAND



How they qualified: 4th Place – Men's EuroHockey5s Championship 2022

About the team: Following Belgium's decision to pull out of the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024, Switzerland, who finished 4th at the Men's EuroHockey5s Championship, will replace the Red Lions at the inaugural event. Switzerland had made a good start to their EuroHockey5s Championship campaign, winning 4 of their 5 pool stage matches, with their solitary loss coming at the hands of the eventual champions, Netherlands. The knockout stages saw Switzerland face back to back 8-2 defeats, first at the hands of Belgium in the semi-final, followed by a loss in the bronze medal match against Poland, to finish in fourth place.

One to watch: Elias Brönnimann

Elias Brönnimann top scored for Switzerland at the EuroHockey5s Championship with 12 goals in 7 games, with all 12 goals coming from open play. With all outfield players contributing towards scoring, and even keeper Phillip Nitsch chipping in with a goal, Switzerland aren't heavily reliant on one player for their goal scoring output, which should relieve the pressure from Brönnimann and allow him to play with even more freedom.

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Men's Pool C: Australia, Kenya, New Zealand, Trinidad & Tobago FIH HOCKEY5s



AUSTRALIA

How they qualified: 1st Place – Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023

About the team: Australia's dominance in Oceania continued at the Hockey5s Oceania Cup, with the team winning all 8 matches it played at the event. In the round robin stage Australia topped the group with 6 wins in 6 matches, scoring 59 goals and conceding 12. Their marquee matchup against New Zealand tested them closely, but the Kookaburras came out on top with a narrow 4-3 win. Following the round robin phase, Australia were drawn against Solomon Islands in the semi-finals, where they came out victorious in a one-sided 10-0 contest. New Zealand once again posed Australia a big challenge in the final, leading 3-2 at the half-way mark. But Australia proved their championship mettle by acing the second half and winning the tie 6-4, to win the gold and qualify for the inaugural edition of the FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

One to watch: Liam Kerr-Nelson

Liam Kerr-Nelson led all the scorers at the Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023 and he did it by some distance, scoring 21 goals, 5 more than what anyone else managed in the competition. He was ably supported by teammate Mitchell Pace who chipped in with 15 goals himself, but Kerr-Nelson's scoring exploits firmly cements him as one of the breakout stars to watch out for at the World Cup.

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KENYA



How they qualified: 3rd Place – African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier 2022

About the team: Kenya made a slow start to their African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier campaign, registering 3 losses on the trot at the start of the round robin stage of the event. They turned it around against South Africa in a tense final pool stage encounter, winning 3-2, which gave them a shot at the bronze medal, in a match against Zambia. Kenya led that game from start to finish, scoring 3 unanswered goals inside the first 7 minutes of the contest that took the game away from Zambia. Kenya eventually won the contest 5-2, winning the bronze medal and securing a spot in the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.

One to watch: Bethuel Masumbu

Kenya fielded an extremely young squad at the African Hockey5s World Cup Qualifier with an average age of 22 across the team. Bethuel Masumbu, despite being just 23, was one of the oldest members of the squad, and he proved his quality in the all-important bronze medal match, scoring Kenya's second and third goals to take the game away from Zambia and seal his team's podium place finish that enabled them to make it to the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

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NEW ZEALAND



How they qualified: 2nd Place – Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023

About the team: New Zealand gave a great account of themselves at the Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023, narrowly missing out on the gold medal to rivals, Australia. New Zealand finished second in the round-robin phase of the tournament, winning four of their six matches, with one narrow loss coming at the hands of Australia and a fascinating 5-5 draw against a spirited Fiji side. Following the group stage, New Zealand once against faced Fiji in the semifinal, but they would rely on a much better defensive effort to come away with a 6-2 win. New Zealand started their finals against Australia as the better team, taking a 3-0 lead inside 8 minutes, but were powerless to stop the Australian comeback and ended up losing the contest 6-4, giving them a second place finish.

One to watch: Jakob Bell-Kake

20-year-old Jokob Bell-Kake and 21-year-old James Hickson were the star turns for New Zealand in front of goal, with the duo combining for nearly half the goals scored by the Black Sticks. Bell-Kake topped the scoring charts for New Zealand with 13 goals, while Hickson chipped in with 10 goals of his own. If the young duo continue to fire on all cylinders, the New Zealand attack will be difficult to contain for their opponents.

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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



How they qualified: 2nd Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023

About the team: Trinidad and Tobago went undefeated in the Hockey5s Pan American Cup, in regulation time, unfortunately missing out on the gold medal in a shoot-out loss to USA in the finals. They were placed in pool B of the competition and topped the pool with big victories over Paraguay, Guatemala and Costa Rica, scoring 27 goals and conceding just 3. The +24 goal difference was the biggest in the tournament, with no other team managing to reach even the double digits. Trinidad and Tobago faced Jamaica in the semi-final and continued their impressive run, blowing them out in a 9-2 victory. A tense final against the United States ensued as Trinidad and Tobago took the lead twice, but USA managed to get level both times to force a shoot-out, where they managed to snatch a 3-2 victory.

