

WORLD RECORD FOR HACKETT IN 1500 FREE AUSTRALIA WINS MOST GOLD, USA MOST MEDALS

A great competition with 10 world records and an Australian gold medal win over the USA (13 to 9). Although the USA could claim 26 total medals to 19 for the Aussies. There is also a point score kept to 16th place which the USA won 847 to 788 for AUS.

Men's 50 breaststroke

Oleg Lisogor (UKR) surprised the more experienced swimmers in this fast field, which included world and European record holders. Swimming in lane six he had 27.92 from the prelims and the semis. He touched first in 27.52 a championship record, with Roman Sloudnov (RUS) in second 27.60 and Domenico Fioravanti (ITA) third 27.72.

"I didn't expect the gold here," Lisogor said. "There were so many great breaststrokers in the field, I knew it would be tough. I hoped a little bit before the race that I'd have a chance. My next competition will be the World University Games in Beijing."

Women's 50 freestyle

"I only took one breath to win," Inge de Bruijn (NED) said. It was her third gold of the competition giving her the women's FINA prize for best women's performer. Her winning time was 24.47. She was faster in the semi finals with 24.45.

Therese Alshammar (SWE) in second with 24.88 and Sandra Volker (GER) third in 24.96.

"Triple gold feels good," de Bruijn said. It's the same number as at the Olympics. I worked really hard for the last five months."

"I expected to win," Alshammar said. "My best time is faster than the winning time. I had a bad start and couldn't make up for that in such a short distance."

"I was glad to better 25 seconds" Volker said. "I really gave it all. I believe all the training I did for this meet made the difference."

Men's 1500 freestyle

After his great 200-400-800 swims Grant Hackett was expected to be spectacular. He did not disappoint. It was the 10th world record of these championships.

By all measures he was in exceptional form. Swimming alone taking a steady 33 stroke a length (the same as in the 400 free) he split 3:50.18 at the 400, 7:44.47 at the 800, moving well ahead of Kieren

Perkins' old record pace. His 14:34.56 was a seven second drop from the previous record of 14:41.66. The margin of victory was almost a pool length.

Graeme Smith (GBR) in second with 14:58.94 and Alexei Filipets (RUS) third with 15:01.43.

"I'd never expected to take seven second off the world record," Hackett said. "It's absolutely unbelievable. When I saw everyone on their feet as I touched the wall, I thought, 'I must have done it.' In 1997 Perkins told me don't fall asleep in the middle 500 whatever you do. I have always remembered that and it's been a big factor in my race. This has been my event for five years. I think I can take it down even more."

"It's the first time under 15 minutes," Smith said. "It was harder than I imagined."

"It took a long time to get a medal," Filipets said. "I was fourth at the Olympics. I missed a medal in the 800 free earlier. I was motivated tonight."

Men's 400 individual medley

A year late, but better late than never. Alessio Boggiatto (ITA) made up for the fourth place at the Olympics last year. His winning time of 4:13.15 was a personal best. He won the race on the breaststroke (1:09.96 split) the only sub 1:12 split. He had a body length lead with the 100 freestyle to go. He was even better with a 58.75.

Erik Vendt (USA) in second with 4:15.36 and Tom Wilkens (USA) third with 4:15.94.

Boggiatto was exhausted, "I feel tired. I

planned to swim a hard last 100. I have been training hard for this."

"I never had a world championship medal before," Vendt said. "I think I had a great race tonight. Boggiatto was very strong on the second half."

"I did not feel good at all," Wilkens said. "The time was two seconds slower than my best. I wish the 400 IM would have been scheduled earlier. I may have rested too much."

Women's 400 freestyle

It's never too late. Yana Klochkova (UKR) made up for 200 IM loss with a great victory in the 400 freestyle. She had a clear lead at the 150 and won easily splitting (1:00.11, 2:02.96, 3:05.20, 4:07.30).

Claudia Poll (CRC) followed Klochkova and was in second after the mid point (1:00.71, 2:04.01, 3:06.97, 4:09.15) to pick up a silver.

