

THORPE BREAKS THIRD WORLD RECORD

After four days in three individual races and three world records, Ian Thorpe (AUS) has four golds and is on course for one of the greatest championships performances ever.

Men's 200m freestyle

A year ago this race was the turning point in Sydney. Today Ian Thorpe avenged that loss to Pieter van den Hoogenband (NED) with a crushing final length. Thorpe and van den Hoogenband swam stroke for stroke for 150 metres but then Thorpe turned on his powerful kick and moved into an insurmountable body length and a half lead at the finish.

It was a new world record of 1:44.06 breaking his former mark of 1:44.69. In second van den Hoogenband with 1:45.81

The splits:

Thorpe	24.81	51.45	1:18.26	1:44.06
		(26.64)	(26.81)	(25.80)
VDH	24.67	51.43	1:18.46	1:45.81
		(26.76)	(27.03)	(27.35)

"I am usually the hardest person to race against," Thorpe explained. "I try to do the best I can, no matter on what level. I didn't care about what anyone else was doing. It is very important to me to swim as fast as I swim. I have found Pieter (VDH) to be a tough competitor. In the past I have found him hard to beat. Today I swam my own race. It is a privilege to swim in the same pool with him he is a great swimmer and my personal friend.

"I have more races to swim so I would like to concentrate on them now."

"It came down to conditioning," van den Hoogenband said. "Thorpe was in such good shape tonight. I am not in the same condition I was in Sydney. He was terrific and we have to respect that. I had no special race plan tonight. I just swam as fast as I could and tried my best.

"This is how it goes in swimming, sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. I will come back." Better believe it.

Women's 100 freestyle

There was Inge de Bruijn (NED) and all the rest. The world record holder (53.77) showed her superiority with from the start and then moving ahead of the field with

each stroke. She had a body length lead at the fifty turning in 26.12 and moving steadily into the clear touching at the finish in 54.18 more than a second over everyone else.

Katrin Meissner (GER) second in 55.07 and Sandra Volker (GER) third with 55.11. Martina Moravcova (SVK) missed the medal by 1/100th to finish fourth in 55.12.

Inge de Bruijn paid tribute to her coach, "I would like to dedicate my medal to Jaco (Verhaeren). For the last five months he was working so hard to put me in shape and prepare me properly for these championships. I definitely owe my success to him."

Meissner and Volker were happy to medal, after winning the 4x100 free relay the previous day.

Men's 50 backstroke

Randall Bal (USA) who missed a medal in the 100 back made-up for it with a win the shorter distance in 25.34 over Thomas Rupprath (GER) 25.44 and Matt Welsh (AUS) 25.49 winner of the 100 back earlier.

"It was a tough race," Ball said. "I tried to go the first 15 metres underwater kicking hoping to gain an advantage. The rest was going as fast as I could, and looks like I did. My coach and my family support me a lot, I really want to thank them."

Rupprath set the championship record in the semis with 25.31 was not disappointed with the silver, "I'm pleased to medal as this not my specialty. I trained

hard mostly for the 100 fly."

I had a good start, I think much better than the other," Welsh said. "There's no time for mistake in the 50 metres. Make one and you're gone. I don't think I made any mistakes. I just need to get faster."

Women's 200 breaststroke

After a so-so 100 breaststroke (third) Agnes Kovacs (HUN) swimming against Hui Qi (CHN) who set a world record of 2:22.99 in April would have to be extraordinary. She has been all through her career so what followed was typical.

In well paced race 33.75, 1:10.82, 1:47.77, 2:24.90. She was in the lead after the 150 and knew it was now within her grasp. Always a big finisher she managed to get ahead of a group of five who were closely bunched together all scrambling to the finish. The two Chinese, Hui Qi in second with 2:25.09 and Xuejuan Luo third with 2:25.29.

Kovacs thought Beatrice Coadă (ROM) would be the one to beat. She moved in the lead at the 150 but couldn't finish and ended up sixth with 2:25.92.

