



FINA 10KM MARATHON SWIMMING & GRAND PRIX 2010

Busy weekend mobilises the best in Argentina

On February 6 and 7, 2010, the series of FINA's two major open water swimming circuits continued in Argentina. On Saturday, the second leg of the **10km Marathon Swimming** World Cup was held in **Viedma (ARG)**. On Sunday, the third and longest race (88km) of the Grand Prix took place in Hernandarias-Parana (ARG).

In the 10km Marathon event, **Francis Crippen** (USA) finished first in 1h50m57s. Chad Ho (RSA), who concluded second in the first leg in Santos (BRA), won silver again in 1h51m00s. Petar Stoychev (BUL) arrived in third place in 1h51m02s. He was closely followed by Michael Dimitriev (ISR) and Allan Do Carmo (BRA, third in Santos).

In the women's field, it was a tough race with **Angela Maurer** (GER), only fifth in Santos, eventually taking gold in 1h58m34s. Karla Sitic (CRO) and Eva Fabian (USA) were both competing for silver, and it is Karla Sitic who finally obtained the second position. Ana Marcela Cunha (BRA, first in Santos) finished in fourth place.

At **Hernandarias-Parana**, after spending more than eight hours in the water, it is **Damian Blaum** (ARG) who was the fastest in 8h23m21s. The Argentinean was fourth in Santa Fe on January 31. Alexander Studzinski (GER) took silver, as he did in the first two races, this time in 8h23m23s. Rodolfo Valenti (ITA) finished third, like in Santa Fe, clocking 8h25m02s.

Among women, **Pilar Ceijo** (ARG, third in Santa Fe) crossed the finish line after 8h34m22s. Esther Nunez Morera (ESP), who finished third in Rosario and first in Santa Fe, arrived in second place in 8h40m02s. Shelley Clark (AUS, second in Santa Fe) took bronze in 8h43m36s. Six women only managed to complete the 88-kilometre race.

FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup 2010 calendar:

Race 1: January 31, 2010 in Santos (BRA)

Race 2: February 6, 2010 in Viedma (ARG)

Race 3: June 26, 2010 in Setubal (POR)

Race 4: July 25, 2010 in Lac St-Jean (CAN)

Race 5: September 25, 2010 in Shantou (CHN)

Race 6: October 3, 2010 in Hong Kong (HKG)

Race 7: October 9, 2010 in Cancun (MEX)

Race 8: October 23, 2010 in Sharjah (UAE)

FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2010 calendar:

Race 1: January 24, 2010 in Rosario (ARG)

Race 2: January 31, 2010 in Santa Fe (ARG)

Race 3: February 7, 2010 in Hernandarias-Parana (ARG)

Race 4: April 17, 2010 in Sumidero Canyon (MEX)

Race 5: June 27, 2010 in Capri-Napoli (ITA)

Race 6: July 11, 2010 in Sabac (SRB)

Race 7: July 31, 2010 in Lac St-Jean (CAN)

Race 8: August 7, 2010 in Lac Magog (CAN)

Race 9: October 27, 2010 in Dubai (UAE)

Date to be confirmed, in Ohrid (MKD)