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It is my great pleasure to announce the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2023 circuit which consists of three consecutive weekends of racing in three exciting European cities. This year's competition begins again in Berlin (GER), with the three days of racing in the German capital running from 6-8 October. The tour will then head to Athens (GRE) from 13-15 October before concluding in Budapest (HUN) from 20-22 October.

World Aquatics is thrilled to partner with these three host cities that have shown their commitment to the Swimming World Cup. Having committed hosts with such passion for aquatic sport has helped establish this annual circuit on the global swimming calendar. Berlin has been a regular stop on the short-course showdown and will host the event for the 20th time (2000-2013, 2016-2019, 2021-current).

This year marks the first time that Athens will have hosted a global swimming competition since the 2004 Olympic Games. This year is also the first time since 2000 that the Greek capital has held a World Aquatics swimming event – as well being the first Swimming World Cup ever held here. From Athens, the series heads to the Duna Arena venue in Budapest. Fresh off hosting the World Aquatics Championships twice in six years, the Hungarian capital has held three Swimming World Cups (2021, 2019, 2018) and the Champions Swim Series in 2019.

Held since 1988, the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup remains among the most important annual meets for the world's best swimmers and constitutes an additional opportunity for fans to watch elite-level swimming on TV and live streaming. Each event will last three days, with heats in the morning and finals in the evening. Athletes can compete in an unlimited number of events, with only the three best results (per meet points) counting towards the swimmer's ranking/scoring. The total prize purse across the three meets in Berlin, Athens and Budapest is USD 1.2 million.

Athletes will compete in the 50m pool, as each Swimming World Cup 2023 event is a qualifier for the World Aquatics Championships – Doha 2024, which will take place from 2-18 February 2024. These events are also part of the qualification pathway for next year's Olympic Games in Paris (FRA).

With ever-improving sports presentation at our events, enhancing the fans' experience – both onsite and for those watching at home – continues to be a top priority for the 2023 season.

I would like to express my gratitude to the three host cities and their Local Organising Committees for this commitment to the promotion and success of the 2023 edition of the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup.

I wish all the participants the best of luck!

**Husain Al Musallam**  
President

## HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

### PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Following the fundamental role of promoting swimming and other aquatic sports, World Aquatics started the World Aquatics Championships in 1973 in then-Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Since then, the event has ranked alongside the Olympic Games as the most important aquatic competitions. During this time, the swimming family searched for an opportunity to organise a competition in the fall season (for the Northern Hemisphere).

During the 1970s and the 1980s, some federations were able to stage successful meets such as the Arena Festival (Bonn, GER), the Speedo Meet (Amersfoort, NED, 50m), the Coca-Cola International (London's Crystal Palace, GBR, 50m), the NOK Schwimmfest (East Berlin, GDR, 50m) and the Meet de la Ville de Paris (FRA). In 1988, the organisers of some existing competitions – Toronto (CAN), Indianapolis (USA), Paris (FRA), East Berlin (GDR), Bonn (GER), Gothenburg (SWE), Venice (ITA) and Barnett (GBR) – gathered in Rome and decided to create the first FINA Swimming World Cup Series with a prize money allocation for winners to be implemented in early 1989.

The first two meets were held in North America in late 1988. The first competition using the event name 'Swimming World Cup' took place in September 1979 at Tokyo's Yoyogi Swimming Pool (50m). Eight teams representing various regions of the world competed for supremacy: The United States, Canada, Sweden, the Soviet Union, and Japan took part with their respective national teams, while the remaining ones represented Oceania (Australia and New Zealand), Latin America and the rest of Europe.

In 1992, World Aquatics held its first and only 'Super Final' event in Palma de Mallorca (ESP) to finish off a Swimming World Cup annual tour. Only those swimmers who had qualified through the series were admitted. Palma de Mallorca would go on to host the first edition of the Swimming World Championships (25m) in 1993.

In 1991 and 1992, Swimming World Cup meets were held in St. Petersburg (RUS) – Leningrad at that time. While the city withdrew from the Swimming World Cup series in 1993, China joined in with Beijing. In 1994, Shanghai (CHN) and Hong Kong were added to the list. Following the 1994 World Aquatics Technical Congress in Rome (ITA), aquatics leaders agreed to recognise the World Records set in the 50m backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and the 100m individual medley set in the 25m pool (SCM).

In 1998, the Swimming World Cup found new stages in Australia (Sydney) and Brazil (Rio de Janeiro). Since then, Australia and Brazil have welcomed several event editions.

