

5 Tec players win silver for Mexico in women's flag football contest



The Mexican women's national team won silver at the [2024 IFAF Flag Football World Championships](#) held in **Finland**, after losing **18-31** to the United States in the final.

The Mexican team included **Diana Flores, Ángela Funes, Victoria Chávez, and Andrea Martínez**, from the Borregos Santa Fe campus, and **Ana Aguayo**, a Tec graduate from the Guadalajara campus.

Despite their defeat, Mexico proved to be a powerhouse in women's flag football, which will be an Olympic sport for the **Los Angeles 2028 Olympics**.

In addition, **they qualified** for the **World Games** to be held **next year in China** by placing in the **top 8** of this tournament.

*"Our team consists of **12 powerful women** who will **leave everything on the field** for Mexico. We're **very proud** to be able to **represent Tec de Monterrey, Borregos, and the Santa Fe campus**,"* said Ángela Funes.

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The final duel

The U.S. defense was able to contain the **Mexican offense** in the first half, which took advantage of the situation to go into halftime with the score Mexico 6-United States 18.

In the second half, the **Mexican offense** reacted, led by quarterback Diana Flores. However, the effort was not enough, leading to a final score of **Mexico 18-United States 31**.

Quarterback Vanita Krouch led the United States to become **world champions**.

In the finals, the United States had three wins over Mexico, which won a [championship](#) against the Americans at the World Games in 2022.

In the duel for third place, Japan defeated Austria 41-40.

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The road to the World Championships

Up to this point, Mexico had made it through the tournament undefeated.

- **Semifinals: Mexico 40-Japan 31**

In a close game, which was settled in the last minutes, **Mexico defeated Japan 40-31**.

The national team scored on its first 3 drives, but an interception in the diagonals near the end of the first half brought the Japanese team closer at 21-19.

In a give-and-take duel in which the Japanese team came within **33-31 near the end, the Mexican squad** had the mettle to take off definitively with a touchdown and a 2-point conversion to leave the **final score at 40-31**.

- **Quarterfinals: Mexico 35-Canada 20**

Mexico once again came up against its group rival and managed to recover from adverse scores to finish 35-20.

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- **Round of 16: Mexico 42-Israel 6**

Diana Flores threw TDs to Tania Rincón and Valeria Carranza, and threw extra points to Ana Consuelo, Andrea Martínez, and Valeria Carranza.

Ana Aguayo also connected with Tania Rincón for a TD.

Defensively, Victoria Chávez and Fines made interceptions for the national team.

With this victory, Mexico secured its place in the **World Games** by finishing in the **top 8** of this tournament.

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Undefeated in the group stage

During their first day of activity, the national team defeated **Italy 45-6** and **Denmark 57-6**, who joined the Mexicans in group B, along with South Korea and Canada.

On the second day, Mexico defeated **South Korea 58-0** and **Canada 38-28** to finish with a record of **4 wins and 0 losses**.

- **Mexico 45-Italy 6**

In their first game, Mexico overcame the Italians by a score of **45 to 6**, in which the **quarterback (QB) Diana Flores** threw for **260 yards and 4 touchdowns (TD)**, one of them for her teammate Andrea Martínez, who made her debut as a national team member.

Ángela Funes, a Tec student of Business Strategy and Transformation and Business Intelligence, also made her debut on the team's defense, getting 2 interceptions, returning one of them almost all the way to the end zone.



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- **Mexico 57-Denmark 6**

For the **second game** of the day, **Mexico defeated Denmark 57-6**, in which Borregos CSF players Diana and Andrea combined for **5 receptions and 90 total yards**, reaching the best aerial record of the Mexican team.

Martínez also found the **end zone on two occasions**, the first on a pass from Diana Flores and the second when she intercepted a ball on second chance for 10 yards and the touchdown.

Defensively, there was total jubilation. **Victoria Chávez and Ángela Funes** consolidated the defense, stopping the Danes based on **intercepted passes, incomplete passes, and steals**.

- **Mexico 58-South Korea 0**

For the second day, Mexico defeated **South Korea 58-0**, with **Diana Flores throwing for 7 touchdowns**. Defensively, Funes got an interception.



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- **Mexico 38-Canada 28**

Against Canada, an interception and a safety to Diana Flores put the national team up against the wall, down 21-18 at halftime.

But the defense stepped up in the second half, and the offense managed to rally to win the game 38-28. Diana Flores ended up throwing 3 TDs and scored a touchdown on the ground.

Ana Aguayo scored 2 TDs and 2 extra points.

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World flag football championships

The [2024 IFAF World Flag Football Championships](#) was held in **Finland** from **August 27-30** in the women's and men's categories.

The **opening ceremony** took place on August 26 with the participation of more than **600 athletes from 32 countries**.

Tec graduate Diana Flores, global ambassador for flag football, delivered a message of fair play and safety for all.

This championship is important on the road to the **Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games**, where flag football will become an **Olympic sport**.



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