

Syros Day 3: Mexico concludes with double gold

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The Mexican team certainly left very happy from Syros (Greece), after earning seven medals at the “Hellas Beetles”, the ninth leg of the FINA Artistic Swimming World Series, concluding on June 17. On the third (and last) day of the event, the Mexicans won two more finals, the Duet Free and Free Combination, bringing the total to seven victories.

In the first Sunday final, however, the Mixed Duet Free, there was an impressive performance from the Russian pair, the two-time world champions Mayya Gurbanberdieva and Alexandr Maltsev. The Russian stars scored 91.0667 points and won another gold medal in the series.

"It was the last test for us before the European Championship and everything went perfect. We are delighted by the amazing location. We work on our new programme and we are quite satisfied. We had also the opportunity to see our strong opponents, the Italians, in this event."



The Russian winning duet - Photo Solaris

The silver medal went precisely to Italy's Manila Flamini and Giorgio Minisini (who had taken the gold on Saturday at the Mixed Duet Technical) after receiving 89.5000 from the judges. Japan, with Atsushi Abe and Yumi Adachi, took the bronze (88.3000).

Mexico's Karen Achach Ramirez and Nuria Garcia Diosdado made a very good appearance in the Duet Free and won the gold medal (87.0333), just as they did in the Duet Technical Routine. "It was an amazing tournament for us, in beautiful Syros, and we take back the best memories from Greece," Achach said.

The twins from France Charlotte and Laura Tremble followed in 85.9667, taking the silver, while the bronze went to the young Greek pair Anna María Taxopoulou and Georgia Vasilopoulou.

The Mexicans closed their astonishing appearance at the FINA Artistic Swimming World Series' leg in Syros with the first place in the last event, the Free Combination. The 10 girls ascended to the highest step of the podium with a score of 86.9667 points. Host Greece got the silver medal (84.5667) and Hungary the bronze (78.6333).



The Free Combination podium - Photo Solaris

The final Gala was also spectacular, as free performances on Greek, American and French culture were presented, focusing on Syrtaki and Zorba.