In the 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 series, the ranking system was abandoned, and the final classification was based on Individual Events. To allow this competition to become more competitive and spectacular, World Aquatics decided to implement a new model for the 2001/2002 and subsequent editions of the Swimming World Cup.

From then on, the scoring has been based on the World Aquatics Points Table: only the best swim achieved by a swimmer is counted. The 2003/2004 edition had stages taking place in Africa (Durban) and Korea (Daejeon) for the first time. From 2007 to 2012, World Aquatics decided to present a more compact calendar of meets during a short period at the end of each year in October/November. The new calendar's goal was to attract wider coverage and international attention.

The 2013 edition of the Swimming World Cup brought an earlier August series start as most of the events took place in Asia – Beijing, Tokyo, Singapore – with a healthy dose for events in the Middle East in Doha and Dubai.

In 2015, the Swimming World Cup was held in 50m pools for the first time, with events taking place from Paris to Beijing to Doha. For the 2016 and 2017 seasons, the Swimming World Cup went back to being held solely in short course (25m) pools.

In 2019, with the then-upcoming Tokyo 2020 Olympics the Swimming World Cup returned to a 50m pool. In 2021, Berlin hosted its 20th Swimming World Cup event. Since holding its first event during the 1988-1989 season, the only years Berlin wasn't a part of the Swimming World Cup were in 2018 and when the series was cancelled in 2020 due to the global pandemic.

In 2022, the Swimming World Cup season began in Berlin, with the German capital city hosting this event alongside a World Aquatics Diving World Cup. The 2022 Swimming World Cup brought back an exciting wrinkle to the series as swimming standout nations Canada and the United States again hosted Swimming World Cups, after 21 and 16 years away, respectively.

2022 saw another innovative concept added with the advent of the Triple Crown for athletes. By touching first in the same race across all the meets of a Swimming World Cup, athletes unlocked an additional USD 10,000 payday – and a golden crown. Ten athletes earned crowns in 2022, with Trinidad & Tobago's Dylan Carter taking home three as he swept the 50m freestyle, butterfly and backstroke finals en route to winning the men's overall Swimming World Cup 2022 title.



The 2023 Swimming World Cup moves back to competitions in the 50m pool, allowing athletes more high-quality qualification opportunities for the upcoming World Aquatics Championships – Doha 2024 (February 2024) and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (July and August 2024).

For 2023, Berlin once again is the starting point for the Swimming World Cup for a circuit that will visit three European cities over three consecutive weeks of racing this October. From Germany, the series heads to the birthplace of the modern Olympiad as Athens (GRE) hosts its first Swimming World Cup. From Athens, the 2023 Swimming World Cup heads to the iconic Duna Arena venue in Budapest (HUN). An aquatics hotbed, the Hungarian capital is coming off hosting three Swimming World Cups from 2018-2021 and the World Aquatics Championships in both 2017 and 2022.

Following the favourable success of the Triple Crown concept with athletes, it's back again for 2023 as athletes chase these competitive bonuses alongside the USD 1.2 million prize purse.



START TIME (HEATS): 09:00

START TIME (FINALS): 18:00

## DAY 1

400 m	FREESTYLE	WOMEN	100 m	BUTTERFLY	MEN
400 m	FREESTYLE	MEN	200 m	BREASTSTROKE	WOMEN
50 m	BACKSTROKE	WOMEN	100 m	BREASTSTROKE	MEN
200 m	BACKSTROKE	MEN	50 m	FREESTYLE	WOMEN
200 m	BUTTERFLY	WOMEN	50 m	FREESTYLE	MEN
			4 x 100 m	FREESTYLE	WOMEN

## DAY 2

400 m	INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	WOMEN	50 m	BUTTERFLY	WOMEN
50 m	BACKSTROKE	MEN	100 m	FREESTYLE	MEN
200 m	FREESTYLE	WOMEN	100 m	BREASTSTROKE	WOMEN
200 m	INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	MEN	200 m	BUTTERFLY	MEN
100 m	BACKSTROKE	WOMEN	1500 m	FREESTYLE	MEN
50 m	BREASTSTROKE	MEN	4 x 200 m	FREESTYLE	WOMEN

## DAY 3

400 m	INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	MEN	50 m	BREASTSTROKE	WOMEN
100 m	BUTTERFLY	WOMEN	200 m	BREASTSTROKE	MEN
50 m	BUTTERFLY	MEN	100 m	FREESTYLE	WOMEN
200 m	BACKSTROKE	WOMEN	200 m	FREESTYLE	MEN
100 m	BACKSTROKE	MEN	200 m	INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	WOMEN
			800 m	FREESTYLE	WOMEN