Hannah Stockbauer (GER) in third 4:09.36, winner of the 800-1500 free.

"I want to go home, because I'm tired," Klochkova said. "I enjoyed Japan and the championships."

"I don't know how to thank my coach," (Francisco Rivas) Poll said. "I could not have won this medal by myself. This is my only medal here, as I missed one in then 200 free. It was a great race."

"I am exhausted," Stockbauer said. "I had so many races. The 800 free, the 1500 free and the relay. I was lucky to even get into the finals today. The bronze makes me happy."

Women's 4x100 medley relay

Australia's win clinched swimming supremacy over the USA. It was not easy. Petria Thomas' fly leg (57.65) and Sarah Ryan's free leg (54.09) put them over the top with a 4:01.50 championship record.

The USA had a great lead-off swim from Natalie Coughlin (1:00.18) an American record, and they were in the lead at the 200, but couldn't hold off the Aussies, finishing in 4:01.81.

China third with 4:02.53 and Germany fourth with 4:03.06 for an European record.

"This is the sweetest victory. What a way to finish," Petria Thomas said.

The touchpad failed (again) and they had to wait for the final results to be announced.

The men's FINA Trophy was awarded Ian Thorpe for his three individual wins in world times.

Newly elected IOC President Jacques Rogge presented the medals for the women's freestyle.

SWIMMING MEDAL TOTALS July 29

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
AUS	13	3	3	19
USA	9	9	8	26
GER	3	6	6	15
NED	3	4	0	7
UKR	3	1	0	4
CHN	2	2	3	7
ITA	2	2	2	6
SWE	1	3	2	6
GBR	1	2	4	7
RUS	1	2	3	6
ROM	1	1	2	4
HUN	1	0	1	2
AUT	0	2	0	2
ISL	0	1	1	2
SUI	0	1	0	1
POL	0	1	0	1
CRC	0	1	0	1
JPN	0	0	4	4
RSA	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	40	41	40	121

CLASSIFICATION 11-12**Match 55, 09:00, SVK 12 KAZ 6**

5-1, 3-0, 1-4, 3-1

SVK 12 (K Baco, G Gyurcsi 3, R Polacik, M Mravik 2, J Zalovic, J Hrosik) KAZ 6 (Y Zhilyaev 3, I Zaitsev 2, S Gorovoy).

Slovakia meant business when it played off for 11th place against Kazakhstan in the men's competition by starting the opening quarter 5-1. The knocked the stuffing from the Kazakhstan team and a 3-0 second quarter did not help. However, the Asian qualifier struck back in the third with four goals, two from Yevgeniy Zhilyaev, to give him three for the game and almost double his tournament total. The 3-1 final period showed just how good Slovakia's shooting was but both teams agree that Kazakhstan goalkeeper Alexandr Gaidukov was having an off day. Karol Baco boosted his tournament total to 14 with a three-goal effort and he is the country's leading scorer. Slovakia missed a penalty shot in the final period but did produce four from six on extra. Kazakhstan, on the other hand, only put away one from five. Ivan Zaitsev scored twice for Kazakhstan to be his nation's best with 10 goals.

CLASSIFICATION 9-10**Match 56, 10:30, NED 8 AUS 3**

3-2, 2-0, 2-0, 1-1

NED 8 (T Kramer 3, H van der Meer 2, E Uri, A Havenga, B Boom) AUS 3 (T Whalan 2, T Jenkins).

The Netherlands exacted revenge on Australia for denying them access to the world's top eight by beating it 8-3 and finish ninth.

