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PR 47 – ASWS 2019: China dominates in Quebec; Ukraine and Russia shine in Barcelona

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Action in the pool was intense this weekend, with two legs of the FINA Artistic Swimming World Series in Quebec City (CAN), from May 30-June 1, and in Barcelona (ESP), from May 31-June 2. They were respectively the seventh and eighth event of the circuit, before the Super Final of the competition, taking place in Budapest (HUN) on June 14-16.

In Canada, the team of China controlled operations, with six gold medals out of the 10 finals at stake. The Asian powerhouse was the strongest in all Duet events (technical, free and mixed), but also shone in the Team (technical and free) competition. To this positive outcome, much contributed the comeback of renowned duet Huang Xuechen/Sun Wenyan, silver medallist at the 2016 Olympic Games.

In Solo, Yukiko Inui, from Japan, continued to display her excellent shape, winning both the technical and free programmes. The remaining two titles in Quebec City went to the home squad, the best in the Free Combination and Highlight Routine finals. The Canadians – with Jacqueline Simoneau leading the team – earned four additional silver medals, plus two bronze.

The remaining countries with podium presences in Quebec City were Hungary, Kazakhstan, Korea, Colombia and Germany.

Medallists in Quebec City (CAN):

Solo Technical

1. Yukiko Inui (JPN), 91.6105; 2. Jacqueline Simoneau (CAN), 89.4814; 3. Monica Arango (COL), 78.6503

Solo Free

1. Yukiko Inui (JPN), 93.1667; 2. Jacqueline Simoneau (CAN), 90.8667; 3. Marlene Bojer (GER), 80.8333

Duet Technical

1. Huang Xuechen/Sun Wenyan (CHN), 92.8049; 2. Yukiko Inui/Megumu Yoshida (JPN), 91.7778; 3. Jacqueline Simoneau/Claudia Holzner (CAN), 88.6612

Duet Free

1. Huang Xuechen/Sun Wenyan (CHN), 94.5567; 2. Yukiko Inui/Megumu Yoshida (JPN), 92.9667; 3. Jacqueline Simoneau/Claudia Holzner (CAN), 90.1000

Mixed Duet Technical

1. Zhang Yayi/Shi Haoyu (CHN), 84.0853; 2. Aigerim Issayeva/Olzhas Makhanbetiyarov (KAZ), 72.0954

Mixed Duet Free

1. Cheng Wentao/Shi Haoyu (CHN), 84.1000

Team Technical

1. China, 93.5677; 2. Canada, 87.7736; 3. Hungary 75.7132

Team Free

1. China, 95.3667; 2. Canada, 89.9333; 3. Hungary, 77.4333

Free Combination

1. Canada, 80.0667; 2. Korea, 77.5667; 3. Hungary, 77.3000

Highlight Routine

1. Canada, 89.3667; 2. Hungary, 77.6333

In Barcelona, Ukraine and Russia were the strongest of the field, with respectively five and four titles. Marta Fiedina (Solo Free, and Duet Technical and Free) was the hero of the Ukrainian delegation, who also won the Free Combination and Highlight Routine events. From the Russian side, their talented swimmers were the best in the Team (Technical and Free) finals, while Aleksandr Maltsev and Mayya Gurbanberdieva successfully paired for the gold in the mixed Duet competition.

The crowd in Barcelona was happy to celebrate the title of local star Ona Carbonell in the Solo Technical routine, namely beating Fiedina (silver medallist).

Great Britain, Japan, France, USA, Italy and Mexico also had their representatives winning at least one medal in the Spanish meet.

Medallists in Barcelona (ESP):

Solo Technical

1. Ona Carbonell (ESP), 90.0730; 2. Marta Fiedina (UKR), 89.9790; 3. Kate Shortman (GBR), 82.4228

Solo Free

1. Marta Fiedina (UKR), 91.7000; 2. Mako Sawada (JPN), 85.6333; 3. Kate Shortman (GBR), 85.6000

Duet Technical

1. Marta Fiedina/Anastasiya Savchuk (UKR), 91.0077; 2. Sara Saldana/Paula Ramirez (ESP), 86.8509; 3. Charlotte Tremble/Laura Tremble (FRA), 85.7457

Duet Free

1. Marta Fiedina/Anastasiya Savchuk (UKR), 93.1000; 2. Ona Carbonell/Paula Ramirez (ESP), 90.3000; 3. Charlotte Tremble/Laura Tremble (FRA), 87.6000

Mixed Duet Technical

1. Mayya Gurbanberdieva/Aleksandr Maltsev (RUS), 90.4055; 2. Natalia Vega/Bill May (USA), 87.5144; 3. Emma Garcia/Pau Ribes (ESP), 84.9049

Mixed Duet Free

1. Mayya Gurbanberdieva/Aleksandr Maltsev (RUS), 92.4000; 2. Manila Flamini/Giorgio Minisini (ITA), 90.7333; 3. Emma Garcia/Pau Ribes (ESP), 88.8667

1. Russia, 95.3284; 2. Spain, 89.2455; 3. Mexico, 85.8775

Team Free

1. Russia, 97.2333; 2. Ukraine, 94.2333; 3. Spain, 91.8000

Free Combination

1. Ukraine, 92.6332; 2. Japan, 87.5668; 3. Great Britain, 83.2000

Highlight Routine

1. Ukraine, 92.8333; 2. Spain, 90.1000; 3. France, 87.2000

Calendar 2019

1. *Paris (FRA): 28 February – 3 March*

2. *Alexandroupolis (GRE): 5 – 7 April*

3. *Kazan (RUS): 19-21 April*

4. *Tokyo (JPN): 27 – 29 April*

5. *Beijing (CHN) : 4 – 6 May*

6. *Greensboro (USA): 24 – 26 May*

7. *Quebec City (CAN): 30 May – 1 June*

8. *Barcelona (ESP): 31 May – 2 June*

• **Super Final - Budapest (HUN): 14 – 16 June**