"I tried to pace the race so I would be strong at the finish," Kovacs said.

World record holder Hui Qi, "I gave it my best shot. Since I came here, I did not feel good about my stroke. I worked very hard for this and have done the best I could here.

Women's 4x200 free

What seemed like to start of another Australian triumph ended in a farce. Australia lead for the whole race. When the race was over all the team jumped into the water, a no-no which resulted in the team being disqualified. Finishing in second, The United States was disqualified for their second swimmer leaving early, at least according to the results.

This resulted in Great Britain, Germany and Japan winning the medals. But no so as per the statement issued later in the evening:

The FINA Jury of Appeal will meet on Thursday (July 26) at 9:30 a.m. to decide about the appeals made by the National Teams of Australia, Great Britain and Japan concerning the women's 4x200m free relay.

Therefore, the final decision will be announced as soon as possible and the medal ceremony will take place in the afternoon.

SWIMMING MEDAL TOTALS July 25

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
AUS	6	3	1	10
USA	4	4	5	13
GER	2	4	3	9
NED	1	3	0	4
CHN	1	1	1	3
HUN	1	0	1	2
RUS	1	0	1	2
UKR	1	0	0	1
GBR	0	1	1	2
ITA	0	1	1	2
ISL	0	1	0	1
JPN	0	0	1	1
ROM	0	0	1	1
RSA	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	17	18	17	52

WOMEN'S WATER POLO July 25

Match 31 - Start Time 10:00 - BRA 5, JPN 5

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

BRA 5 (M Roriz 2, C Pedrosa 2, F Fernandes)
JPN 5 (M Mimaki 2, A Kakoshi 2, Y Mizuta)

In the first game of crossover play, the teams from Japan and Brazil played to a 5 all tie. The Brazil squad scored first and went to half-time with a 2-1 lead but Japan rallied back with three goals in the third period to lead at the end of the quarter.

Mariana Roriz (BRA), Camila Pedrosa (BRA), Mayu Mimaki (JPN), and Aya Kakoshi (JPN) each scored two goals to illustrate how evenly matched these teams played today. Brazilian goalkeeper Claudia Graner (BRA) had 5 saves on 10 shots while her counterpart in the far net, Akiko Inagaki (JPN) had 4 saves on 9 shots on the goal.

The bottom two teams in Group A play the low ranking teams of Group B. On Thursday, Brazil will meet up with New Zealand and Japan will face off against the Netherlands.

Match 32 - Start Time 11:15 NED 14, NZL 3

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

NED 14 (De Bruijn 6, S Root 2, J Oostendorp 2, G Van Den Berg 2, T Rodenhuis, H Peerenboom)
NZL 3 (M Thomson 3)

The team from the Netherlands won it's second game of the tournament today by defeating New Zealand by a score 13-2. The Dutch were powered by the formidable talent of Danielle De Bruijn (NED) who found the nets 6 times today, she now has 11 goals in the tournament. The Dutch will next meet the winless Japan team on Thursday.

New Zealand is another team in this tournament that has not won a game. Three goals from Megan Thomson (NZL) showed promise for the Kiwi's as they head into Thursday's competition with the Brazil team.

Match 33 - Start Time 12:30 USA 10, GRE 3

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

USA 10 (H Moody 3, E Lorenz 3, C Simmons 2, B Villa, M Dingeldein)

GRE 3 (S Petsali, K Oikonomopoulou, E.Moraitidou)

Heather Moody (USA) led the USA team to their fifth consecutive victory against no losses as they defeated the team from Greece 10-3. Moody (USA) scored three goals while teammates Ericka Lorenz (USA) and Coralie Simmons (USA) contributed two each to the USA tally. Lorenz now has 12 goals in the tournament. Goalkeeper Nicole Payne (USA) recorded 7 saves on 10 shots on the goal.

