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World Records, Team Trophy for U.S. to Close Out FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)

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MELBOURNE, Australia – A team trophy, two world records and best male performer wrapped USA Swimming’s six days of competition at the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) on Sunday.

Ending the night, U.S.’ 4x100m medley relays both clocked world records en route to gold medals. The women clocked a 3:44.35 with the men touching the wall at 3:18.98. The U.S. also won the Best Team Award and Ryan Murphy was awarded Best Male Performer.

The 2022 U.S. Short Course World Championships team tied for the most medals ever won at this event and tied for the most gold medals at this event.

“The facility is awesome,” head coach Braden Holloway said. “The team did a great job preparing for the elements – the weather looked a little rough for a while. We had some ups and downs. Not everything was perfect but our team never stopped. They kept coming and coming. This team was tough and resilient. It built up to a really big finish at the end with tonight’s relays, which was fun.”

A final look at the federation medal table:

<i>Federation</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Total</i>
United States	17	13	6	36
Australia	13	8	5	26
Italy	5	6	5	16
Canada	3	4	7	14
Netherlands	1	1	6	8
Japan	2	2	2	6
South Africa	3	1	1	5
France	1	3	1	5
Great Britain	-	1	3	4
Sweden	-	-	3	3
Hong Kong	1	1	-	2

Lithuania	1	-	1	2
New Zealand	-	2	-	2
Norway	-	1	1	2
Poland	-	1	1	2
Switzerland	-	1	1	2
China	-	-	2	2
Germany	-	-	2	2
Brazil	1	-	-	1
Cayman Islands	1	-	-	1
Republic of Korea	1	-	-	1
Romania	-	1	-	1
Hungary	-	-	1	1
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	1	1

A final look at the U.S. individual medal table:

<i>Athlete</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Total</i>
Kate Douglass	5	2	-	7
Torri Huske	4	3	-	7
Claire Curzan	2	4	1	7
Alex Walsh*	3	2	1	6
Ryan Murphy	5	1	-	6
Nic Fink	4	2	-	6
Kieran Smith*	3	1	1	5
Erika Brown*	2	2	1	5
Carson Foster	2	2	1	5
Lilly King	2	2	1	5
Trenton Julian*	2	1	1	4
Shaine Casas*	1	2	1	4
Natalie Hinds*	1	2	-	3
Hali Flickinger	1	1	1	3
Erin Gemmell*	1	1	1	3
Michael Andrew*	1	1	-	2
Hunter Armstrong*	1	1	-	2
Drew Kibler	1	-	1	2
Leah Smith	-	-	2	2
Jake Foster*	1	-	-	1
Dakota Luther	1	-	-	1
Jake Magahey*	1	-	-	1
Annie Lazor*	-	1	-	1
Jillian Cox*	-	-	1	1
David Curtiss*	-	-	1	1

Kensley McMahon	-	-	1	1
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* - includes medal from prelim swim on a relay

Women's 100m Butterfly – FINAL

SILVER – Torri Huske (Arlington, Va./Stanford University), 54.75

Huske on her experience: "I'm so excited and Team USA has been great as always. The USA Swimming staff making sure we always have what we need, and then the U.S. team. Being up in the stands – being super supportive and giving us all the energy – I feel like that's what really makes the difference."

Race Notes:

- U.S. has medaled in each FINA World Championships (25m) women's 100m butterfly since 2016.
- Huske becomes the second American to ever go sub-:55.
- Huske's time is the fourth-fastest swim in history.

Women's 50m Breaststroke – FINAL

BRONZE – Lilly King (Evansville, Ind./Indiana Swim Club), 29.11

King on her race: "It was quick; it was fine. It wasn't quite as good as yesterday's but I'll take it."

Race Notes:

- King leaves Melbourne with a medal in every breaststroke event.
- This time is a new personal best for King. Her previous personal best in this event was 29.40.

