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Flash interviews, men's 10 km

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Gold medallist, Ferry Weertman, NED, 1:51:58.50

It was a very hard race, I had to do my best. After the Olympic victory, many people asked me why I decided to continue and I told them I just love swimming. I decided to move on, I haven't stopped for a moment, and this hard work paid off. I knew I could write history, that has motivated me. I'm happy to become the first to claim gold at the Olympics as well as the World Championships in men's 10k.

Silver medallist, Jordan Wilimovsky, USA, 1:51:58.60

I'm not disappointed that I couldn't defend my title, because it was a really difficult race and I gave it all for victory. I was trying to keep up with the leading pack, and everybody was so close to each other at the end as well. The circumstances were ideal, everything was up to us.

Bronze medallist, Marc-Antoine Olivier, FRA, 1:51:59.20

This event has specialists, so it was not obvious that I would be as good as I was today. The most difficult part of the competition was after the last bouy, from there tactics were useless, we had to swim as hard as we could. I am really happy that I managed to do so and won a medal.