The USA played Italy to a draw one week ago today and have played tougher ever since. A rematch with Italy may be coming sooner than expected as the USA will face the winner of today's Australia vrs. Italy game.

The Greek team trailed 4-3 at the half and did not add to their score in the second half. Georgia Ellinaki (GRE) had 5 saves in front of the nets but was not able to stop 10 USA powered shots on the goal. The Greek team will play tomorrow against the loser of today's Australia vrs. Italy

game.

Match 34 - Start Time 13:45 CAN 9, RUS 8

2-3, 0-1, 2-1, 3-2 - Extra #1: 1-1, Extra #2: 0-0 - Extra #3: 1-0

CAN 9 (C Campbell 3, J Salat 2, S Gardiner, A Dewar, A Dow, J Begin)

RUS 8 (E Salimova 2, E Vassilieva 2, N Chepelina, S Kouzina, E Smurova, S Konoukh)

GOAL.....FINALLY.....At 4:06 in the third extra period Susan Gardiner (CAN) scored her only goal of the day, but it ended 38 minutes and 6 seconds of a seesaw battle in the Nishi pool. The Russian team was up 4-2 at the first half and everything looked fine until the Canadians got mad. As the old saying goes, don't get mad, get even and that's exactly what was on the mind of the Canadian squad.

The Canadian's came from behind with a penalty shot by Johnanne Begin (CAN) to tie it at 5's, Cora Campbell (CAN) did the same at 6's, then at 37 seconds in the fourth quarter Canada scored to tie it at 7 all.

The tie forced the game into a three minute overtime and Ekaterina Salimova (RUS) scored her second net of the day and 9th of the tournament to put the Russian team ahead 8-7.

With only 7.6 seconds left in the extra period Jana Salat (CAN) spoke next for the Canadian team when she landed her second goal of the day and her 9th of the competition - the game was now tied again at 8's.

The second three minute overtime was like watching a swim meet and each team was eager to go one goal ahead before the clock ran out. No such luck!

It was not until 4:06 into the third "sudden death" period when Susan Gardiner (CAN) made the game winning goal that dashed the hopes of the Russian squad. The Russians can finish no higher than 5th place and will next face the loser of today's game between Hungary and Khazakstan.

The team from Canada will play on Thursday against the winner of today's game between Hungary and Khazakstan. A win tomorrow could put them in a race for the gold medal at this championship. If both the USA and Canada win on Thursday, those two teams will match up for the gold medal game on Friday.

Match 35 - Start Time 15:00 - ITA 4, AUS 1

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

ITA 4 (M Miceli 2, T Di Mario, M Grego)

AUS 1 (Y Higgins)

Italy defeated the reigning Olympic champion by a score of 4 to 1 and in doing so the Italian team has advanced to the medal round. Martina Miceli (ITA) scored two goals in a game where the Italian team was never behind.

The Italians converted 3 of the 7 extra man opportunities into goals. Goalkeeper Francesca Conti (ITA) had 11 saves on 12 shots on goal.

The Italian team will next face the USA in a rematch of their first game exactly one week ago today. That game ended in a tie, 8-8. The winner o the USA - Italy battle will play for the gold medal against the winner of Canada vs. Hungary game, the semifinals are set for Thursday and the

finals for Friday.

Australia will meet Greece tomorrow and the best the Australian team can finish is 5th place. Yvette Higgins (AUS) scored the only goal for the Australia team.

Match 36 - Start Time 16:15 HUN 12, KAZ 5

5-1, 3-0, 2-1, 2-3

HUN 12 (E Valkay 2, A Pelle 2, A Valkay 2, K Szremko, Z Tiba, E Sipos, M STieber, K Redet, R Dravic)

KAZ 5 (L Olkhina, A Jakaeva, T Gubina, Y Shishova, A Jakaeva)

In the last game of the quarter final round, Hungary defeated Khazakstan by a 12-5 margin to advance to the medal rounds. Three Hungarian players had two goals each and six others contributed a single goal. The Hungarians scored twice on power plays.