Men's 50m Breaststroke – FINAL

GOLD – Nic Fink (Morristown, N.J./Metro Atlantic Swim Club), 25.38**

Fifth – Michael Andrew (Encinitas, Calif./MA Swim Academy), 25.92

*Championship record

*American record

Fink on his race: "I knew I had to get off the blocks really well and I think I did. I knew Nicolo (Martinenghi) was right there the whole time. It was good to have him there pushing me the whole way. Definitely happy with the result."

Race Notes:

- Fink has now won four international golds (three FINA World Cup, one short course world championship) in the event this year.
- Fink repeats as world champion.
- This time is a new personal best for Fink. His previous personal best in this event was 26.45

Women's 200m Backstroke – FINAL

SILVER – Claire Curzan (Cary, N.C./Stanford University/TAC Titans), 2:00.53

Curzan on her busy schedule: "It was absolutely filled. I don't know if I was expecting my silver medals to come from backstroke but I couldn't be happier about it. I think it's always a great field. Having Kaylee (McKeown of Australia) there racing for the first time was really, really special. Looking back to last year and seeing the improvements, I had two bronzes which I was super happy about and now having three

individual medals – seeing that individual improvement has been really cool and really exciting for the future.”

Race Notes:

- *Curzan sets a new personal best and becomes the third-fastest American all time in the event.*

Men’s 200m Backstroke – FINAL

GOLD – Ryan Murphy (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla./California Aquatics), 1:47.41

SILVER – Shaine Casas (McAllen, Texas/Longhorn Aquatics), 1:48.01

Murphy on the final day of competition: “After day two, I was really looking forward to this night, to the 200 back and this relay. To cap off the meet – I’m feeling some fatigue tonight – I feel like I executed really well, swam really tough. To finish on a high like that setting a world record, even in a tie, having the Australian crowd go nuts – that was cool.”

Casas on his race: “I started the meet off a little shaky. Had a couple of fourth-place finishes. I kept my head in it. Everyone pushed me and told me not to give up. I’m happy I was able to bounce back, enjoy and post a best time.”

Race Notes:

- *Murphy completes backstroke sweep for the competition, which hadn’t been done in men’s backstroke events at a FINA World Championships (25m) before.*
- *First U.S. gold in the event since Ryan Lochte in 2010.*
- *First time having two Americans on this event’s podium since 2012.*
- *Casas repeats as silver medalist in the event.*

Women’s 200m Freestyle – FINAL

Fourth – Erin Gemmell (Potomac, Md./Nation’s Capital Swim Club), 1:52.56

Race Notes:

- *Gemmell (18) was the youngest swimmer in the final.*

Men’s 200m Freestyle – FINAL

Fourth – Drew Kibler (Carmel, Ind./University of Texas), 1:41.44

Women’s 4x100m Medley Relay – FINAL

GOLD – USA, 3:44.35*

Claire Curzan (Cary, N.C./Stanford University/TAC Titans), 56:47

Lilly King (Evansville, Ind./Indiana Swim Club), 1:02.88

Torri Huske (Arlington, Va./Stanford University), 54:53

Kate Douglass (Pelham, N.Y./University of Virginia), 50:47

**World record*

Race Notes:

- *Alex Walsh and Erika Brown also earn medals for their swims in the event’s prelims.*
- *U.S. beats the previous world record, set by the United States in 2020, by .17 seconds.*

Men's 4x100m Medley Relay - FINAL

GOLD – USA, 3:18.98*

Ryan Murphy (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla./California Aquatics), 48.96

Nic Fink (Morristown, N.J./Metro Atlantic Swim Club), 54.88

Trenton Julian (Glendale, Calif./Rose Bowl Aquatics), 49.19

Kieran Smith (Ridgefield, Conn./Ridgefield Aquatic Club/University of Florida), 45.96

**World record*

Race Notes:

- *USA tied Australia for the world record and first place, both teams receiving gold medals.*
- *Previous world record of 3:19.16, set by Russia, had stood since 2009.*
- *Hunter Armstrong and Carson Foster also earn medals for their swims in the event's prelims.*

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