

Men's 200m IM

Gold – Andreas Vazaios (GRE) 1:51.70

“It’s absolutely amazing. I came here for this medal. I really want to start building a legacy like my idol Laszlo Cseh did. It’s very exciting and this a great opportunity for me and Greece, especially after the Olympics and this tough year with Covid. Now I just really want to keep going strong till the World Championships and finish off the year really well.”

Silver – Thomas Ceccon (ITA) 1:52.49

“I didn’t swim this event for two years now. I’m very happy that I set a new national record and improved my time by one second. I’m truly satisfied with this silver medal because I didn’t train for this so I didn’t know how well I would perform.”

Bronze – Alberto Razzetti (ITA) 1:52.75

“I’m happy with this bronze medal but definitely not with my swimming. I could have done a lot better in the breaststroke. I’m satisfied with my third European individual medal after the first two I got in long-course in Budapest.”

Women's 100m free

Gold – Sarah Sjöström (SWE) 51.26

“Obviously, I’m very happy with this gold medal and for improving my qualifying time by almost a second. When swimming semi-finals I usually try to relax and save my energy for the final. But sometimes it happens the other way around. I have a very busy schedule here and the 100m free is the event which I’m struggling the most to find my way back to after my injury. Still, I’m very happy to get closer to my PB even I have a long way to go.”

Silver – Katarzyna Wasick (POL) 51.58

“What can I say? It’s still not gold (laughing)! But God, I’m sooo happy! The 50m is more my event and I was not that confident coming to the 100m free but I definitely improved here. It was very tough mentally today, because yesterday I didn’t feel that good. Thankfully, today was better and it just shows you have to keep going, pushing as every day is a new day.”

Bronze – Marrit Steenbergen (NED) 51.92

“It’s my first medal in freestyle so I think I did really well and I’m very happy. I saw I had a good time in the semi-finals and I just wanted to repeat that in the final too. Glad that I made it.”

Men's 100m back

Gold – Kliment Kolesnikov (RUS) 49.13

“I’m very happy with this gold medal. I wasn’t ready to break my European record, but all in all I want to say that this championship is extremely strong and I’m really proud of my Russian team-mates as they claim many medals.”

Silver – Robert-Andrei Glinta (ROU) 49.31

“49.31. It’s my new personal best and I’m extremely happy with this result and with winning the silver medal. I knew it was very much possible after the first 50m, the silver was just a bonus. Tomorrow I’ll swim the 100m free just for fun. I signed up for that to be ahead of Popovici and to improve the national record. I’ll try and see what happens. Though it just turned out – and I didn’t know that – that he had already swum in Kazan and bettered that record last week in the World Cup. So the battle is on!”

Bronze – Apostolos Christou (GRE) 49.87

“I’m really happy because this is my first medal at a short-course European Championships. And I’m also proud to break the 50sec barrier and I made the podium, this is really amazing. Before this final, I really believed I could do it. I’m managed to secure the bronze and it’s my new personal best.”

Women’s 200m breast

Gold – Evgeniia Chikunova (RUS) 2:16.88 WJ-EJ

“I’m just happy, that all what I can say. I’m happy that I broke the world junior record. I want to thank Maria (Temnikova) for her support, so the race was just incredible.”

Silver – Maria Temnikova (RUS) 2:18.45

“I’m very happy and excited now. I want to thank for all our supporters here and those who watch the swimming competitions.”

Bronze – Francesca Fangio (ITA) 2:19.69

“I’m so-so happy, a medal was my dream and my wish and now it has come through. The time is excellent, I nearly missed the national record but that doesn’t matter. I can hardly believe that I’ve made it. After the Olympics I was a bit disappointed, I would like to thank my family and my coach who gave me the right advice at the right time in those moments when I was thinking about quitting. I still have a lot to say in the world of swimming.”

Men’s 200m fly

Gold – Alberto Razzetti (ITA) 1:50.24

“I’m speechless. I’m the European champion! My emotions and tensions are very high now! The time is great, it’s a new national record. This is my second medal today. I was hoping for a medal but necessarily for a win. I could have even gone under 1:50sec. I’m overjoyed, it’s hard for me to express my emotions now. I have been growing since the Olympics and learning how to swim really fast at international event and I couldn’t have achieved that without the support of family, my coaches and my team-mates.”

Silver – Kristof Milak (HUN) 1:51.11

“It wasn’t really a contest as I my legs got cramping over the first 100m which didn’t help definitely... At this stage of my perps, and in the mood I’m in right now, this was all I could give here. I got a silver, not bad, I think I have nothing to be worried for. I need to learn to swim short-course, to be able to swim this event with the same instinctive way I do in the long pool.”

Bronze – Egor Pavlov (RUS) 1:51.81

“At the end was so difficult but I improved my time so I’m very excited now. Let’s move forward to the other events.”

Women’s 50m back

Gold – Kira Toussaint (NED) 25.79

“It was actually a very hard race. The schedule of the 50m back in this championships is really weird. I have the 100m semis then this final today. The result is great, I’m really happy as I was a bit nervous before this race. When you look at the entry times of all finalists, you can see that everyone is so close. After the 100m semis, I felt sick and questioned myself how I would swim this final in less than an hour. Then in the call room I told myself just to calm down, you got this – and it worked out just fine.”

Silver – Analia Pigree (FRA) 26.08

“First international competition, first final and first medal. This is just insane! This race was really close to my heart and really wanted to represent France well. I was feeling a little of pressure swimming on lane 4, but it was the good kind of pressure. Now I guess I just go below 26sec at the World Championships (laughing). I still have a final tomorrow so I’m a bit tired but it’s a great experience. I didn’t really prepare for this competition specifically, but I wanted to do my best as I get ready for the French nationals where I will try to qualify for the long-course majors. Originally, I was doing freestyle because I loved watching Malia Metella and she is an Olympic medallist. But then I just started swimming backstroke and I loved it.” *(Note: Pigree was born in Cayenne, French Guyana just as the Metella siblings.)*

Bronze – Maaike de Waard (NED) 26.11

“It was really a fun race! I think I made my best and got a good result. So I’m just really happy.”

Women’s 1500m free

Gold – Anastasia Kirpichnikova (RUS) 15:18.30 CR

“It was very good but I’m really upset as the world record was not far away. I really wanted to break that but today I was unlucky. I want to say thank for everyone who watches me on TV and sends messages on social media, those help me a lot.”

Silver – Simona Quadarella (ITA) 15:34.16

“Oh, the first thing coming to my mind is how tired I am. At the end it turned out OK, I was five seconds short of my personal best but I swam a lot faster than in the prelims. All in all, I’m satisfied with the silver, I have more race here, the 400m. In this season, me and my coach had big goals, at one point we thought if I should compete here or not but we decided to come as this is as much as training as racing. We are growing day by day, I can say I’m more satisfied with my performance after the 800m mark, I was hoping to come closer to my PB but now it didn’t go that way. We, as Italy, are very strong team here and I’m proud to be part of it.”

Bronze – Martina Caramignoli (ITA) 15:37.33

“I’m still here, at the podium. I’m dead tired and exhausted. But this is a big confirmation for me at the European level. I was a bit scared of the Turkish girls swimming next to me. It’s great to be still on the podium at the age of thirty.”

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