The Dutch were leading easily against Australia in their semifinal cross-overs on Thursday but Australia won the last quarter 5-1 to stop the Dutch and send the United States of America through to the top eight. But the play-off for ninth was always heading the Netherlands' way with Australia lacklustre and the Dutch taking every opportunity offered. The first period was evenly matched, although the Netherlands managed four steals and a 3-2 scoring advantage with Thomas Whalan scoring twice for the Aussies. The Dutch had the skills in the second quarter with two more goals, one a lovely lob shot from Tjerk Kramer in centre forward who was smothered by two Australians, including goalkeeper Rafael Sterk. The ball fell short of the line but dribbled in. The third was all one-way traffic again with Harry van der Meer and Kramer scoring their second and third goals of the match. Australia finally returned to the scoresheet with Toby Jenkins scoring his only goal of the tournament from centre forward with a backhand one minute into the period. Eelco Uri scored on a short burst at 1:27 to wrap up the game and ninth place and 11 goals for the tournament. He was second for the Dutch behind van der Meer who has 15 goals. Australian managed only one from 10 on extra to the Netherlands' two from six.

CLASSIFICATION 7-8**Match 57, 12:00, USA 10 CRO 9**

3-3, 2-2, 2-2, 3-2

USA 10 (L Beaubien, R Bailey 3, W Wigo 2, J Powers, A Azevedo) CRO 9 (T Dogas 3, S Barac, I Hinic 2, S Letica, V Saric).

The United States of America upstaged its more experienced opponent in the play-off for seventh position. Croatia would normally be expected to clear the American hurdle but a long campaign, which included last month's European Championships, took their toll on Croatia. The Croatians are not happy with their final position but respect the USA for its fine effort. Croatia started well with two goals but the USA was strong enough to battle back

and level the quarter 3-3 with Layne Beaubien scoring twice for the North Americans. Four goals were traded in the next with Beaubien gaining his third for the match and eighth for the tournament. Like the second period the rest of the match was a procession of swapping goals. However, while Croatia always went ahead and the USA levelled, the fourth quarter swung the other way with Jeffrey Powers starting the scoring with the first lead of the game at 8-7. Centre forward Igor Hinic, so quiet this tournament in the scoring department, slammed two in the final period, the last to level the game at 9-9 1:12 from time. However, with just 44 seconds left, Ryan Bailey scored probably the best goal of the game from centre, turning with two defenders on him, seemingly losing the ball and then snapping the ball into goal while almost fully submerged. With 25 exclusions, it was a field day on extra, Croatia converting seven from 13 and the USA six from 12.

CLASSIFICATION 5-6**Match 58, 13:30, HUN 8 GRE 5**

1-0, 3-2, 1-1, 3-2

HUN 8 (T Kasas 3, G Kiss 2, T Molnar, P Biros, Z Varga) GRE 5 (T Chatzitheodorou 2, D Mazis, G Afroudakis, A Schizas).

The Hungarian victory wagon is back on the tracks as the Olympic champion team defeated Greece 8-5 for fifth place. The fall from grace has been humbling for the Hungarians as more hungry teams snap at their heels. Greece was snapping in this game but found the Tamas Kasas-Gergely Kiss juggernaut very convincing. Kasas started the game with the only goal of the first and then Kiss struck a double before Greece responded. Kasas sent Hungary 4-1 up but Dimitrios Mazis grabbed one back before halftime. Tamas Molnar on extra sent Hungary 5-2 up. It took more than five minutes for Georgios Afroudakis to score for Greece. Three goals each in see-saw fashion rounded out an entertaining game, which Hungary was always going to win. Both teams scored four on extra and Zoltan Kosz (HUN) was the better of the two goalkeepers, making seven saves. Kasas took his tournament total to 14 goals and Kiss 12. Theodoros Chatzitheodorou scored the first and last goals for Greece and finished the tournament with 13 goals.

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH**Match 59, 15:00, RUS 7 ITA 6**

2-1, 1-3, 1-0, 3-2

RUS 7 (R Tchomakhidze, D Gorshkov 2, A Yeryshov, M Zakirov, S Garbouzov) ITA 6 (B Rath 3, L Binchi, A Angelini, L Dicostanzo).

