

FINA/ARENA SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2007

Lausanne (SUI), November 14, 2007 – Therese Alshammar delighted her fans in Stockholm by setting a new World Cup record in the first day of the fifth meet of the 2007 FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup that took place on November 13-14. In the women's 50m free, the Swedish star clocked 23.79, smashing the previous mark set by the Australian Lisbeth Lenton in 2005 (23.85). On Day 2, Alshammar won the 50m butterfly in 25.54, establishing the best female performance of the meet (1055 points). With this result, she left Stockholm as the provisional leader of the World Cup women's ranking - the American Natalie Coughlin, the first so far, did not swim in the Swedish capital. Amongst men, Randall Bal (USA) also took a decisive advance in the lead of the men's ranking, by establishing the best male performance of the Swedish rendezvous. The American clocked 23.49 in the 50m backstroke in the second day of the competition, a performance worth 1031 points according to the FINA Points Table. Already leader of the ranking before the Swedish rendezvous, Bal is heading to the last two meets of the circuit (Berlin, in Germany, and Belo Horizonte, in Brazil) with 120 points. Moreover, in Stockholm, he collected three more gold medals in the backstroke events (50m, 100m and 200m), as in the previous four legs of this World Cup.

5th Meet Winners in Stockholm

	WOMEN (W)	MEN (M)
50m free	Therese Alshammar (SWE) 23.79 (WCR)	Stefan Nystrand (SWE) 21.16
100m free	Marleen Veldhuis (NED) 52.30	Stefan Nystrand (SWE) 46.48
200m free	Josefin Lillhage (SWE) 1:54.59	Tae-Hwan Park (KOR) 1:43.87
400m free	Lotte Friis (DEN) 4:03.71	Tae-Hwan Park (KOR) 3:42.14
800m free (W)	Lotte Friis (DEN) 8:20.63	-
1500m free (M)	-	Tae-Hwan Park (KOR) 14:36.42
50m backstr.	Daniela Samulski (GER) 27.52	Randall Bal (USA) 23.49
100m backstr.	Fabiola Molina (BRA) 58.98	Randall Bal (USA) 51.01
200m backstr.	Iryna Amshennikova (UKR) 2:07.30	Randall Bal (USA) 1:51.85
50m breaststr.	Yulia Efimova (RUS) 30.42	Robin van Aggele (NED) 27.19
100m breaststr.	Yulia Efimova (RUS) 1:05.41	Robin van Aggele (NED) 59.14
200m breaststr.	Yulia Efimova (RUS) 2:21.41	Grigory Falko (RUS) 2:08.85
50m butterfly	Therese Alshammar (SWE) 25.54	Roland Schoeman (RSA) 23.14
100m butterfly	Inge Dekker (NED) 57.10	Andrew Lauterstein (AUS) 51.60
200m butterfly	Audrey Lacroix (CAN) 2:04.53	Pawel Korzeniowski (POL) 1:53.19
100m medley	Sophie De Ronchi (FRA) 1:00.81	Thiago Pereira (BRA) 52.97
200m medley	Otylia Jędrzejczak (POL) 2:10.06	Thiago Pereira (BRA) 1:55.08
400m medley	Jessica Pengelly (RSA) 4:38.27	Thiago Pereira (BRA) 4:06.30

Provisional leaders of the World Cup after the 5th meet:

MEN	Country	Points
1. Randall Bal	USA	120
2. Nikolay Skvortsov	RUS	65
3. Gerhard Zandberg	RSA	40
WOMEN	Country	Points
1. Therese Alshammar	SWE	90
2. Natalie Coughlin	USA	70
3. Josefin Lillhage	SWE	37

NEXT Meet: November 17-18 in Berlin (GER)

- November 23-25 in Belo Horizonte (BRA)