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FINA 10km MARATHON SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2012

Gianniotis (GRE) reclaims a spot at the top, Fabian (USA) best among women

Nice performances and close finishes were observed last weekend during the second stage of the **FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup in Viedma (ARG)** on February 4. The competition welcomed 24 women and 31 men from 20 countries, including some big names in the world of open water.

The powerful **Spyridon Gianniotis** (GRE) prevailed with a solid win over the rest of the field, touching home in 1:55:29.01. Also winner of Race 1, the Greek continues to be the top qualifier in the event. His closest challenger was Canada's rising open water star **Richard Weinberger**, who took bronze in Santos and arrived three seconds behind (1:55:32.18) in Viedma. Russian great **Evgeny Drattsev** was third with a time of 1:55:35.32.

Among women, U.S. medal hope **Eva Fabian** had a comfortable victory in 2:02:08.11, putting a full six-second gap between herself and second-place finisher and teammate **Haley Anderson** (2:02:14.14). Germany's **Nadine Reichert** improved her fourth place from Santos to secure the bronze medal, clocking 2:02:21.23.

Due to severe weather conditions in the Parana, the third leg of the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix is postponed until further notice.

FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 calendar:

Race 1: January 29 in Santos (BRA)

Race 2: February 4 in Viedma (ARG)

NEXT RACE: April 1 in Eilat (ISR)

Race 4: April 21 in Cancun (MEX)

Race 5: July 26 in Lac St-Jean (CAN)

Race 6: August 11 in Lac Megantic (CAN)

Race 7: October 7 in Hong Kong (HKG)

Race 8: October 14 in Shantou (CHN)

FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2012 calendar:

Race 1: January 22 in Rosario (ARG, 15km)

Race 2: January 29 in Santa Fe-Coronda (ARG, 57km)

Race 3: February 5 in Hernandarias-Parana (ARG, 88km) postponed

Race 4: June 17 in Capri-Napoli (ITA, 36km)

Race 5: July 28 in Lac St-Jean (CAN, 32km)

Race 6: August 4 in Lac Magog (CAN, 34km)

Race 7: August 5 in Sabac (SRB, 19km)

Race 8: August 11 in Ohrid Lake (MKD, 33km)