The face of Revaz Tchomakhidze when he rose from the water after a spectacular centre forward goal said it all. After turning his defender and pushing skyward against immense pressure, he defeated Italian goalkeeper Stefano Tempesti and had Russia 7-5 ahead with only 53 seconds left on the clock, enough to earn the bronze medal. Italy bounced back with a swift reply on extra man but Russia maintained possession and took grip of the bronze to go alongside the silver medal at the Sydney Olympics last year. After 1-1, it became 2-1 in Russia's favour. Just into the second period, Marat Zakirov extended the lead to 3-1. Just when people may have thought the injury-ridden Italian team was down and out, it struck back with a vengeance, Bogdan Rath claiming two and Leonardo Binchi another for a 4-3 lead at the half. That man Tchomakhidze scored on extra for the only goal of the third and team-mate Dmitri Gorshkov drew the team level at the start of the fourth. Sergei Garbouzov turned the game well into Russia's favour

at 6-4. Alberto Angelini dragged Italy back into the game on extra but Tchomakhidze's supreme shot claimed the prize. Rath scored with 36 seconds to go but Russia was too smart to lose the medal. Both teams had 50 per cent on extra but Italy had more successes with four compared to Russia's two.

GOLD MEDAL MATCH**Match 60, 16:30, ESP 4 YUG 2**

2-1, 0-0, 2-1, 0-0

ESP 4 (G Hernandez 3, I Perez) YUG 2 (D Ikodinovic, V Uskokovic).

Gabriel Hernandez can now be elevated to sainthood. If Ian Thorpe (AUS) can stun the swimming pool spectators, then Hernandez can mesmerise them. Not only did he enthral the thousands of cheering fans, but he tied the Yugoslavs in knots, scoring three goals in the World Championship final. If Hernandez was making history at one end by scoring half the match's goals, then Jesus Rollan, the Spanish goalkeeper must sit at the right hand of God, such is his skill and importance to the team. Unofficially the player of the championship, Rollan, elevates himself for the big game and showed to the world that he has lost none of his skills. But it was Hernandez who set the pool on fire with two goals in the first period, split by Veljko Uskokovic's effort. Neither team gained a goal in the second as defence was the key word. Danilo Ikodinovic levelled at 5:09 on the third but about 30 seconds later Ivan Perez, the huge former Cuban centre forward scored on extra from right in front of the goalie and placed it over his head. Then lightning struck at 2:48 when Hernandez converted again. As if the lightning had seared and sealed the wound, the game stopped as a scoring spectacle with Spain 4-2. For the next 9:48, the goalkeepers and defence ruled, taking Spain into history. With Yugoslavia scoring just one from nine on extra, it showed how suffocating the Spanish defence was.

Leading scorers in the men's water polo

A Sagic	YUG	18
I Perez	ESP	15
H van der Meer	NED	15
K Baco	SVK	14
T Dogas	CRO	14
T Kasas	HUN	14
A Azevedo	USA	13
T Chatzitheodorou	GRE	13
R Perrone	BRA	13
D Gorshkov	RUS	12
G Kiss	HUN	12
N Thomas	AUS	12
I Zinnourov	RUS	12
A Angelini	ITA	11
G Hernandez	ESP	11
R Polacik	SVK	11
M Sabo	CAN	11
R Tchomakhidze	RUS	11
E Uri	NED	11
A Yeryshov	RUS	11

Men's Placings

- Spain
- Yugoslavia
- Russia
- Italy
- Hungary
- Greece
- United States
- Croatia
- Netherlands
- Australia
- Slovakia
- Kazakhstan
- Brazil
- Canada
- Germany
- Japan

Women's Placings

- Italy
- Hungary
- Canada
- USA
- Australia
- Russia
- Greece
- Kazakhstan
- Netherlands
- Brazil
- Japan
- New Zealand

SWIMMING MEDALLISTS

MEN

50 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 22.09 Anthony Ervin,81,USA
- 2) 22.16 Pieter vdHoogenband,78,NED
- 3) 22.18 Roland Schoeman,80,RSA
- 22.19 Tomohiro Yamanoi,77,JPN

100 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 48.33 Anthony Ervin,81,USA
- 2) 48.43 Pieter vdHoogenband,78,NED
- 3) 48.79 Lars Frolander,74,SWE

200 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 1:44.06 Ian Thorpe,82,AUS
- 2) 1:45.81 Pieter vdHoogenband,78,NED
- 3) 1:47.10 Klete Keller,82,USA