# BERLIN

## A Hotspot in International Aquatics



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Berlin has long been a hotspot in international aquatics. The German capital is a frequent host of the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup – in fact, no other city has hosted this event more often. Berlin also played host to a variety of national and international events in swimming, diving and water polo in the past and again this year. The SSE arena and the adjacent Velodrom are located within a huge sports complex that rises only a few feet above the ground. Today, the SSE, with 8 pools and a capacity of 2.136 spectators, is the largest and only fully accessible indoor swimming venue in Berlin. In the year 2002 and then again in 2014, the SSE provided a compelling atmosphere for the European Aquatics Championships.

### HERE ARE FIVE TOP TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN BERLIN TO VISIT BETWEEN THE COMPETITIONS:

#### BRANDENBURG GATE

The Brandenburg Gate is the Berlin landmark and symbol of reunification. Built in 1791, it was originally just one of many city gates around Berlin. In front of the gate, there is the Pariser Platz – a beautiful square surrounded by the historic Hotel Adlon and the Academy of Arts. The famous Reichstag, home of the German parliament, is also nearby. Stroll along the Spree River or take a boat trip to experience the modern government district from the water.

#### TV TOWER

At 368 meters, the TV Tower (Fernsehturm) is not only Berlin's, but Germany's tallest building. Built in the 1960s, it offers visitors a unique 360 degrees panorama of the city. The TV Tower is located on Alexanderplatz, the center of former East Berlin. From here, it's only a stone's throw to the historic Nikolaiviertel and to the hip quarters of Berlin-Mitte.

#### KURFÜRSTENDAMM

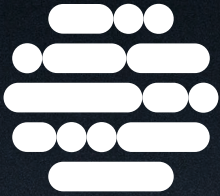
If you want to go shopping, this is the place to be. The Kurfürstendamm is Berlin's most popular shopping mile – a 3.5 kilometer-long boulevard with theatres, cafés and shops. On the extension of the Kurfürstendamm, the "Tauentzienstrasse", you can find the KaDeWe, the largest department store on the European mainland. Or would you rather go to the Zoo Berlin, Germany's oldest zoo?

#### GENDARMENMARKT

The Gendarmenmarkt is one of the most beautiful squares in Berlin. With the concert hall designed by famous architect Karl Friedrich Schinkel and the German Cathedral and French Cathedral, it boasts three architectural highlights of the German capital. Have a break in one of the many cafés and then continue on to Friedrichstrasse, another exclusive shopping mile.

#### MUSEUM ISLAND

Museum Island is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and combines some of Berlin's most important exhibition venues: the Old Museum, the New Museum, the Bode Museum, the Pergamon Museum and the Old National Gallery. Their collections showcase over 6,000 years of art and cultural history. Also don't miss the monumental Berlin Cathedral.





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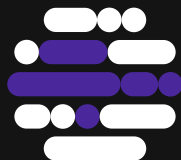
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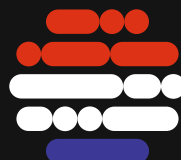
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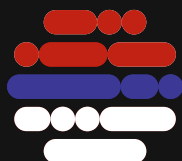
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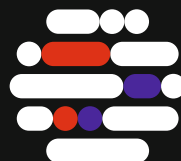
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# FIVE TOP INTERNATIONAL MALE SWIMMERS TO WATCH ON THE WORLD AQUATICS SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2023

**DYLAN  
CARTER  
(TTO)**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Carter won last year's overall title when he broke a tie with USA's Nic Fink on the final day of the Swimming World Cup in Indianapolis by virtue of his 50m butterfly scoring more points than Fink's 200m breaststroke. Carter won three "Triple Crowns" across three 50s in freestyle, backstroke, and butterfly last year as he mastered the splash-and-dash in 2022.

Short course meters is his forte due to his strength coming off the wall where Carter carries speed off the push better than almost anybody

in the world. But with this season being held in long course for the upcoming Doha Worlds and Olympic preparation purposes, the challenge is going to be greater for Carter, who made two semi-finals in the 100m freestyle and 50m butterfly at the Worlds in Fukuoka. But Carter is ready for the challenge ahead as he isn't thinking much about trying to defend his overall title this year.

