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## Diving World Cup, Wuhan, Day 5: Chen Aisen/Yang Hao clinch China's 7th gold medal

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World champion Chen Aisen/Yang Hao extended their winning streak with the men's synchro 10m platform at the FINA

Diving World Cup [1] in Wuhan on Friday June 8, taking the 7th gold medal for the host team China.

Chen/Yang, champions at the FINA World Championships in Budapest last year, dominated the field and never looked back to take the victory with 491.73 points, beating the Russian duo Aleksandr Belevtsev/Nikita Shleikher by 64.53. Australian pair Domonic Bedggood/Declan Stacey took the final podium place with 409.59.



*All photos by Cheng Min (Xinhua)*

"My partner was Lin Yue in the last edition of World Cup two years ago and we won the Olympic Games together. Lin is now the TV commentator of our competition. I am happy that I can continue the winning streak with my new partner Yang Hao from the World Championships to the World Cup. We did a good job tonight and we were more synchronised in the pace," Chen said.

"I was glad that I performed my best form tonight since I had some injuries during the winter. I hope my synchro performance pushed me to a better form in the individual event," Chen added.

Yang was happy to win his first World Cup medal.

"I never thought about to repeat the success: from the World Championships, to World Cup and Olympic Games. I just tried my best in every competition and improved step by step," Yang said.

The Australians were satisfied with the bronze-medal performance.

"Diving in Australia has a good history and especially in the platform event. As the new generation of divers, we will work hard and try to keep the good tradition from the previous star divers. It was a great experience and we were surprised that we finished in the top three," Bedggood said.

China swept victories in seven events so far at the World Cup which will conclude on Sunday June 10.

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