The FINA Diving World Cup started well for the host, as Team China grabbed the two gold medals on offer on the opening day in Wuhan on Monday June 4, while Canada, Russia, Ukraine and the USA also earned medals from the two mixed events.

Si Yajie, together with partner Lian Junjie won the mixed 10m synchro platform title with a total score of 353.31, beating Canada's Caeli McKay / Vincent Riendeau (silver) and Sergey Nazin/Valeriia Belova of Russia (bronze).

"It is a good start for me and for Team China. Junjie and I have trained together for three weeks now and we performed our best today," Si said.

Lian added: "I was feeling good during the competition. Winning the gold in my first ever World Cup was perfect for me."

In the mixed team event, China's Qiu Bo/Chen Yiwen collected 406.20 points from six dives to claim the victory. Oleg Kolodiy/Sofia Lyskun of Ukraine finished second (388.90) and Krysta Palmer/David Dinsmore (USA) came third (374.65).

On day 2, Olympic champions Jack Laugher/Chris Mears of Great Britain were one step away to clinch the men's 3m synchro springboard title, but they were overturned on the last dive by home favourites Cao Yuan/Xie Siyi.

Budapest 2017 silver medallists Cao/Xie led the first three rounds before Laugher/Mears took the lead due to a poor 5154B, as Cao made a splash entry. Laugher/Mears continued to lead and enjoyed a 10.14 points advantage ahead of the Chinese stars right until the last dive. However, Laugher jumped too far at the end of the springboard and lost the normal height of his start on the 109C, collecting 70.68 for a total of 440.64.
Cao/Xie ended up claiming the gold medal with 448.74 while Mexican pair Jahir Ocampo/Rommel Pacheco secured the bronze with 435.72.

“Our first five dives were very good and we were winning! We were defeating the Big China on home soil! But it was unfortunate that my last dive did not perform to my normal standard. We would probably have won, but unfortunately we did not today. I was just diving as normal before my last dive, but unfortunately I struggled with my last rotation. But overall, I am quite happy with our first five dives. I want to have a good rest tonight and find out what I can learn from today's performance, and I hope I will not make the same mistake again in the future,” Laugher said.

Read more about the athletes' reaction on FINA website.

The Diving World Cup results are available here

The pool action can be watched LIVE on FINAtv and detailed news reports are available on FINA website until Sunday June 10.

USA RETAINS FINA WOMEN'S WATER POLO SUPER FINAL IN KUNSHAN

United States of America retained its 11th FINA Women's Water Polo World League Super Final title with a deserved 8-6 victory over Netherlands at the Kunshan Sports Centre on Saturday June 2.

It was USA's 11th crown and fifth straight title.

For Maggie Steffens and Mel Seidemann it was an unprecedented eighth World League gold medal. Kiley Neushul and Rachel Fattal claimed their fifth each while Kaleigh Gilchrist collected her fourth, and Ashleigh Johnson and Aria Fischer their third each.

Netherlands won the opening quarter, USA was 3-2 ahead at halftime, 6-4 at the final break while the Dutch levelled at 2:27 before USA scored twice to seal victory.

Russia stole the bronze medal with a last-gasp lob following a Canadian error at the other end of the pool. Daria Ryzkhova sprinted the length of the pool and received the pass for a critical lob that soared through the air as the buzzer sounded. It was 7-6 in favour of Russia.

Spain claimed fifth place with a 10-5 margin over host China, thanks to three goals in the first half to Anna Espar.

In the play-off for seventh and eighth, Australia beat Japan 10-7.

Final Placings


LESS THAN 200 DAYS TO GO TO HANGZHOU 2018

FINA and the host city Hangzhou, China, celebrated the 200 days to go mark on Friday May 25 as the Organising gears up with preparations.

The city of Hangzhou celebrated the milestone with an official ceremony to introduce the event and the key actors from the city's authorities The three official countdowns dispatched across the city were revealed at the end of the ceremony. The clocks respectively located in the Urban Balcony, Xihu Hubin, and the West Lake Cultural Plaza all started simultaneously.

The competition venue of the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) will be the 10.000 seat Tennis Centre at the spectacular Hangzhou Olympic and
International Expo Center. A temporary competition pool and pool deck will be constructed on top of the main arena of the Tennis Centre.

The 14th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) will be held from December 11 - 16, 2018 and will be preceded by the 5th FINA World Aquatics Convention, a top-notch gathering for the leaders of the wider Aquatics Family looking to share best practice and knowledge within the community.

Over 900 athletes are expected to attend, representing around 150 nations. The registration will shortly open and teams will have until October 31 to enter their favourite events.

The competition schedule is planned as follows: SCHEDULE

The Hangzhou Organising Committee launched the official website, available in Chinese and English.

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