**NIC  
FINK  
(USA)**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Fink also won three triple crowns last year at the Swimming World Cup in the 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke events and missed out on the overall Swimming World Cup title by just a few hundredths of a second. Fink ultimately took home a big payday by finishing second in the overall standings as he also finished last season with individual gold at the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) in the short course pool in the 50m and 100m breaststroke.

Now 30, Fink is in the twilight of his career and is swimming better than ever. This year, the breaststroke field is more stacked than it has ever been, but Fink is at the top of his game at the moment and will certainly heed the challenge thrown at him. Fink most recently won two silvers in the 50m and 100m breaststroke at the World Aquatics Championships in Fukuoka and has recently moved training bases to Dallas with coach Greg Rhodenbaugh as he prepares for what would be his second Olympics in 2024.

**QIN  
HAIYANG  
(CHN)**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Qin is coming off the best summer of his career, where he became the first man to win three World titles in the same stroke in the same year, taking out the 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke World titles this July in Fukuoka (JPN). Qin set a world record in the 200m and became the second-fastest performer all-time in the 100m in Japan.

Last year at the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m), Qin was fourth twice in the 50m and 100m breast and added a bronze in the 200m. His strengths clearly lie in the long

course pool. Qin turned a lot of heads with his performances in Fukuoka, as he will be attracting a lot of eyes when he lines up behind the blocks at the Swimming World Cup. He's had a busy last few months since racing at the World Aquatics Championships, winning five gold medals at the World University Games in Chengdu (CHN) just a few days after Fukuoka, and is coming into the Swimming World Cup season off racing at the Asian Games in Hangzhou (CHN). Qin has proven in 2023 that he is the new man to beat in breaststroke and will certainly test himself on the World Cup circuit against stout competition.

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**ADAM  
PEATY  
(GBR)**



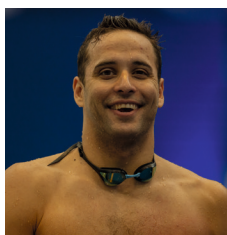
## ACHIEVEMENTS

The third breaststroker on this list did not swim at the recent World Aquatics Championships in Fukuoka due to personal health reasons, but Peaty, age 28, was in Japan to watch the last day of swimming. Peaty admitted watching the racing at Worlds made him "excited and hungry for the season ahead," as he has missed the last two World Aquatics Championships since winning Olympic gold in Tokyo.

Before Peaty shoots for his third straight Olympic gold medal in the 100m breaststroke – which would make him the fifth swimmer to achieve such a feat in a single event – he will take on last year's Triple Crown winner Fink and reigning

long course World champ Qin. Peaty will have his hands full, but he has been the standard for so long that he has risen to the occasion before. Last year at the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m), he beat Qin for the 100m bronze medal and if he is close to that form again on the Swimming World Cup stage, he will certainly draw a lot of attention when he takes on the best in the world in Europe. While Peaty hasn't shown his top form since the Tokyo Olympics, he's still sure to be a main attraction for racing fans. If he can beat Qin and Fink in any of the three cities, it will be a good sign for the Brit ahead of a big 2024.

**CHAD  
LE CLOS  
(RSA)**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Le Clos has noted that the Berlin stop of last year's Swimming World Cup series was the birth of "Chad le Clos 2.0" as he won the Triple Crown in the 100m butterfly, swimming his fastest short course time in the event in two years in the German capital last year. Le Clos has consistently been one of the top butterfly swimmers in the world, winning the 100m and 200m butterfly gold medals at last year's World Short Course Championships. However, le Clos was absent from the World Aquatics Championships in July due to missing a big chunk of training due to illness.

Le Clos, who lives and trains in Germany, will be racing in Berlin, Athens, and Budapest as he sets sights on what would be his fourth Olympics in Paris next year. At age 31, le Clos is still one of the top butterfly swimmers in the world, and he will be out to prove that again this year in 2023. Le Clos has been inconsistent the last few years but will get an opportunity to race some of the best in the world as he looks to gather momentum for next February's World Aquatics Championships in Doha.

# FIVE TOP INTERNATIONAL FEMALE SWIMMERS TO WATCH ON THE WORLD AQUATICS SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2023

**BEATA  
NELSON  
(USA)**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Nelson took the big cash prize last year, winning two "Triple Crowns" in the 200m backstroke and the 200m IM, as well as two additional wins in the 100m backstroke and one more in the 100m IM. However, Nelson still has something to prove in the long course pool where her highest world ranking for 2023 currently sits at 36th in the 200m IM and 37th in the 100m butterfly.

