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SWC 2015: HOSSZU (HUN) AND LARKIN (AUS), THE BEST IN DOHA



There's one more leg to go till the 2015 edition of FINA Swimming World Cup is completed and once again this year saw the world's finest swimming stars perform outstanding sporting exploits in a prestigious international competition with stops all over the world.

The latest leg in date, in Doha, Qatar, from November 2-3 was the stage for some spectacular races and a number of excellent performances.

FINA swimming stars reinforced their strength in their respective specialty strokes and the Doha leg was topped by Hungary's Katinka Hosszu (87 points) in the women's competition and Australia's Mitchell Larkin (60 points) in the men's field.

The major excitement was provided by the Australian backstroker Mitchell Larkin, whose ambition was to match or better his Tokyo time, as he won the 100m in 52.26 on Day 1 and the 200m back on Day 2 in 1:53.80.

Chad Le Clos was in terrific shape for his come back to the circuit in Doha. He won three golds on Day 1 (100m free and 50/200m fly) and a fourth one on Day 2 (100m fly).

Provisional overall rankings indicate that the "Iron Lady" is first with 570 points while Emily Seebohm (AUS, 381) is second and Hungary's Zsuzsanna Jakabos third (180).

Among the men, South Africa's Cameron Van Der Burgh totals 327 points and is the best, followed by Chad Le Clos (RSA, 129) and David Verraszto (HUN, 123).

Diving GP 2015: Last leg in Gold Coast delivers quality diving



The FINA Diving Grand Prix 2015 drew to a close on Sunday November 1 in Gold Coast, Australia, as China continued to dominate the nine-stop circuit to the exception of wins to Germany and Australia in the synchro events on the last day of competition.

China powerhouse still finished the competition on top of Gold Coast leaderboard with five gold and three silver medals. Host nation Australia finished second with two gold, three silver and three bronze medals. Other nations on the podium at that leg were Canada and the USA.

China, who has been the nation to beat throughout the entire 2015 circuit of the Grand Prix, claimed six golds out of ten at stake at the previous leg in Kuala Lumpur while Malaysia triumphed in three

events.

In Singapore, on October 16-18, China won nine gold medals out of ten at stake. Only exception was in the women's 10m final, where 16 year-old Lois Toulson of Great Britain triumphed, in front of Wang Han and Wang Ying (CHN).

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The 2016 edition of the FINA Diving Grand Prix will first stop in Madrid on January 15-17, then in Rostock (GER) and San Juan (PUR) in February.

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FINA Development programmes continue to benefit hundreds of aspiring Aquatics officials in 2015

A series of development initiatives supported by FINA were put in place this autumn around the world:

A successful FINA Swimming Schools for Officials was hosted by the Lithuanian Swimming Federation in Kaunas, the second largest city in Lithuania, from October 13-14, 2015. The School welcomed 68 participants out of which 40 came from the host Federation and 28 from 9 different Federations (Austria 2, Belarus 4, Czech Republic 1, Estonia 1, Great Britain 2, Georgia 2, Israel 7, Italy 1 and Latvia 8).

Furthermore, from October 21-23, 2015, Malaysia Swimming organised a FINA Diving Judges Certification Course attended by 17 participants coming from Great Britain, Hong-Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Macau, Singapore, Taipei and the USA. The big majority passed the course without difficulty.

During the course in Kuala Lumpur, diving philosophy and golden rules were reviewed and the referee's duties were assessed. The course aimed to connect the participants to knowledge and experience to further develop the practice of diving, and aquatic sports in general, in their respective countries.

The certification course took place in concordance with the FINA Diving Grand Prix as the event stopped in the Malaysian capital for the eighth and penultimate leg of the circuit.

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