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This FINA newsletter provides you with daily highlights from Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

LONDON MEDALLISTS FALL, USA, HUNGARY, RUSSIA, ITALY REACH SEMIS



Two upsets in the quarters as both third placed team from the prelims managed to beat the higher ranked sides: Hungary ousted 2012 bronze medallist Australia in a real thriller, ending in a shootout (Australia misses the SF for the first time since women's water polo made its debut in 2000).

Russia eliminated London runner-up Spain and will return to the top flight after 2000.

Title-holder USA, just as in all four previous editions, cruised to the semis with ease. Italy returns to the medal round after eight years with a fine win over China.

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RUSSIAN DUET DOMINATE THE MARIA LENK'S ACTION

24 duets from Russia, Australia, France, Greece, Colombia, Canada, Japan, Egypt, Czech Republic, Austria, Great Britain, Belarus, Israel, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Italy, USA, Switzerland, Spain, China and Slovakia (in this order) took part today in the second preliminary round of the synchronised swimming duet event at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Russian pair, composed of the very experienced Natalia Ishchenko and Svetlana Romashina, dominated the competition so far by accumulating 194.5244 points (98.0667 + 96.4577) over the first two days of competition, performing "Mermaids" today to a song written by Michael Erimpan.

With a total of 19 World Championship medals, Ischchenko won three golds from two Olympic Games in the past- the team event at Beijing 2008 and London 2012 – as well as the duet event in the last Olympics in date.

Romashina also counts three gold medals from two previous editions of the Games – Beijing 2008, as part of the Russian synchronised swimming team and London 2012, where she took gold in the team and the duet events.

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AQUATIC MEDALS

Country	G	S	B	Total
USA	16	10	9	35
CHN	5	3	4	12
AUS	3	4	4	11
HUN	3	2	2	7
GBR	2	5	1	8
Total	39	39	38	116

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