



Press release

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Swimming - Swim Cup Lausanne

Hungary's Katinka Hosszu lights up the pool in Lausanne

The first edition of the Swim Cup Lausanne lived up to its billing, with exciting performances and emotional moments witnessed by all present at the Mon-Repos indoor pool. The incredible line-up of swimming talent gathered in the home of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne, Switzerland truly had the audience on its feet and cheering from start to finish. 3-time Olympic champion Katinka Hosszu (HUN) dominated the proceedings, taking the top spot in the 8 events she competed in over the course of the weekend. The members of the Swiss Olympic team present put on a spectacular performance for the home crowd, breaking 3 national records. The record setting swimmers were Maria Ugolkova (SC Uster Wallisellen), the talented local from the canton of Vaud who swam the 100m individual medley in an impressive 1:00:68 and Jeremy Desplanches from Geneva who outperformed his own record in the 400m individual medley with a new national best of 4:07:46 and set a second national record in the 100m individual medley with an outstanding time of 53:55.

The Iron Lady lights up Lausanne

The Hungarian, **Katinka Hosszu** exceeded all expectations. The competition at Mon-Repos offered as much action and excitement as any international event. After her haul of 9 medals at the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in Windsor, Canada, she put on professional swimming demonstration for the Swiss fans taking the win in all 8 events she contested. As if that wasn't enough, 7 of her results ranked in the Top 10 of the world's best times for the year.

17-year old American swimming sensation **Michael Andrew** had promised to be a serious threat to some of the more experienced swimmers in the field. He certainly lived up to his star status, taking home the 100m individual medley title in 53:11 while narrowly defeating the 2-time reigning world champion from Germany, **Marco Koch** who finished with a time of 53:18. Nonetheless, Koch put on some outstanding performances, winning two of his favourite events, the 100m and 200m breaststroke in 57:30 and 2:04:03 respectively.

The Swim Cup Lausanne played its role perfectly as a platform for young Swiss swimmers to spend time with their idols and test their talents against them in the pool. The representatives of Switzerland swam impressively and made it quite clear to all involved that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the future with 27 podium performances from 32 events contested.

The team from Lausanne Natation, which had dreamt of bringing back to life the 'MIL' - meeting international de Lausanne (Lausanne international swim meet) – succeeded in making that dream come true. The athletes were extremely impressed by the professionalism of the organisation and very appreciative of the support and the acclamations from the audience in attendance over the 2 days of competition. Naturally, the second edition of the Swim Cup Lausanne has already been confirmed for 16 & 17 December 2017. See you next year!

For full event results please see:

<https://www.swimrankings.net/services/CalendarFile/16282/Results.pdf>

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