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PR 96 - Morozov and Sjostrom crowned champions of FINA Swimming World Cup 2018

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The FINA Swimming World Cup 2018 [1] concluded tonight, November 17, in Singapore (SGP) as Russia's Vladimir

Morozov and Sweden's Sarah Sjostrom won the overall Series title with 402 and 339 points respectively, both pocketing the prize money available of US\$ 150,000.

Russian Olympian and World Record holder Morozov finished the 2018 circuit on a high, adding an extra four golds to his already impressive tally. He won the 50/100m freestyle (20.48, 44.95), the 50m fly (22.17) and the 100m IM (50.31) in Singapore.

Behind him in the overall ranking, in the second position with 231 points, is fellow Russian Kirill Prigoda, while Australia's Mitch Larkin takes the third position with 222 points.

China's Xu Jiayu, second in Cluster #3 ranking with 159 points, took the three backstroke events gold medals at stake. He touched home in 22.71 in the 50m, 48.98 in the 100m and 1:48.93 in the 200m. Teammate Li Zhuhao was the fastest in the 100/200m fly in 49.64 and 1:50.96 respectively. Yan Zibei and Wang Shun were the other Chinese winners of the Singapore meet as Yan clocked 56.34 in the 100m breast and Wang respectively 1:51.84 (200m IM) and 3:59.99 (400m IM).

The 200m free victory went to USA's Blake Pieroni (1:41.15), 5th in the 2018 overall ranking, and Ilya Shymanovich (BLR) topped the 50m breast in 25.95.

Australia's Mack Horton took the 400m and 1500m freestyle victories in 3:41.44 and 14:44.22.

The competition for the overall title was much tougher on the women's side as Sjostrom and Hosszu were very close until the end with their respective points. Despite the Swedish star winning the title eventually, the Hungarian Olympic and World champion took the Cluster #3 victory. She was ahead with 141 points (against 135 for Sjostrom). Hosszu earned an additional three golds in Singapore, namely: the 200/400 IM (2:04.79 and 4:24.02) and the 200m fly in 2:02.86.

Sjostrom celebrated wins in the following races: 50m free (23.21), 100m free (51.13), 50m fly (24.63), 100m IM (57.49).

Kira Toussaint, Femke Heemskerk (NED), and breaststroke queen Alia Atkinson (JAM) were double winners in Singapore as they respectively took gold in the 50m and 100m back, 200m and 800m freestyle and 50m and 100m fly for the Jamaican.

Reva Foos (GER) and Yuliya Efimova (RUS) also stepped on the highest podium place in Singapore with wins in the 400m free (4:07.07) and 200m breast (2:16.05).

Despite not winning any races this weekend, Ranomi Kromowidjojo (NED) holds the third position in both the overall ranking with 255 points and Cluster #3 with 126 points.

Australia's mixed relay team crushed the two relay events in 1:31.57 (4x50m freestyle) and 1:39.69 (4x50m medley) respectively.

The two overall 2018 Series winners received a US\$ 150,000 cheque. Morozov also bags an additional US\$ 50,000 bonus for winning Cluster #3, while Katinka Hosszu of Hungary gets the last Cluster's reward (US\$ 50,000). Check out the prize

money distribution here [2].

The FINA Swimming World 2019 will kick-off in August in Tokyo, Japan (see calendar below).

You can re-watch the competition on-demand on FINAtv [3].

Winners in Tokyo (JPN):

50m free: Men – Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 20.48; Women – Sarah Sjostrom (SWE) 23.21
100m free: Men – Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 44.95; Women – Sarah Sjostrom (SWE) 51.13
200m free: Men – Blake Pieroni (USA) 1:41.15; Women – Femke Heemskerk (NED) 1:52.57
400m free: Men – Mack Horton (AUS) 3:41.44; Women – Reva Foos (GER) 4:07.07
800m free: Women – Femke Heemskerk (NED) 8:33.00
1500m free: Men – Mack Horton (AUS) 14:44.22
50m back: Men – Xu Jiayu (CHN) 22.71; Women – Kira Toussaint (NED) 26.04
100m back: Men – Xu Jiayu (CHN) 48.98; Women – Kira Toussaint (NED) 55.92
200m back: Men – Xu Jiayu (CHN) 1:48.93; Women – Emily Seebohm (AUS) 2:01.60
50m breast: Men – Ilya Shymanovich (BLR) 25.95; Women – Alia Atkinson (JAM) 28.93
100m breast: Men – Yan Zibei (CHN) 56.34; Women – Alia Atkinson (JAM) 1:02.74
200m breast: Men – Anton Chupkov (RUS) 2:01.73; Women – Yuliya Efimova (RUS) 2:16.05
50m fly: Men – Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 22.17; Women – Sarah Sjostrom (SWE) 24.63
100m fly: Men – Li Zhuhao (CHN) 49.64; Women – Sarah Sjostrom (SWE) 55.73
200m fly: Men – Li Zhuhao (CHN) 1:50.96; Women – Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 2:02.86

100m IM: Men – Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 50.31; Women - Sarah Sjostrom (SWE) 57.49

200m IM: Men – Wang Shun (CHN) 1:51.84; Women – Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 2:04.79

400m IM: Men – Wang Shun (CHN) 3:59.99; Women – Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 4:24.02

4x50m free mixed: Australia 1:31.57

4x50m medley mixed: Australia 1:39.69

Top-3 overall ranking and prize money

MEN

1. Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 402 points, US\$ 150,000
2. Kirill Prigoda (RUS) 231 points, US\$ 100,000
3. Mitchell Larkin (AUS) 222 points, US\$ 50,000

WOMEN

1. Sarah Sjostrom (SWE) 339 points, US\$ 150,000
2. Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 303 points, US\$ 100,000
3. Ranomi Kromowidjojo (NED) 255 points, US\$ 50,000

Top-3 Cluster #3 and prize money

MEN

1. Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 184 points, US\$ 50,000
2. Xu Jiayu (CHN) 159 points, US\$ 35,000
3. Kirill Prigoda (RUS) 123 points, US\$ 30,000

WOMEN

1. Katinka Hosszu (HUN) 141 points, US\$ 50,000
2. Sarah Sjöström (SWE) 135 points, US\$ 35,000
3. Ranomi Kromowidjojo (NED) 126 points, US\$ 30,000

Cluster 1 (50m-pool)

1. *Kazan (RUS) – September 7-9*

2. *Doha (QAT) – September 13-15*

Cluster 2 (25m-pool)

3. *Eindhoven (NED) – September 28-30*

4. *Budapest (HUN) – October 4-6*

Cluster 3 (25m-pool)

5. *Beijing (CHN) – November 2-4*

6. *Tokyo (JPN) – November 9-11*

7. *Singapore (SGP) – November 15-17*

2019 Calendar

Cluster 1 (Asia)

1. Tokyo (JPN) – August 2-4
2. Beijing or Hangzhou (CHN) – August 8-10
3. Singapore (SGP) - August 15-17

Cluster 2 (Europe)

4. Eindhoven (NED) – September 27-29
5. Budapest (HUN) - October 3-5

Cluster 3

6. Kazan (RUS) – November 1-3
 7. Doha (QAT) – November 7-9
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