400 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 3:40.17 Ian Thorpe,82,AUS
- 2) 3:42.51 Grant Hackett,80,AUS
- 3) 3:45.11 Emiliano Brembilla,78,ITA

800 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 7:39.16 Ian Thorpe,82,AUS
- 2) 7:40.34 Grant Hackett,80,AUS
- 3) 7:51.12 Graeme Smith,76,GBR

1500 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 14:34.56 Grant Hackett,80,AUS
- 2) 14:58.94 Graeme Smith,76,GBR
- 3) 15:01.43 Alexei Filipets,78,RUS

50 METRES BACKSTROKE

- 1) 25.34 Randall Bal,80,USA
- 2) 25.44 Thomas Rupprath,77,GER
- 3) 25.49 Matt Welsh,76,AUS

100 METRES BACKSTROKE

- 1) 54.31 Matt Welsh,76,AUS
- 2) 54.75 Orn Arnarson,81,ISL
- 3) 54.91 Steffen Driesen,81,GER

200 METRES BACKSTROKE

- 1) 1:57.13 Aaron Peirsol,83,USA
- 2) 1:58.07 Markus Rogan,81,AUT
- 3) 1:58.37 Orn Arnarson,81,ISL

50 METRES BREASTSTROKE

- 1) 27.52 Oleg Lisogor,79,UKR
- 2) 27.60 Roman Sloudnov,80,RUS
- 3) 27.72 Domenico Fioravanti,77,ITA

100 METRES BREASTSTROKE

- 1) 1:00.16 Roman Sloudnov,80,RUS
- 2) 1:00.47 Domenico Fioravanti,77,ITA
- 3) 1:00.61 Ed Moses,80,USA

200 METRES BREASTSTROKE

- 1) 2:10.69 Brendan Hansen,81,USA
- 2) 2:11.09 Max Podoprigora,78,AUT
- 3) 2:11.21 Kosuke Kitajima,82,JPN

50 METRES BUTTERFLY

- 1) 23.50 Geoff Huegill,79,AUS
- 2) 23.57 Lars Frolander,74,SWE
- 3) 23.62 Mark Foster,70,GBR

100 METRES BUTTERFLY

- 1) 52.10 Lars Frolander,74,SWE
- 2) 52.25 Ian Crocker,82,USA
- 3) 52.36 Geoff Huegill,79,AUS

200 METRES BUTTERFLY

- 1) 1:54.58 Michael Phelps,85,USA
- 2) 1:55.28 Tom Malchow,76,USA
- 3) 1:55.68 Anatoli Poliakov,80,RUS

200 METRES IND. MEDLEY

- 1) 1:59.71 Massi Rosolino,78,ITA
- 2) 2:00.73 Tom Wilkens,75,USA
- 3) 2:00.91 Justin Norris,80,AUS

400 METRES IND. MEDLEY

- 1) 4:13.15 Alessio Boggiatto,81,ITA
- 2) 4:15.36 Erik Vendt,81,USA
- 3) 4:15.94 Tom Wilkens,75,USA

4X100 MEDLEY RELAY

- 1) 3:35.35 Australia,AUS
- 2) 3:36.34 Germany,GER
- 3) 3:37.77 Russia,RUS

4X100 FREE RELAY

- 1) 3:14.10 Australia,AUS
- 2) 3:14.56 Netherlands,NED
- 3) 3:17.52 Germany,GER

4X200 FREE RELAY

- 1) 7:04.66 Australia,AUS
- 2) 7:10.86 Italy,ITA
- 3) 7:13.69 United States,USA

WOMEN

50 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 24.47 Inge de Bruijn,73,NED
- 2) 24.88 Therese Alshammar,77,SWE
- 3) 24.96 Sandra Volker,74,GER

100 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 54.18 Inge de Bruijn,73,NED
- 2) 55.07 Katrin Meissner,73,GER
- 3) 55.11 Sandra Volker,74,GER

