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PR 74 - SWC 2017 leaders Le Clos and Sjostrom advance closer to 2017 Title

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South Africa's Chad Le Clos and Sarah Sjostrom of Sweden maintained their leading position in the 2017 ranking of the

FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup [1] this weekend in Hong Kong (HKG), where the first leg of the second Cluster took place on Saturday September 30 and Sunday October 1.

After a four-week break, the Swedish ace pocketed five gold medals throughout the two-day competition: She was the best in the 50/100/200m free as well as in the 50 and 100m fly.

Katinka Hosszu of Hungary showed excellent form and claimed six gold medals this weekend: She won all backstroke races (50/100/200m) as well as the three IM races (100/200/400). Hosszu seconds Sjostrom in the ranking with 272 points, against 353 for Sjostrom.

Alia Atkinson (JAM) took gold in her pet events, the 50 and 100m breast, while China's Li Bingjie secured the 800m free gold medal.

Vladimir Morozov (RUS) won a duel with Le Clos in the 100m free, before adding the 100m IM to his tally on Day 1. He then concluded the meet with a victory in the 50m free on Sunday.

Le Clos took gold in the 50/100 fly as well as the 200m free, while compatriot Cameron Van der Burgh was the best in the 50/100m breast. Another South African's swimming best, Ayrton Sweeney, won the 400m IM race.

Finally, Christian Diener of Germany was one of the few winning more than once this weekend, scoring the best times in both the 100 and 200m back.

Both relay races were dominated by the Netherlands.

Detailed results can be found here [2] or below.

The FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup 2017 is live streamed on FINATv [3] and results are available on FINA mobile

app [4]. You can read detailed news report from Hong Kong event here [5].

The circuit next stops in Doha, Qatar, from October 4-5.

2017 World Cup leaders after Hong Kong (RANKING [6])

Women

1. Sarah Sjöström (SWE) 353pts
2. Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 272pts
3. Ranomi Kromowidjojo (NED) 155pts

Men

1. Chad Le Clos (RSA) 234pts
2. Tom Shields (USA) 147pts
3. Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 138pts

Winners in Hong Kong

50m free: Men - Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 20.91; Women - Sarah Sjöström (SWE) 23.42
100m free: Men - Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 45.91; Women - Sarah Sjöström (SWE) 51.99
200m free: Men - Chad Le Clos (RSA) 1:42.88; Women - Sarah Sjöström (SWE) 1:51.77
400m free: Men - Gabriele Detti (ITA) 3:43.11; Women - Femke Heemskerk (NED) 4:04.30
800m free: Women - Li Bingjie (CHN) 8:27.89
1500m free: Men - Qiu Ziao (CHN) 14:44.09
50m back: Men - Pavel Sankovich (BLR) 23.03; Women - Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 26.24
100m back: Men - Christian Diener (GER) 51.44; Women - Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 56.20
200m back: Men - Christian Diener (GER) 1:51.25; Women - Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 2:03.14
50m breast: Men - Cameron Van der Burgh (RSA) 25.80; Women - Alia Atkinson (JAM) 29.26
100m breast: Men - Cameron Van der Burgh (RSA) 56.43; Women - Alia Atkinson (JAM) 1:04.09
200m breast: Men - Kirill Prigoda (RUS) 2:04.02; Women - Kierra Smith (CAN) 2:18.48
50m fly: Men - Chad Le Clos (RSA) 22.52; Women - Sarah Sjöström (SWE) 24.62
100m fly: Men - Chad Le Clos (RSA) 50.28; Women - Sarah Sjöström (SWE) 55.32
200m fly: Men - Tom Shields (USA) 1:49.62; Women - Yufei Zhang (CHN) 2:08.64
100m IM: Men - Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 51.64; Women - Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 56.97
200m IM: Men - Kirill Prigoda (RUS) 1:54.81; Women - Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 2:05.29
400m IM: Men - Ayrton Sweeney (RSA) 4:47.55; Women - Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 4:33.55

Mixed relay 4x50m medley: Netherlands 1:40.75
Mixed relay 4x50m free: Netherlands 1:32.11

FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup 2017 calendar

Cluster 1

Moscow (RUS) – August 2-3

Berlin (GER) – August 6-7

Eindhoven (NED) – August 11-12

Cluster 2

Hong Kong (HKG) – September 30-October 1

Doha (QAT) – October 4-5

Cluster 3

Beijing (CHN) – November 10-11

Tokyo (JPN) – November 14-15

Singapore (SGP) – November 18-19
