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Flash interviews, women's 5 km

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1st place, Ashley Twichell, USA, 59:07.00

Already in the morning I felt I was in a good shape, so I could easily do what I had planned. We swam at a perfect pace, and I left the others at the right moment close to the end. My shoulder needed icing after the race, but it had been injured before and I have had some problems with it for a couple of years now. Being the first gold medal for the US, my medal is even more special.

2nd place, Aurelie Muller, FRA, 59:10.50

After the 10 kilometer race I felt tired, it was hard to motivate myself for this event. All I had in mind was to do my best, I didn't have a specific goal. My American rival was too fast in the last part of the course, I had no chance to catch up with her.

3rd place, Ana Marcela Cunha, BRA, 59:11.40

In the first lap my tactic was to swim behind the leading pack and avoid any kind of fight. Then in the second lap I caught up with the leading pack, and in the end I gave it my all. I almost finished the same time as Van Rouwendal but I wasn't worried about the third place.