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CHAMPIONS LE CLOS AND SETO LOOK FORWARD TO RACING AT SWC 2018



One of the biggest annual swimming competition is around the corner, and it is time to start previewing the event and the medal contenders.

FINA managed to steal a little bit of time of two of the best swimmers of the FINA Swimming World Cup, the current Title holder South Africa's Chad Le Clos and SWC 2017 6th place Daiya Seto of Japan.

The Swimming World Cup 2018 promises to be once again a fierce battle between the sport's biggest names.

"No pressure at all, the World Cups are always a good time, of course I always want to win any competition I race in but I feel the World Cups are always special for me," says a very confident and relaxed Le Clos, who currently trains in Antalya in Turkey for about 30 hours per week.

Discussing the format of the Series, Le Clos adds:

"For me personally, I think short course swimming is more exciting when it is over a series of events. I've always enjoyed the concept of a circuit with many stops around the world, although sometimes the structure around the events makes it difficult to train in between, especially when travelling through time zones."

Seto is also looking forward to facing his opponents:

"The World Cup is fun. I'm looking forward to the race with the rivals. I think that it will be good exercise."

World Cup's favourite Le Clos admits having many favourites hosts:

"I have many but my all-time favourites are Doha, Eindhoven and Singapore because they combine great swimming facilities with an exciting atmosphere."

"The World Cup is an opportunity for me to work on my skills throughout the year with short course racing and I challenge myself to win the overall series. There are many great champions that have come through and will challenge, and I have huge respect for all of them."

For Seto, who currently swims about 10km every day in preparation, it is the adrenaline of racing the Butterfly King that is the most exciting:

"Chad le Clos of South Africa is the one I am particularly looking forward to swimming next to because he is tough."

Positive thinking and winning attitude is definitely two ways to describe Seto and Le Clos although the latter confess the best advice he ever received was from his father, Bert Le Clos, whom we know well from his energy in the stands.

"I have received a lot of great advice from numerous mentors but the best advice has usually come from my Dad, he is the greatest. He has always said to me to never give up in any race no matter how far behind or ahead you are, that's why I'm always able to push through during tough wins or losses."

Both athletes have confirmed they will attend the [FINA World Swimming Championships 2018](#) in Hangzhou, China, in December this year with the objective to establish new World Records.

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YOUNGER DIVERS SECURE YOG BERTH IN KYIV



Team China dominated the eight-day long 22nd FINA World Junior Diving Championships in Kyiv, Ukraine, last week from July 23-29, as the event served as a qualifier to the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games, to take place in October 2018.

Out of 17 finals, Team China bagged 24 medals, of which an impressive 14 golds. Great Britain was the next nation in the final ranking with 1 gold and 2 silver medals. Canada and Colombia shared the third position, harvesting one title and one bronze apiece.

The 2018 medal table unfolds as follows:

	Team	G	S	B	Total
1.	CHN	14	8	2	24
2.	GBR	1	2	0	3
3.	CAN	1	0	1	2
3.	COL	1	0	1	2
5.	RUS	0	3	3	6
6.	USA	0	3	1	4
7.	GER	0	1	0	1
8.	AUS	0	0	3	3
9.	JPN	0	0	2	2
10.	MEX	0	0	1	1
10.	ROU	0	0	1	1
10.	SWE	0	0	1	1
10.	UKR	0	0	1	1

China's Lai Shiyun was the most successful diver in the competition with 3 victories, namely in the Girls B 1m, 3m and A&B platform events. Daniel Restrepo Garcia of Colombia turned out to be successful in terms of the rest of the world, winning one gold on the Boys A 3m springboard and one bronze in the synchro event.

A record participation number of 230 divers representing 42 countries took part in the Kyiv competition which was a qualifying event for the next Youth Olympic Games.

The 12 nations earning a quota place in each of the individual events are:

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3m: Colombia, China, Great Britain, Australia, Canada, Germany, Spain, Mexico, Netherlands, USA, Russia, France

10m: China, Russia, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Ukraine, Germany, Malaysia, Greece, USA, Italy, Romania

WOMEN

3m: China, Australia, Russia, Great Britain, USA, Mexico, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Malaysia, Norway

10m: China, Russia, Germany, Australia, Mexico, Ukraine, Italy, USA, Canada, Ireland, Japan, Great Britain

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WELCOME TO GWANGJU 2019 !

Message from Gwangju 2018 Organising Committee Secretary General Dr CHO Youngteck

Next summer, we will welcome the [18th FINA World Championships](#) and the [FINA World Masters Championships](#) for the first time ever to Korea, in our wonderful city of Gwangju. With more than 15,000 athletes from 200 countries around the world we look forward to welcoming the world!

Since we won the rights to host this fantastic event, in 2013, we have been working together with FINA to ensure that our ideas and ambitions become a reality. Today, we are very happy with the progress made - everything is working and is on track. We have great venues, great accommodation, great transport and a great team committed to ensuring everything is in place for the athletes - our priority is on making sure that they are able to focus solely on their sport and achieve their best performance during their time in Gwangju.

And over the coming months, we will continue preparing to welcome the Aquatics family and the world to ensure your stay with us is the most enjoyable possible.

We will also be attending various major sporting events; including the Asian Games as well as the UANA Pan-American Masters Championships to meet you, tell you about our event and share our great story!

We will keep you posted of our activities through this newsletter. But we also invite you to follow-us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to enjoy the backstage of our wonderful event!

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