



Press release

European Junior Championships - Diving and Synchronised Swimming

Russia is once more number one

Belgrade (pps) After the conclusion of the competitions in Synchronised Swimming and Diving, Russia has once again defended its number one position at the European Junior Championships in Belgrade. Two days prior to the start of the Swimming events Russia managed to take the top spot of medal tables in both disciplines. A “clean sweep” in the four Synchronised Swimming disciplines: Solo, Duet, Team, and Combination, and nine gold, five silver, and two bronze medals in the Diving competitions. Thus, in Diving the Russians were far ahead of second-placed Ukraine (2-3-3) and Italy (2-1-4) in third place.

Diving: Nine gold medals for Russia; and five for Ukraine, Italy, and Germany together

Two of the nine Russian gold medals went to Igor Myalin, who defended his Platform title successfully and also won the 1m Springboard competition. Myalin’s compatriot Evgeniya Selezneva, who returned home with three gold medals in 2010 and now participated in Category A, took the gold medal in the 1m Springboard event.

Oleg Kolodiy and Oleksandr Bondar, the stars on the Ukrainian team, successfully defended their title in the 3m synchro event (Boys A and B). Bondar additionally defended his 2010 gold medal in the 10m Platform competition with a top performance (620.75 points).

Giovanni Tocci (1m Springboard - Boys A) and Elena Bertocchi (3m Springboard - Girls A) captured gold for Italy. Tina Punzel from Germany took silver in the 3m Springboard (Girls A), her compatriot Louisa Stawczynski delivered a surprise when she took gold in the 10m Platform competition (Girls B).



2010 Platform champion Rosemary Medlock of Great Britain won bronze in the 10m Platform and Grace Reid, the 1m silver medal winner from 2010, finished second in the 3m Springboard event.

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2011 European Junior Diving Medallists

1m Springboard

Boys B (14-15 years)

1. Igor Myalin (RUS)	432.45
2. Kacper Lesiak (POL)	376.40
3. Sam Thornton (GBR)	359.55

Boys A (16-18 years)

1. Giovanni Tocci (ITA)	495.10
2. Sergey Zhdanov (RUS)	469.85
3. Oleg Kolodiy (UKR)	465.95

3m Springboard

Boys B (14-15 years)

1. German Stroeve (RUS)	442.60
2. Maxym Dolgov (UKR)	432.10
3. Daniel Goodfellow (GBR)	432.00

Boys A (16-18 years)

1. Sergey Zhdanov (RUS)	547.35
2. Gabriele Auber (ITA)	522.30
3. Mykyta Tkachov (UKR)	516.20

10m Platform

Boys B (14-15 years)

1. Igor Myalin (RUS)	459.10
2. Maxym Dolgov (UKR)	452.40
3. Alexander Belvtcev (RUS)	435.15

Boys A (16-18 years)

1. Oleksandr Bondar (UKR)	620.75
2. Kirill Mironov (RUS)	529.00
3. Vadym Nevinglovsky (UKR)	476.05

3m Springboard Synchro (Boys A/B)

1. Olexandar Bondar/Oleg Kolodiy (UKR)	305.55
2. Sergey Zhdanov/Maxim Popkov (RUS)	282.42
3. Gabriele Auber/Giovanni Tocci (ITA)	280.47



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1m Springboard

Girls B (14-15 years)

1. Maria Polyakona (RUS)	339.00
2. Elena Chernykh (RUS)	320.00
3. Marcela Maric (CRO)	310.40

Girls A (16-18 years)

1. Evgeniya Slzeneva (RUS)	398.25
2. Kristina Ilynh (RUS)	392.90
3. Elena Bertocchi (ITA)	382.55

3m Springboard

Girls B (14-15 years)

1. Elena Chernykh (RUS)	378.40
2. Grace Reid (GBR)	368.00
3. Laura Bilotta (ITA)	356.30

Girls A (16-18 years)

1. Elena Bertocchi (ITA)	436.50
2. Tina Punzel (GER)	429.60
3. Kristina Ilynh (RUS)	420.35

10m Platform

Girls B (14-15 years)

1. Louisa Stawczynski (GER)	312.80
2. Ann Krasnoshlyk (UKR)	304.85
3. Rosie Medlock (GBR)	301.15

Girls A (16-18 years)

1. Maria Poluyanova (RUS)	390.50
2. Mara Elena Aiacoaboe (ROU)	380.95
3. Jessica Williams (GBR)	371.55

3m Springboard Synchro (Girls A/B):

1. Irina Tonnikova/Elena Chernykh (RUS)	270.87
2. Grace Reid/Chloe Hurd (GBR)	261.63
3. Beatrice Atzei/Laura Bilotta (ITA)	258.63



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Medal Table Diving

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	9	5	2	16
Ukraine	2	3	3	8
Italy	2	1	4	7
Germany	1	1	0	2
Great Britain	0	2	4	6
Poland	0	1	0	1
Romania	0	1	0	1
Croatia	0	0	1	1
Total	14	14	14	42

Synchronised Swimming: the Russian Synchro Team successfully defended all titles

Once again Russia's athletes dominated all four Synchronised Swimming competitions (Solo, Duet, Team and Free Combination). The world's leading Synchro nation, who has collected all four titles in the past few years, also triumphed in Belgrade. 2010 European Champion Vlada Chigireva defended her title in the Solo Competition ahead of 2010 bronze medallist Linda Cerruti of Italy and "newcomer" Anastasiya Savchuk from Ukraine.

As in 2010, gold in the Duet final went to Milena Miteva/Elena Prokofeva of Russia. Anastasiya Petrenko and Anastasiya Savchuk (UKR), successors of Lolita Anasova and Kateryna Sadurska who are no longer eligible to compete in junior events, took silver. Bronze surprisingly went to the Greek duet Evangelia Koutidi and Evangelia Platanioti ahead of the Duets from Italy and Spain, who finished in fourth and fifth place respectively.



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As expected, Russia also triumphed both in the Team Event and the Free Combination. Silver in both competitions went to Spain and Ukraine took bronze in the Team Event. There was a tie for third place in the Free Combination with Ukraine and Italy sharing the third place.

2011 European Junior Synchro Medallists

Solo

1. Valda Chigireva (RUS)	91.9300
2. Linda Cerruti (ITA)	87.9100
3. Anastasiya Savchuk (UKR)	87.1700

Duet

1. Milena Miteva/Elena Prokofeva (RUS)	90.9600
2. Anastasiya Petrenko/Anastasiya Savchuk (UKR)	87.7200
3. Evangelia Koutidi/Evangelia Platanioti (GRE)	86.8700

Team

1. Russia	91.8100
2. Spain	88.5900
3. Ukraine	87.6800

Combination



1. Russia	91.830
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2. Spain	87.690
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3. Italy	87.310
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3. Ukraine	87.310
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Medal Table Synchronised Swimming

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	4	0	0	4
Spain	0	2	0	2
Ukraine	0	1	3	4
Italy	0	1	1	2
Greece	0	0	1	1
	4	4	5	13

Further information about the 2011 European Junior Championships in Belgrade
at www.len.eu and www.belgrade2011.rs

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