Hungary will match up against Canada on Thursday in the semifinal round of the competition. The winner of tomorrow's game will square off in the gold medal round against the winner of the USA vs. Italy game.

Five different Khazakstan players each scored a single goal during today's losing effort. Khazakstan will play against Russia and the winner of that duel will contest for 5th place. Neither nation can finish higher than 5th nor lower than 8th place.

MEN'S WATER POLO July 25

Match 33, 09:00, BRA 5 GER 5

4-0, 0-2, 1-2, 0-1

BRA 5 (R Perrone, Y Galindo 2, R Seabra) GER 5 (T Schertwits, B Kohle, T Kreuzmann, T Wollthan, J Pohlmann)

The first of the Group F games proves how close this competition is with the second draw in two days. Yesterday, Germany had a 6-all draw with Canada and now has two draws with its last match tomorrow against Japan. But today's draw was hard come by as Brazil shot to a 4-0 lead by quarter time with master-blaster Ricardo Perrone scoring and Yansel Galindo gaining two goals. Perrone added a second goal late in the third period to lead the standings with 13 goals, but the final three quarters were dominated by Germany. Two goals came in each of the middle periods from four different players and then Jens Pohlmann posted the final goal midway through the last. Germany's inattention and lacklustre play in the opening period happened for the second consecutive day and is a far cry from Sunday's excellent first half against Hungary before letting the game slip away. Brazil scored two from five on extra and Germany one from six.

Match 34, 10:30, CAN 12 JPN 9

5-2, 3-3, 2-2, 2-2

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Match 35, 12:00, YUG 8 HUN 7

1-1, 1-0, 4-2, 2-4

YUG (A Sagic 3, V Uskokovic 2, D Savic, V Jelenic, P Trbojevic) HUN 7 (T Kasas 3, A Vari, G Kiss 2).

Coming back from four goals down was always going to be too hard, even for the Olympic champion Hungarian team. With Petar Trbojevic putting Hungary 7-3 up at the start of the fourth period, Hungary was in serious trouble. The Yugoslavian defence had been just too good. But then the Hungarians showed what champions they are by scoring three successive goals, one from Attila Vari on extra and two from Tamas Kasas (the third raising him to 10 goals), one from outside and the other an extra-man shot which just slipped over the line. That last shot was at 1:18 and the game was live but Aleksandar Sagic scored his third goal (nine for the tournament) from a free throw outside seven metres and only 48 seconds left on the clock. After a Hungarian timeout, Gergely Kiss scored with 18 seconds left but Yugoslavia maintained possession until the end. Yugoslavian made the most of its chances on extra, scoring four from seven. Hungary made five from 11.

Match 36, 13:30, ESP 10 NED 5

2-1, 1-1, 4-0, 3-3.

ESP 10 (J Sanchez Toril 3, G Hernandez, G Marcos 2, I Moro, S Pedrerol, I Perez) NED 5 (E Uri 2, H van der Meer, B Boom, M Siewers)

Spain is on the verge of qualifying for the top four with a scrappy 10-5 victory over the Netherlands. With a +20 differential, Spain has the goals behind it to progress. Unbeaten Spain, however, made the game too hard for itself, only leading 3-2 at halftime over the part-timers. Then Spain unleashed a 4-0 third quarter to control the game, even though the Dutch staged a resurgence in the final quarter, which was drawn 3-3. The Spaniards have yet to fire on all cylinders but are

building for the finals. They scored four extra-man goals and a penalty with the other five from the field, one a few seconds past the exclusion time. Four of the Netherlands' goals came from action with the just the first by Elco Uri coming off extra. Javier Sanchez Toril, who only scored one goal before this match, rattled off a game-high triple from four shot attempts.

