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China big winner at FINA Artistic Swimming World Series in Beijing China claimed two more gold medals on the final day of the FINA Artistic Swimming World Series in Beijing, China, while Uzbekistan took the Highlight routine victory on Sunday April 22 as the competition came to an end.

China swept seven gold medals while Uzbekistan took two titles and Slovakia one during the three-day competition.



The Jiang sisters imitated the Swans in the water and showed their power and beauty of legs in the Duets Free routine, winning with 92.8000.

"Our legs were shaky after the Free routine which is much difficult than the Technical routine. We are planning to compete all the stops of the FINA World Series and challenge our strength limit. We hope we can do better and better," said Wenwen, one of the twins.

"As 32-year-old women, the strength is the most challenging part for us. But at the same time, we enjoy the process of improving from each competition," the other twin, Tingting, added.

Austrian sisters Anna-Maria Alexandri/Eirini Alexandri from Austria took the silver medals in 86.8000 and Anita Alvarez/Ruby Remati of the USA came third with 82.9667.



“We are triplets in fact, and two of us compete here in Beijing while our bigger sister did not come this time. All of our three like artistic swimming and because we are good at this, we moved to Austria in 2013. We are Greek in fact. We have competed in Italy, China and will go to Japan, Hungary and Canada for the next legs of the World Series this year. Our goal of 2018 is to compete in the European Championships in Glasgow in August,” smiled the 20-year-old Anna-Maria.

Chinese 16-year-old pair Shi Haoyu/Zhang Yihao celebrated their second title in the Mixed Duets Free routine with 77.8667 points after they won the Technical routine of the same event the day before.

“We are preparing for the World Junior Artistic Swimming Championships to be held in Budapest this summer. We need to compete as many events as possible to get more experiences,” Shi Haoyu said.

Uzbekistan sealed the last gold medal on offer in the Highlight for a total of 79.1333 points, and team Slovakia finished second 76.5000.

Beijing was the second leg of the FINA Artistic Swimming World Series 2018, the second edition of the newest FINA event that integrates recognised artistic swimming competitions around the globe and establishes an international ranking based on points accumulated over a ten-meet circuit.