200 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 1:58.57 Gaaan Rooney,82,AUS
- 2) 1:58.78 Yu Yang,86,CHN
- 3) 1:58.85 Camelia Potec,82,ROM

400 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 4:07.30 Yana Klochkova,82,UKR
- 2) 4:09.15 Claudia Poll,72,CRC
- 3) 4:09.36 Hannah Stockbauer,82,GER

800 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 8:24.66 Hannah Stockbauer,82,GER
- 2) 8:28.84 Diana Munz,82,USA
- 3) 8:31.45 Kaitlin Sandeno,83,USA

1500 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 16:01.02 Hannah Stockbauer,82,GER
- 2) 16:05.99 Flavia Rigamonti,81,SUI
- 3) 16:07.05 Diana Munz,82,USA

50 METRES BACKSTROKE

- 1) 28.51 Haley Cope,79,USA
- 2) 28.53 Antje Buschschulte,78,GER
- 3) 28.54 Natalie Coughlin,82,USA

100 METRES BACKSTROKE

- 1) 1:00.37 Natalie Coughlin,82,USA
- 2) 1:00.68 Diana Mocanu,84,ROM
- 3) 1:01.42 Antje Buschschulte,78,GER

200 METRES BACKSTROKE

- 1) 2:09.94 Diana Mocanu,84,ROM
- 2) 2:10.43 Stanislava Komarova,86,RUS
- 3) 2:11.05 Joanna Fargus,82,GBR

50 METRES BREASTSTROKE

- 1) 30.84 Xuejuan Luo,84,CHN
- 2) 31.37 Kristy Kowal,78,USA
- 3) 31.40 Zoe Baker,76,GBR

100 METRES BREASTSTROKE

- 1) 1:07.18 Xuejuan Luo,84,CHN
- 2) 1:07.96 Leisel Jones,85,AUS
- 3) 1:08.50 Agnes Kovacs,81,HUN

200 METRES BREASTSTROKE

- 1) 2:24.90 Agnes Kovacs,81,HUN
- 2) 2:25.09 Hui Qi,85,CHN
- 3) 2:25.29 Xuejuan Luo,84,CHN

50 METRES BUTTERFLY

- 1) 25.90 Inge de Bruijn,73,NED
- 2) 26.18 Therese Alshammar,77,SWE
- 3) 26.45 Anna-Karin Kammerling,80,SWE

100 METRES BUTTERFLY

- 1) 58.27 Petria Thomas,75,AUS
- 2) 58.72 Otylia Jedrzejczak,83,POL
- 3) 58.88 Junko Onishi,74,JPN

200 METRES BUTTERFLY

- 1) 2:06.73 Petria Thomas,75,AUS
- 2) 2:06.97 Annika Mehlhorn,83,GER
- 3) 2:08.52 Kaitlin Sandeno,83,USA

200 METRES IND. MEDLEY

- 1) 2:11.93 Maggie Bowen,80,USA
- 2) 2:12.30 Yana Klochkova,82,UKR
- 3) 2:12.46 Hui Qi,85,CHN

400 METRES IND. MEDLEY

- 1) 4:36.98 Yana Klochkova,82,UKR
- 2) 4:39.06 Maggie Bowen,80,USA
- 3) 4:39.33 Beatrice Coada-Caslaru,75,ROM

4X100 MEDLEY RELAY

- 1) 4:01.50 Australia,AUS
- 2) 4:01.81 United States,USA
- 3) 4:02.63 China,CHN

4X100 FREE RELAY

- 1) 3:39.58 Germany,GER
- 2) 3:40.80 United States,USA
- 3:40.80 Great Britain,GBR

4X200 FREE RELAY

- 1) 7:58.69 Great Britain,GBR
- 2) 8:01.35 Germany,GER
- 3) 8:02.97 Japan,JPN

SWIMMING FINALS July 29

MEN

50 METRES BREASTSTROKE

- 1) 27.52 Oleg Lisogor,79,UKR
- 2) 27.60 Roman Sloudnov,80,RUS
- 3) 27.72 Domenico Fioravanti,77,ITA
- 4) 27.73 Anthony Robinson,80,USA
- 5) 27.93 Mark Warnecke,70,GER
- 6) 28.02 Ed Moses,80,USA
- 7) 28.05 Darren Mew,79,GBR
- disq James Gibson,80,GBR