Match 37, 15:00, KAZ 10 SVK 7

3-1, 2-1, 2-1, 3-4

KAZ 10 (I Zaitsev 3, I Zagoruiko 2, Y Prokhin, Y Zhilyaev, S Drozdov, A Sevostyanov, Y Smolovyy) SVK 7 (M Cipov 2, P Nizny, J Hrosik, R Polacik, R Kaid, K Baco).

Kazakhstan was up and Slovakia was down. One look at the bench after the game told the story. Slovakia has played well all tournament but not today as Kazakhstan went from 3-1 at the quarter to 5-2 at halftime and then 7-3 before slowing down. Slovakia recovered in the final period, scoring the last three goals in 88 seconds for just a three-goal loss. Kazakhstan had the better shooters obviously, but it looked more like a side switched on while the other couldn't find the switch. Slovakia scored only one extra and gained a penalty goal while Kazakhstan rammed in three on extra and another just outside 20 seconds before the defender returned to the play. Ivan Zaitsev scored in each of the first three quarters with Igor Zagoruiko scoring either side of halftime. Karol Baco's final goal for Slovakia kept him in second-equal place on the tournament high-scorer list with Spain's Ivan Perez on 11.

Match 38, 16:30, USA 6 AUS 5

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

USA 6 (A Azevedo 2, J Pope, J Powers, L Beaubien, S Kern) AUS 5 (N Thomas, T Neesham 2, G Woods).

The United States of America moved one step closer to the top eight when it beat Australia 6-5. The team from Oceania will now slip into the round 9-12 at the weekend without a win in the past two days. These teams are always evenly matched and this was shown in the first half when they swapped goals. The edge came in the third while the last was scoreless. Seven of the 11 goals came on extra with Australia gaining four from six. The USA, who had eight attempts on extra, pressured Australia into mistakes and will now be hoping that the Aussies will beat the Netherlands to assist the USA into the top eight. Young star Tony Azevedo scored two for the USA and Aussie veteran and skipper Nathan Thomas, who plays alongside Spanish star Ivan Perez for Barcelona in Spain, also scored twice.

Match 39, 18:00, GRE 8 ITA 7

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

GRE 8 (T Chatzitheodorou, K Loudis, I Thomakos 2, A Vontakis, A Schizas) ITA 7 (A Angelini 3, A Calcaterra 2, B Rath, M Felugo).

Ioannis Thomakos had not scored a goal in Fukuoka before this match but the second he scored tonight must surely go down in his collection of favourites goals. Thomakos put Greece ahead over Italy 5.8 seconds from fulltime to grab the lead for the first time in the match. Italy had made all the running, leading at all three breaks but could not continue in the final period, allowing Greece to score three goals in just over three minutes at the end of the game. Firstly Theodoros Chatzitheodorou gained his 10th tournament goal and then Loudis gained his second of the match on extra. Following a timeout, Thomakos bounced the ball from out top into goal for the win. An Italian timeout after some confusion with the clock, failed to gain the desired

shot. Alberto Angelini was the star for Italy with three goals but he couldn't stop Greece beating Italy for a second time in two weeks, having won 5-4 in the pre-Worlds Hong Kong tournament.

Match 40, 19:30, RUS 8 CRO 7

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

RUS 8 (I Zinnourov 3, D Gorshkov 2, N Kozlov, R Tchomakhidze, A Yeryshov) CRO 7 (T Dogas, S Letica 2, M Smolaka, I Hinic, V Kobesack).

Russia shot through to the semifinals one day early with a one-goal win over Croatia. There was never more than a goal in it for much of the match but then in the fourth period, Russia scored three straight goals to lead 8-5. At 1:29, Croatia's Teo Dogas scored on extra and with 13 seconds to go, team-mate Vjekoslav Kobesack repeated the effort but Russia controlled the ball up the field to wind down the clock and win the match. Russia scored five extra-man goals from 10 attempts with Croatia earning four from seven. Irek Zinnourov, former Russian captain, had a perfect shooting record with three from three in a low-shooting game with Russia only taking 19 shots, compared to Croatia's 22.

