



FINA/ARENA SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2011



Le Clos and Alshammar the best in Beijing

Chad Le Clos (RSA) and **Therese Alshammar** (SWE) were the best performers of the sixth meet of the FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup 2011, held in the "Water Cube" in Beijing (CHN) on November 8-9. Le Clos left the Chinese capital with 7 medals, including 6 victories in the men's 200m free, 100m and 200m butterfly and the three medley events (and a silver medal in the 100m free). He got the best performance of the meet thanks to his 200m fly win in 1:51.74 (931 points). The South African is now comfortably leading the overall ranking of the competition and almost assured the 2011 World Cup title, before the last leg in Tokyo (JPN).

Besides Le Clos, other highlights among men included the triumph of Kyle Richardson (AUS) in the 50m and 100m free, the win of his compatriot Christian Sprenger in the 50m and 100m breaststroke, and also the double victory of Xiaolei Sun (CHN) in the 50m and 100m backstroke.

In the women's field, Therese Alshammar was the best in the 50m and 100m butterfly, getting the most valuable performance in Beijing with her win in the longer distance (55.76, 962 points). The Swede also reinforced her lead of the overall ranking and has solid chances to revalidate the 2010 title in Tokyo. Other multi-winners in Beijing included Australians Emma McKeon (50m and 100m free), Blair Evans (200m and 400m free), and Leiston Pickett (50m and 100m breast), Jing Zhao (CHN, 50m back and 100m IM) and Hye Ra Choi (KOR, 200m butterfly and 200m IM).

FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup 2011 calendar:

October 7-8, 2011	Dubai	UAE
October 15-16, 2011	Stockholm	SWE
October 18-19, 2011	Moscow	RUS
October 22-23, 2011	Berlin	GER
November 4-5, 2011	Singapore	SIN
November 8-9, 2011	Beijing	CHN
November 12-13, 2011	Tokyo	JPN

6th Meet – November 8-9, in Beijing (CHN) WINNERS

	MEN (M)	WOMEN (W)
50m free	Kyle Richardson (AUS) 21.75	Emma McKeon (AUS) 24.15
100m free	Kyle Richardson (AUS) 47.38	Emma McKeon (AUS) 53.09
200m free	Chad Le Clos (RSA) 1:43.62	Blair Evans (AUS) 1:54.81
400m free	Robert Hurley (AUS) 3:41.93	Blair Evans (AUS) 3:58.31
800m free (W)	-	Lili Zhou (CHN) 8:18.79
1500m free (M)	Yun Hao (CHN) 14:40.15	-
50m back	Xiaolei Sun (CHN) 23.34	Jing Zhao (CHN) 26.52
100m back	Xiaolei Sun (CHN) 50.99	Chang Gao (CHN) 57.22
200m back	Omar Pinzon (COL) 1:50.46	Melissa Ingram (NZL) 2:03.00
50m breast	Christian Sprenger (AUS) 26.64	Leiston Pickett (AUS) 30.23
100m breast	Christian Sprenger (AUS) 57.99	Leiston Pickett (AUS) 1:05.49
200m breast	Marco Koch (GER) 2:04.72	Kanako Watanabe (JPN) 2:19.05
50m butterfly	Feng Shi (CHN) 23.47	Therese Alshammar (SWE) 25.40
100m butterfly	Chad Le Clos (RSA) 50.93	Therese Alshammar (SWE) 55.76
200m butterfly	Chad Le Clos (RSA) 1:51.74	Hye Ra Choi (KOR) 2:03.65
100m ind. medley	Chad Le Clos (RSA) 52.89	Liuyang Jiao (CHN) & Jing Zhao (CHN) 59.50
200m ind. medley	Chad Le Clos (RSA) 1:55.04	Hye Ra Choi (KOR) 2:07.72
400m ind. medley	Chad Le Clos (RSA) 4:07.35	Min Zhou (CHN) 4:30.66