1500 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 14:34.56 Grant Hackett,80,AUS
- 2) 14:58.94 Graeme Smith,76,GBR
- 3) 15:01.43 Alexei Filipets,78,RUS
- 4) 15:06.13 Igor Chervynskiy,81,UKR
- 5) 15:07.67 Chris Thompson,78,USA
- 6) 15:10.54 Massi Rosolino,78,ITA
- 7) 15:15.02 Craig Stevens,80,AUS
- 8) 15:18.89 Nicolas Rostoucher,81,FRA

400 METRES IND. MEDLEY

- 1) 4:13.15 Alessio Boggiatto,81,ITA
- 2) 4:15.36 Erik Vendt,81,USA
- 3) 4:15.94 Tom Wilkens,75,USA
- 4) 4:18.05 Susumu Tabuchi,80,JPN
- 5) 4:18.56 Justin Norris,80,AUS
- 6) 4:19.75 Brian Johns,82,CAN
- 7) 4:19.80 Curt Myden,73,CAN
- 8) 4:23.11 Jiro Miki,83,JPN

WOMEN

50 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 24.47 Inge de Bruijn,73,NED
- 2) 24.88 Therese Alshammar,77,SWE
- 3) 24.96 Sandra Volker,74,GER
- 4) 25.00 Alison Sheppard,72,GBR
- 5) 25.10 Tammie Stone,76,USA
- 6) 25.25 Haley Cope,79,USA
- 7) 25.40 Katrin Meissner,73,GER
- 8) 25.73 Elena Poptchenko,79,BLR

400 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1) 4:07.30 Yana Klochkova,82,UKR
- 2) 4:09.15 Claudia Poll,72,CRC
- 3) 4:09.36 Hannah Stockbauer,82,GER
- 4) 4:10.17 Irina Oufimtseva,85,RUS
- 5) 4:10.37 Hua Chen,82,CHN
- 6) 4:11.67 Camelia Potec,82,ROM
- 7) 4:13.04 Carla Geurts,71,NED
- 8) 4:15.21 Alicia Bozon,84,FRA

4X100 MEDLEY RELAY

- 1) 4:01.50 Australia,AUS
- 2) 4:01.81 United States,USA
- 3) 4:02.63 China,CHN
- 4) 4:03.06 Germany,GER
- 5) 4:06.44 Japan,JPN
- 6) 4:06.66 Great Britain,GBR
- 7) 4:07.58 Russia,RUS
- 8) 4:08.10 Canada,CAN



DIVING

SPECTACULAR FINISH TO PLATFORM DIVING

The final and most spectacular event in diving was the men's 10 M platform, and resulted in one more Gold for China. They dominated the championships with eight golds, 13 total medals out of a possible 30.

Tian Liang finished the final with 688.77 – almost 18 points ahead of the young Canadian Alexandre Despatie.

The big surprise was Jose Guerra Oliva (CUB) in first after the semi final with 193.35. Jia Hu (CHN) and Mathew Helm (AUS) in second and third.

In the final Alexandre Despatie had the lead for the first four dives. Mostly due to his second dive a forward 4 1/2 somersault with a 3.5 degree of difficulty for which he received 90.30 points, the second highest in the finals.

Liang Tian (CHN) moved into the lead on the fifth of six rounds. His final score of 688.77 edged Despatie by 17 points.

It was difficult to say who was the best in the field. Tian Liang started his performance, getting the highest points in the first round with 91.20. The next dive surprised with 4 1/2 forward, tuck position. The only diver who took the risk to include this combination with such a high degree of difficulty into free program was Alexandre Despatie. The 16 year old Canadian performed it perfectly, receiving

90.30, the best mark of the round.

Jose Guerra (CUB) had two outstanding dives for which he received scores in the low 90s. His fourth dive only got 59.40 and he finished fourth.