WATER POLO ANALYSIS

Reigning champion Spain and Russia will get some finals practice in today when they face off in a Group F match in the men's water polo competition at Hakata-no-Mori Centre Court Pool.

Both have qualified for the semifinals but will play today to find out their positions in the group.

Hungary needs just a draw in Group E against Italy today to progress to the medal round but Italy needs the win to probably join Yugoslavia, who should beat Kazakhstan today.

The minor battles for who will get into the top eight and qualify for next year's World Cup in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, are finalised today.

Saturday and Sunday are the classification days.

Competition will end today for the four teams in Group G with Brazil and

Canada facing each other to probably decide 13th place.

Today's men's draw:

09:00	GER	v	JPN
10:30	BRA	v	CAN
12:00	SVK	v	GRE
13:30	USA	v	CRO
15:00	YUG	v	KAZ
16:30	NED	v	AUS
18:00	ITA	v	HUN
19:30	RUS	v	ESP

Leading goalscorers

Brazil's Ricardo Perrone scored two more goals today and is the highest individual scorer at these championships. With 13 goals, he is leading Slovakia's Karol Baco and Spain's Ivan Perez, who are on 11.

On 10 goals are Greece's Theodoros Chatzitheodorou, Italy's Alessandro Calcaterra and Hungary's Gabor Kiss and Tamas Kasas. Italy's Alessandro Sagic, Australia's Nathan Thomas and Canada's Mikael Sabo have nine goals each. Eight players have eight goals after five days of competition.

CHINESE SWEEP WOMEN'S PLATFORM

Two precocious 14 year-old Chinese took top spots in platform diving.

After the first round Qing Duan (CHN) was in the lead with 187.65 and Mian Xu (CHN) in second with 184.71.

Loudy Tourky (AUS) had the lead after the semis with 349.53, followed by the Chinese.

In the final round of five dives Min Xu prevailed at the end with 532.65 points, with Qing Duan second with 522.54. Both blew their fourth dives but still managed to end with the top two scores. Xu missed a back 2 1/2 somersault in the pike position which received only 38.28 points. Even worse was the fourth dive by Duan an armstand backward triple somersault in tuck position, which received 25.92. But both had solid marks ranging from the 72 to 82 for Xu and

69.12 to 82.80 from Duan, for the rest.

Loudy Tourky (AUS) in third with 511.50, didn't miss any of her dives but generally her scores were not high enough to move ahead of the Chinese ranging from 61.56 to 77.76.

Winner Xu said, "I regret missing that fourth dive. I feel bad that I couldn't perform at my best. I'm pleased to win the gold at my first world championships.

"When I go back to China I want to train harder. I need to improve the consistency and accuracy of my dive. I plan to compete in 2008."

I thought I had a good chance of winning a medal," Loudy Tourky (AUS) said. "After I finished second in the prelims I knew a medal was possible. I've been performing well since the Olympics. I'm glad it all came together this afternoon."

10m PLATFORM WOMEN FINAL RESULTS

Rank	Name	YB	Nation	Prelm.R	Semi-F	Final	Total
1	XU Mian	87	CHN	311.07	184.71	347.94	532.65
2	DUAN Qing	87	CHN	321.48	187.65	334.89	522.54
3	TOURKY Loudy	79	AUS	315.51	161.97	349.53	511.50
4	ZHUPINA Olena	73	UKR	291.57	176.64	331.26	507.90
5	BOILEAU Myriam	77	CAN	293.91	170.13	310.98	481.11
6	MIYAZAKI Takiri	78	JPN	290.76	165.03	315.75	480.78
7	WALTER Annika	75	GER	272.40	160.65	300.69	461.34
8	TIMOSHININA Svetlana	73	RUS	311.04	175.74	282.93	458.67
9	STEUER Christin	83	GER	308.61	157.62	287.58	445.20
10	VELOSO Juliana	80	BRA	296.91	150.81	289.71	440.52
11	KHRISTOFOROVA Olga	80	KAZ	297.12	157.98	281.76	439.74
12	KLOKOVA Olga	82	RUS	314.34	147.51	266.31	413.82