While Nelson hasn't had the speed historically in the long course venue, her competitiveness will keep her in the conversation for the top three in

her individual events. Nelson hasn't been one to swim poorly in-season so expect her to be primed and ready to go when she lines up behind the blocks in Europe. The 200m IM is perhaps her best event in the 50m pool and she will look to press the pace early on the front half against some of the best in the world. Nelson still has plenty of speed and will be one to watch during this year's Swimming World Cup tour.

**KAYLEE  
MCKEOWN  
(AUS)**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

McKeown became the first woman to win the 50m, 100m, and 200m of the same stroke at the same World Aquatics Championships this July when she took the backstroke triple in Fukuoka. McKeown was named the Swimmer of the Championships for her efforts in Japan as she also holds the World Record in both the 100m and 200m backstroke.

After such a successful summer, McKeown is proving herself to be one of the best backstrokers in history already at age 22 and will be a tough task for anyone with hopes to take her down at the World Cup. McKeown will also be looking to put up a good time in the 200m IM

after drawing a disqualification for a backstroke to breaststroke transition in the semi-finals in Fukuoka. She will certainly be busy if she tackles all these events, but she has proven to be one of the best racers in the world, and she will accept any challenge thrown at her.

If McKeown continues to be this dominant on the international stage, she will start entering conversations of being one of the best backstrokers of all-time. Only three women - Krisztina Egerszegi, Natalie Coughlin, and Kirsty Coventry, have won back-to-back Olympic gold medals in backstroke events.

**ZHANG  
YUFEI  
(CHN)**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Zhang was the World champ in the 100m butterfly this summer and also won a silver in the 50m butterfly and a bronze in the 50m freestyle. Just a few days after the championships in which she won five total medals, she flew back to her home country of China to race at the Summer Universiade in Chengdu where she won a whopping nine gold medals. Zhang has the speed, endurance, and versatility to be a force in the 50m, 100m, and 200m freestyle and butterfly events and will be a major force in whichever events she chooses to race.

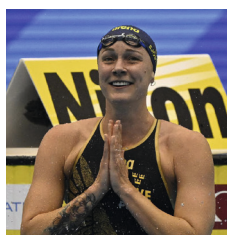
It has been a busy racing schedule for Zhang, who is also coming off the Asian Games in late

September in Hangzhou where she was one of the top athletes in her home nation. Zhang has handled busy racing schedules in the past and seems to be back to the top form that she showed two years ago at the Tokyo Olympics when she won gold in the 200m butterfly and silver in the 100m.

Zhang's versatility has propelled her to be one of the top swimmers in the world at age 25 and if she can continue on this trajectory, then she not only could win big at the World Cup but also at next year's Olympics as no woman has ever won back to back Olympic gold medals in a butterfly event.

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**SARAH  
SJOSTROM  
(SWE)**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Sjostrom has long been one of the most versatile and consistent swimmers in the entire world, winning her first European title in the 100m butterfly at age 14 in 2008. At the recent Worlds in July, she won gold in dominating fashion in the 50m butterfly, winning her fifth World title, and in the 50m freestyle, breaking her own world record in the semi-finals at 23.61.

Sjostrom has started to hone-in on the 50s as she reaches the twilight of her career at age 30, but she is swimming as fast as she ever has, swimming her two fastest times ever in the 50m freestyle this year as well as her fourth fastest time of her career in the 50m butterfly.

Sjostrom also led off Sweden's 4x100m freestyle relay team at Worlds with a 52.24, which ranked her number two in the world for 2023 and has indicated at the end of the World Aquatics Championships this year that she is "likely" to race the 100m butterfly again at next year's Olympics. Sjostrom has shown no signs of slowing down as she continues to win medals at the international level. She already has two Swimming World Cup titles to her name in 2017 and 2018 and if her form at the World Aquatics Championships is any indication, she could be the favourite to take home the overall title again in 2023.

**MARRIT  
STEENBERGEN  
(NED)**



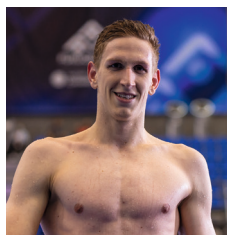
## ACHIEVEMENTS

Steenbergen was one of the busiest swimmers in Fukuoka, racing a total of 21 times across the eight days where she made finals in the 50m, 100m, and 200m freestyle and the 200m IM, ultimately earning an individual bronze in the 100m freestyle. Steenbergen also helped the Netherlands advance to the finals in all three women's relays plus the mixed medley, where the Dutch team was as high as fourth in the latter.

