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CAMPBELL AND MOROZOV UNSTOPPABLE AT SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2019



As swimmers are travelling from China to Singapore for the last leg of the first Cluster of the FINA Swimming World Cup 2019, Australia's Cate Campbell and Russia's Vladimir Morozov are comfortably leading the provisional rankings with 105 and 96 points respectively.

Rio 2016 silver medallist Campbell has won four gold medals so far and set two new World Cup records in the 100m free in Tokyo (JPN, 52.64) and Jinan (CHN, 52.34), making her the most prolific swimmer of the World Cup so far in front of Hungary's queen Katinka Hosszu.

Seven gold medals later, multiple Olympic and World champion Hosszu is second in the ranking with 102 points. She won the 200m fly, 200m IM and 400m IM in both Tokyo and Jinan as well as the 100m back in China. Hosszu was the runner up of the 2018 edition of the Swimming World Cup behind Sarah Sjöström of Sweden.

Emily Seebohm of Australia secures the third ranking position with 63 points. She displayed great form at the two first meets with victories in the 50/100/200m back in the future Olympic host city and the 200m back in Jinan.

Morozov, overall winner of the SWC 2018, snatched six gold medals already, equalling a World Cup record in Jinan, in the 50m back (24.43) and setting a new one in the 100m free (47.99).

Andrew Wilson (USA) follows Morozov with 87 points. He has bagged the gold medals at stake in the 200m breast races at the two first stages.

Australia's Mitch Larkin contributes largely to his nation's success at this 2019 edition. He stands in third position with 72 point as he triumphed in the following events: 100/200m breast and 200m IM.

2019 Provisional Rankings

Rank	Country	Family Name	First Name	Total	Tokyo (JPN)	Jinan (CHN)	Singapore (SGP)
1	 - AUS	CAMPBELL	Cate	105	45	60	
2	 - HUN	HOSSZU	Katinka	102	54	48	
3	 - AUS	SEEBOHM	Emily	63	36	27	
4	 - SWE	COLEMAN	Michelle	45	18	27	
5	 - JAM	ATKINSON	Alia	36	12	24	
6	 - AUS	BARRATT	Holly	33	12	21	
7	 - HUN	JAKABOS	Zsuzsanna	33	6	27	
8	 - CHN	LIU	Xiang	30	0	30	

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1	 - RUS	MOROZOV	Vladimir	96	48	48	
2	 - USA	WILSON	Andrew	87	42	45	
3	 - AUS	LARKIN	Mitch	72	36	36	
4	 - LTU	RAPSYS	Danas	66	24	42	
5	 - HUN	SZABO	Szebasztian	51	21	30	
6	 - USA	ANDREW	Michael	48	21	27	
7	 - JPN	KOSEKI	Yasuhiro	42	42	0	
8	 - AUS	FRASER-HOLMES	Thomas	33	9	24	

The Series resumes on Thursday August 15 in Singapore and will run until Saturday August 17 before taking a break until October when Budapest (HUN) will host the fourth leg from October 4-6.

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FINA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDERWAY IN GWANGJU AS ELDERLY ATHLETES SHINE

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The FINA World Masters Championships 2019 in Gwangju, gathering more than 4,000 aquatic sports enthusiasts, is currently underway in the South Korean

city until Sunday August 18.

Competitions in swimming, diving, water polo, open water swimming and artistic swimming, in which almost 90 countries are being represented, are staged in the same venues used for the elite FINA World Championships last month, insuring



excellent standards and optimum conditions for the masters athletes coming from all around the world to measure their sporting skills.

With swimming and diving events still going on, the competition's schedule unfolds as follows here

The event is all the more meaningful and attractive with a vast number of elderly participants attending. Tones of astonishing personal athletes stories make the World Masters Championships special and unique as participants show off their skills, strength and youthful heart despite their advanced age sometimes.

Age is nothing but a number

Among the masters athletes, the oldest male swimmer is Tancho Tenev, 91, from Bulgaria, and the oldest female athlete is Toshiko Amano, 93, from Mexico. Tenev is also the oldest man in the men's category in diving, a sport that requires considerable courage, coordination and flexibility. The oldest female diver is 81-year-old Joan Aldous of Great Britain.

France's Françoise Noyer and Nancy Weiman of the United States, both 71, are the oldest artistic swimmers in Gwangju. They both show incredible talent at holding their breath underwater for long periods of time and their routine are spectacular.

For most masters participants, aquatic sports are part of their healthy lifestyle and an integral part of their culture and all agree to say that participation is more important than victory itself.

Check out the latest photos of the Masters in Gwangju on [FINA Flickr account](#).



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SIX LEGS INTO THE SEASON, RASOVSZKY AND BRUNI LEAD MARATHON SWIM WORLD SERIES OPERATIONS

With the seventh leg of the [FINA / CNSG Marathon Swim World Series](#) just around the corner (August 28 in Ohrid, Macedonia), Hungary's Kristof Rasovszky, 22, and Italy's Rachele Bruni, 28, lead the provisional rankings in their respective category.

Rasovszky won his third consecutive title in Lac Megantic on August 3 after winning in Balaton (HUN) and Lac St Jean (CAN), while Arianna Bridi of Italy took the women's crown at the last leg, her first win of the season. On the women's side, Rachele Bruni finished 2.6 seconds behind teammate Bridi, and Anna Olasz of Hungary placed third.

Bridi ranks second in the provisional ranking behind veteran Bruni and in front of World champion Ana Marcela Cunha.

In the men's race, Dario Verani clearly finished second in Lac Megantic, a body length (1.8 seconds) behind Rasovszky who completed the course in 2h6m46s3. Third place, however, came down to a photo finish between Matteo Furlan of Italy and Hau-Li Fan of Canada, and the 21-year-old Canadian biology student prevailed.

Andreas Waschburger (GER) and Marcel Schouten (NED) follow Rasovszky, in this order, in the men's ranking.

Check out the full ranking [here](#).

Another three legs in Ohrid (MKD, August 28), Chinese Taipei (TPE, September 7) and Chun'An (CHN, September 29) will complete the 2019 circuit of the [FINA / CNSG Marathon Swim World Series](#)

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