Matthew Helm (AUS) was steady and did his best dive in the final round. His 670.23 missed second by only 73/100ths.

Jia Hu (CHN) had an unlucky day. First he missed 3 1/2 Back in tuck position (37.62 in total), then a 3 backward triple somersault armstand tuck position (38.40).

"I would like to congratulate the other medallists," Tian said. "The competition was tough. Although I missed a dive. I could pull myself together. Saoutine beat me at the last worlds, I was young then. The World Championships was the gold missing from my collection."

"I felt good during the event," Despatie said. "There were lots of good dives. I kind of ignore the pressure. There will be high expectation from me for 2004. Go and have fun, that what I like the most."

"I really didn't expect to do as well as I did today," Helm said. I was consistent. It feels great to be one of the best in the world."

PLATFORM MEN FINAL RESULTS

Rank	Name	YB	Nation	Prelm.R	Semi-F	Final	Total
1	TIAN Liang	79	CHN	514.62	188.22	500.55	688.77
2	DESPATIE Alexandre	85	CAN	446.73	186.48	484.47	670.95
3	HELM Mathew	80	AUS	394.47	191.16	479.07	670.23
4	GUERRA OLIVA Jose	79	CUB	389.88	193.35	466.05	659.40
5	HEMPEL Jan	71	GER	449.70	180.96	427.92	608.88
6	HU Jia	83	CHN	488.64	192.45	412.14	604.59
7	MEYER Heiko	76	GER	444.36	175.02	411.84	586.86
8	RUIZ Mark	79	USA	436.32	177.09	407.01	584.10
9	RUEDA Eduardo	72	MEX	394.59	163.71	397.83	561.54
10	LOUKASHIN Igor	79	RUS	387.06	168.99	384.78	553.77
11	KALEC Christopher	80	CAN	397.08	168.63	366.12	534.75
12	FORNARIS ALVAREZ Erick	79	CUB	402.60	162.45	350.58	513.03

DIVING MEDALS TOTALS

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	TOTAL
CHN	8	4	1	13
RUS	1	2	3	6
CAN	1	1	0	2
MEX	0	2	0	2
AUS	0	1	2	3
JPN	0	0	2	2
GER	0	0	1	1
UKR	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	10	10	10	30

RACE ANALYSIS

To access swimmer's race analysis data by web browser

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SWIMMING RECORDS July 29

WORLD

• Men's 1500 freestyle:

14:34.56 Grant Hackett,AUS (final)

CHAMPIONSHIPS

• Men's 1500 freestyle:

14:34.56 Grant Hackett,AUS (final)

• Men's 50 breaststroke:

27.52 Oleg Lisogor,UKR (final)

• Women's 4x100 medley relay:

4:01.50 Australia,AUS (final)

AMERICA

• Women's 100 backstroke:

1:00.18 Natalie Coughlin,USA (relay)

EUROPE

• Men's 50 breaststroke:

27.52 Oleg Lisogor,UKR (final)

• Women's 4x100 medley relay:

4:03.06 Germany,GER (final)

OCEANIA

• Men's 1500 freestyle:

14:34.56 Grant Hackett,AUS (final)

• Women's 4x100 medley relay:

4:01.50 Australia,AUS (final)

COMBINED MEDAL STANDINGS

All disciplines after July 29

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
AUS	13	4	6	23
CHN	10	6	4	20
USA	9	9	8	26
RUS	6	8	7	21
ITA	6	2	4	12
GER	4	7	8	19
NED	3	5	1	9
UKR	3	1	1	5
SWE	1	3	2	6
GBR	1	2	4	7
JPN	1	1	7	9
CAN	1	1	3	5
ROM	1	1	2	4
HUN	1	1	1	3
ESP	1	0	0	1
FRA	0	2	1	3
MEX	0	2	0	2
AUT	0	2	0	2
ISL	0	1	1	2
POL	0	1	0	1
SUI	0	1	0	1
YUG	0	1	0	1
CRC	0	1	0	1
RSA	0	0	1	1
	61	62	61	184