



FINA OPEN WATER SWIMMING GRAND PRIX 2010

Petar Stoychev (BUL) and Esther Nunez (ESP) win 57 km-race in Santa Fe (ARG)

On January 31, 2010, 23 open water swimmers contested the second leg of the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix, a demanding 57-kilometre race, which took place between **Santa Fe and Coronda**, in Argentina.

Petar Stoychev (BUL), gold medalist of the Grand Prix in 2009 (and in all previous editions since 2001), won the race, rounding up in 6h57m52s. He took the lead only 600 metres from the finish line. Alexander Studzinski (GER) was racing closely behind and grabbed silver, timing 6h57m59s. Rodolfo Valenti (ITA, sixth of the Grand Prix in 2009) finished third in 6h58m58s while Damián Blaum (ARG, second of the Grand Prix in 2009) took the fourth place. In the first race of the season, on January 24 in Rosario (ARG), Stoychev had been only 11th.

Esther Nunez (ESP) was first in the women's race in 7h26m08s; she had finished third one week ago in Rosario. Shelley Clark (AUS) finished second in 7h28m45s and Pilar Geijo (ARG, second of the Grand Prix in 2009) was granted the third place, timing 7h31m05s.

Full 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)

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