SWIMMING FINALS July 25

MEN

200 METRES FREESTYLE

- 1:44.06 Ian Thorpe, 82, AUS
- 1:45.81 Pieter vdHoogenband, 78, NED
- 1:47.10 Klete Keller, 82, USA
- 1:47.58 Emiliano Brembilla, 78, ITA
- 1:48.13 William Kirby, 75, AUS
- 1:48.86 Jacob Carstensen, 78, DEN
- 1:49.39 Mark Johnston, 79, CAN
- 1:49.54 Scott Goldblatt, 79, USA

50 METRES BACKSTROKE

- 25.34 Randall Bal, 80, USA
- 25.44 Thomas Rupprath, 77, GER
- 25.49 Matt Welsh, 76, AUS
- 25.69 Stev Theloke, 78, GER
- 25.82 Mariusz Siembida, 75, POL
- 25.98 Riley Janes, 80, CAN
- 26.05 Josh Watson, 77, AUS
- 26.40 Vyacheslav Shyrshov, 79, UKR

WOMEN

100 METRES FREESTYLE

- 54.18 Inge de Bruijn, 73, NED
- 55.07 Katrin Meissner, 73, GER
- 55.11 Sandra Volker, 74, GER
- 55.12 Martina Moravcova, 76, SVK
- 55.19 Elena Poptchenko, 79, BLR
- 55.38 Yanwei Xu, 84, CHN
- 55.42 Johanna Sjoberg, 78, SWE
- 55.53 Sarah Ryan, 77, AUS

200 METRES BREASTSTROKE

- 2:24.90 Agnes Kovacs, 81, HUN
- 2:25.09 Hui Qi, 85, CHN
- 2:25.29 Xuejuan Luo, 84, CHN
- 2:25.46 Leisel Jones, 85, AUS
- 2:25.84 Kristy Kowal, 78, USA
- 2:25.92 Beatrice Caslaru, 75, ROM
- 2:26.83 Olga Bakaldina, 85, RUS
- 2:27.96 Mirna Jukic, 86, AUT

4X200 FREE RELAY

Results pending Jury of Appeal decision

RECORD SETTERS July 25

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

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• Men's 100 butterfly:

52.17 Lars Frolander, SWE (semis)

• Women's 200 breaststroke:

2:24.90 Agnes Kovacs, HUN (final)

• Women's 50 butterfly:

26.52 Natalie Coughlin, USA (prelims)

26.10 Inge de Bruijn, NED (semis)

ASIA

• Men's 200 breaststroke:

2:12.21 Kosuke Kitajima, JPN (semis)

• Men's 100 butterfly:

52.55 Takasji Yamamoto, JPN (semis)

• Men's 200 individual medley:

2:01.46 Jiro Miki, JPN (semis)

OCEANIA

• Men's 200 freestyle:

1:44.06 Ian Thorpe, AUS (final)

• Men's 50 backstroke:

25.49 Matt Walsh, (AUS) (final)

• Men's 200 breaststroke:

2:12.34 Regan Harrison, AUS (semis)

• Women's 50 butterfly:

26.78e Petria Thomas, AUS (semis)



COMBINED MEDAL STANDINGS

All disciplines after July 25

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
RUS	6	5	2	13
AUS	6	3	3	12
GER	5	4	3	12
USA	4	4	5	13
CHN	4	4	2	10
ITA	3	1	3	7
NED	1	4	1	6
JPN	1	1	4	6
CAN	1	0	2	3
HUN	1	0	1	2
UKR	1	0	0	1
FRA	0	2	1	3
GBR	0	1	1	2
ISL	0	1	0	1
MEX	0	1	0	1
RSA	0	0	1	1
ROM	0	0	1	1
	33	31	30	94