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## press release

### France strikes gold in Team Men's Foil Competition

Team France - Wael Abdeljalil, Anas Anane, Eliot Chagnon and Adrien Spichiger, battled through the 18-team field to secure France's 2nd gold.

Entering the competition ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world, France had a BYE in the round of 32. They went on to defeat Turkey 45-29, Denmark 45-28 and Hungary 45-30 to advance to the grand final.

Their opponents, Poland - Adam Jakubowski, Piotr Kaskow, Jakub Kotek and Mateusz Kwiatkowski - entered the competition ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and also they had a BYE through the round of 32. After a series of hard-fought battles against Spain 45-40, Slovakia 45-41 and 1<sup>st</sup>-ranked Italy 45-44, Poland was up for the battle of gold.

Throughout the final France remained in the driver's seat after an early 10-8 lead in the second bout. They stretched the lead for every bout and ultimately became world champions after a 45-36 score. In the bronze match, team Hungary - Albert Bagdany, Ambrus Budahazy, Mattia Rubin and Gergo Szemes - defeated reigning champions Italy 45-41 to claim the medal after an impressive 10-3 win by Gergo Szemes in the final bout.

Complete and official results for the event may be found here: [fencing live results](#)  
The competition is stream on livestreaming: [Tallinn livestreaming](#)