ADVANCES TO OLYMPICS

For the 16th time, Greece's men's water polo team has advanced to the Olympics. In the qualification tournament in the Netherlands the last few weeks, Greece finished second in their group and advanced to the knockout stage. After escaping an upset bid to France in the quarterfinals, Greece was set for the big



showdown Russia, in which the winner gained automatic bid to the Olympics. The Greek defense was the star in the semis as they advanced to the finals with a 13-10 win. The finals match against Montenegro was anticlimactic, as both countries had already

qualified for the Olympics, but it was Montenegro that pulled out a come-from-behind win 10-9 to claim the crown.

According to Sunday's draw for the Olympics, Greece will be slotted in the same group as host Japan, Italy, Hungary, the United States, and South Africa.

KAMBOSOS SIGNS WITH TRILLER TO FIGHT LOPEZ

Last month, the International Boxing Federation mandated reigning WBA, WBC, IBF, and Ring lightweight champion Teofimo Lopez to fight #I contender George Kambosos for the unified lightweight championship. Triller stepped up to outbid Matchroom Boxing and Top Rank to foot the bill, making it Kambosos' largest pay day to date. Although no date has been announced for the bout, it is rumored to be a possible undercard match before Mike Tyson vs. Evander Holyfield, possibly in the fall. The 23-year-old Brooklyn native, Lopez, won the unified title back in October with a win over Vasily Lomachenko. At 16-0 with I2 knockouts, Lopez signed the deal with Triller for 65% of the purse to take on the 27-year-old Australian native, Kambosos, who comes in at 19-0 with 10

KOs. While each of his last two wins were very close on the scorecards, Kambosos knows he must bring his A-Game vs. Lopez.

With the rumors swirling surrounding a possible third fight between Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield, the Lopez-Kambosos fight would be a perfect fit for the undercard. We'll keep you updated on a possible date for the fight when it's announced.



STONIE'S SPORTS HANDICAPPING

In the next edition of *Greece Is The Word*, I will start to handicap the NCAA Tournament, as the release date will be just two days before the start of "the big dance." Until then, however, you can follow my weekly video updates on YouTube, which are updated every Friday. This week's edition is located <u>right here</u>, and make sure to <u>hit the subscribe button</u> so you can be notified every time a new video goes up. With the tournament just weeks away, I will begin two episodes a week through the national championship on the first Monday in April. After that, I will take a hiatus in the video department until August when the NCAA and the NFL get going again. Check out the video, hit the books hard, and remember the four rules of sports wagering:

- I. There's money on the streets that can't be ignored.
- 2. The action is the juice.
- 3. If you wanna win big, you gotta bet big.
- 4. GOODLUCK2YA!

—Stonie