One to watch: Teague Marcano

Trinidad & Tobago were the biggest scorers at the Hockey5s Pan American Cup, with all three of the tournament top scorers belonging to their team. Teague Marcano was the most prolific of their scorers however, scoring 17 goals in 5 games, averaging more than 3 goals per game! He was ably supported by Mickell Pierre and Akil Toussaint who both chipped in with 10 goals apiece.

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Men's Pool D: Fiji, Malaysia, Oman, United States



FIJI

How they qualified: 3rd Place – Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023

About the team: Fiji were among the best teams to watch at the Hockey5s Oceania Cup 2023, with their all-out attacking style producing fantastic results for the team. They finished third in the pool stage with their biggest result coming in the 5-5 draw against New Zealand. It was New Zealand, who they would once again face in the semi-final, with a win guaranteeing a first ever spot at an FIH Hockey World Cup, but they would fall short, with New Zealand winning the match by a 6-3 margin. Fiji had another shot at making the World Cup though, with a winner-take-all bronze medal match against Solomon Islands, who had defeated Fiji 6-5 in the round-robin stage. In the bronze medal match however, Fiji turned the tables, winning comprehensively with the scoreline reading 6-1, sealing Fiji's podium place and a spot at the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.

One to watch: Leevan Dutta

Leevan Dutta is one of the most experienced Hockey5s players in the Fiji side and proved his mettle by top-scoring for the team with 16 goals in 7 games, including two early goals in the all-important bronze medal encounter against Solomon Islands. He was also well supported in attack by Jerome Edwards, who added 10 goals of his own.

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MALAYSIA



How they qualified: 4th Place – Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023

About the team: Malaysia finished 4th at the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023, but qualified for the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024, as Oman, who finished 3rd at the event, had already qualified for the World Cup as hosts. Malaysia finished 3rd in the pool stage of the competition, losing just one of their five games, to eventual winners India. The third place finish earned them a spot in the crossovers where they came out 6-1 winners over Iran, progressing to the semi-finals. India once again proved to be a tough matchup for the Malaysians in the semi-final as they lost the game 10-4. They faced Oman in the bronze medal match and a 9-goal thriller went in the favour of Oman, relegating Malaysia to a 4th place finish.

One to watch: Akhimullah Anuar

Akhimullah Anuar top scored for Malaysia at the Hockey5s Asia Cup, with 17 goals in 8 games. The 23-year-old was in fine form in front of the goal, scoring from close range as well as from distance to lead the Malaysian charge. 16 of Anuar's 17 goals came from open play, with just one goal coming via a penalty corner.

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OMAN



How they qualified: Hosts

About the team: Oman are making their first ever appearance at an FIH Hockey World Cup event. As hosts of the first ever FIH Hockey5s World Cup, Oman will hope to give their home fans plenty to cheer for, and gave a great account of themselves at the Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023, which was also held in Oman. Oman made a slow start to the Asia Cup, registering one win and four losses to finish fifth, but won two back to back crossover matches against Kazakhstan and Bangladesh promoted them into the semi-final where they faced off against Pakistan. After a 7-3 loss against Pakistan, in a game where Oman were tied at 2-2 close to the half-way mark, Oman faced off against Malaysia in the bronze medal match. In a closely contested thriller, Oman edged past Malaysia 5-4, to secure the bronze medal and give their home crowd a lot to cheer for.

One to watch: Rashad Al Fazari

Rashad Al Fazari was among the youngest players in the Oman squad but was proof that age and experience isn't everything, by top scoring for the team. Fazari's 14 goals doubled the tally of their second highest goal-scorer; Aiman Madit with 7 goals. 23-year-old Fazari and 20-year-old Madit leading the scoring for Oman, shows that the team has an exciting future ahead.

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UNITED STATES



How they qualified: 1st Place – Hockey5s Pan American Cup 2023

About the team: United States took a different approach to most other teams in the continental qualifiers for the Hockey5s World Cup, relying on their rock solid defence to lift them above their opponents. Through their 5 matches at the Hockey5s Pan American Cup, USA conceded just 6 goals. They topped their pool with 3 wins from 3 games, which earned them a semi-final spot against Paraguay, which they won by a 5-1 margin to set up a finals clash against high-flyers Trinidad and Tobago. USA played the finals on their terms, limiting the Trinidad & Tobago attack and although they trailed by a goal in each half, they mounted successful comebacks on both occasions to tie the game and won the shoot-out 3-2 to claim gold and a place in the FIH Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.

One to watch: Jatin Sharma

At just 21, Jatin Sharma was an absolute rock at the back for United States leading one of the best defences across all continental qualifiers. While Hockey5s often sees teams rotate players across positions, Sharma has made defence his go-to skill and USA relied on the same to keep their opponents quiet, and win important matches with comfortable margins.

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