Steenbergen handled herself tremendously throughout the duration of the meet and proved she is one of the most versatile swimmers in the entire world with her performances. She finished

her 21st swim in Fukuoka with a 51.96 anchor leg in the women's medley relay, the second-fastest split of anyone in the field.

Ahead of this Swimming World Cup circuit, Steenbergen could tackle more events in Berlin, Athens, and Budapest. If she is on form, she could rack up the wins and big paydays across the three weekends. Steenbergen is a better long course swimmer than she is in short course, and now at age 23, she is in the prime of her career as she prepares for the Doha Worlds and what would be her third Olympics in 2024.

**LUKAS  
MÄRTENS  
(GER)**

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

At his national team debut at the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2021, Lukas Märten was too excited and learned the hard way. But the following season he made his big breakthrough with silver over 400m freestyle at the World Championships in Budapest and the European Championship title in Rome. Self-confidence was high before this year's World Championships in Fukuoka, where the man from Magdeburg delivered once again: On the first day of the pool competitions, he won the only medal for the German Swimming

Association with bronze over 400m freestyle, with which he also secured early Olympic qualification secured for Paris 2024. The 21-year-old was the first German to reach the podium in this discipline at two consecutive World Championships. With his fifth place and a German record in the 800m freestyle and another fifth place in the 1500m freestyle, Märten also proved his world class in these two races.

**ANGELINA  
KÖHLER  
(GER)**

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

Luck is always part of sport, but Angelina Köhler didn't have much of it for a long time. She missed Olympic qualification in 2021 due to a coronavirus infection. After graduating from high school, she moved from Hanover to Berlin in 2022, and the new environment there obviously gives her wings. "I don't just train differently in Berlin. I also got a different perspective on swimming, that it's also about fun and togetherness," said Köhler. In the spring she significantly improved Alexandra Wenk's German record for the 100m butterfly for the first time, and at the Wor-

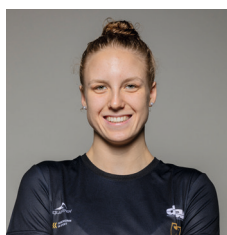
ld Championships in Fukuoka she was able to improve her own national record once again. The reward: fifth place in the world – her best World Championship result so far. Köhler loves her home pool in Berlin and is looking for another strong performance at the World Cup.

**LUCAS  
MATZERATH  
(GER)**

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

At the World Championships in Fukuoka, Lucas Matzerath just narrowly missed out on a medal, placing fifth in the 100m breaststroke. In the preliminaries he had previously improved the German record over this distance to 58.74 seconds. Since he started swimming in Mönchengladbach at the age of eleven, Matzerath has been continuously trained by Mark Jayasundara. Most recently, he followed the coach to Bochum, where he continues to study electrical engineering. Together they reached ninth place at the Olympics 2021 in Tokyo, then two World Cham-

pionships finals in 2022 and their first international medal at the European Championships in Rome. With his performance from Fukuoka, the 23-year-old has proven himself once again as one of the world's best. It was the best German result in the 100m breaststroke since 1986, when Rolf Beab and Bert Göbel came fourth and fifth.

**ISABEL  
GOSE  
(GER)**

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

The highly talented Isabel Gose (who won her first German championship at 14 and later in her career six titles at European Junior Championships) has long since become the front woman of German swimming since moving to Magdeburg in the spring of 2020. Sixth place at the 2021 Olympics was followed last year by the first European Championship title and three World Championship finals. In the 2023 season, the 21-year-old is now orienting herself towards the 1500m distance for the first time in order to possibly follow in the footsteps of her friend, Olympic bronze medalist Sarah Wellbrock. As in the pre-

vious year, Gose once again reached three finals at the World Championships in Fukuoka. She came seventh in the 400m freestyle, improving her German record, fifth in the 800m freestyle and sixth in the 1500m.

**OLE  
BRAUNSCHWEIG  
(GER)**

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

In 2021, Ole Braunschweig made history: He and his younger brother Malte Braunschweig became the first pair of brothers to compete for Germany at the Olympic and Paralympic Games in the same year. Malte even swam into the final in eighth place, something Ole now also wants to achieve in Paris in 2024. He took further steps forward last year with his first World Championships finals and the first European Championship medal in Rome, and this year he made the final again at the World Championships in Fukuoka in the 50m backstroke and with two

relays. "This provides a boost of motivation and makes me want to do more," says Braunschweig. The local hero and his friend Ramon Klenz have recently started showing impressions of their everyday training routine on YouTube on their channel "Hulks.Berlin".

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