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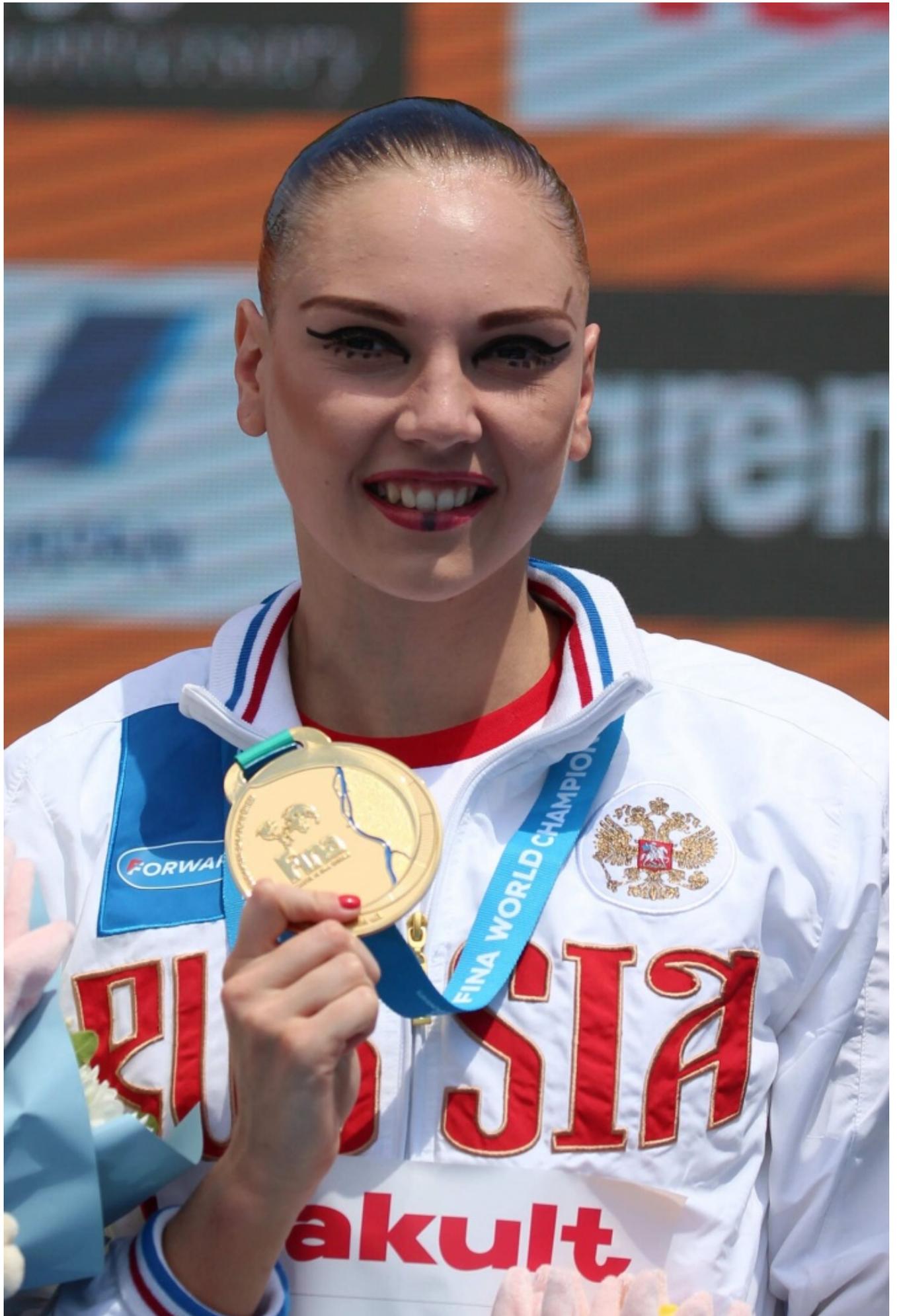
Review: Solo Free Final

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Svetlana Kolesnichenko (RUS) retained the gold medal for Russia in this event.

Prior to Kolesnichenko's victory today, Russian swimmers had won the last four gold medals in this event at the World Championships: three gold went to Natalia Ishchenko (RUS), one was clinched by Svetlana Romashina (RUS).

This gold medal is Kolesnichenko's 15th medal at the World Championships (all gold), but only her second in an individual event. She won the solo technical routine earlier this tournament. By now only Svetlana Romashina (22) and Natalia Ishchenko (20) has won more gold medals in synchronized swimming at the World Championships than Kolesnichenko (15). Anastasia Davydova (RUS) won 14.



"Perfection has no limits. I'm really glad about my performance but I'll keep working as hard as I did before. This medal shows our level now and we'll try to do our best in the future. We definitely need to promote this sport. I hope it will be more popular and become part of the Olympic programme. We're combining physical and artistic elements. We want to show our sensitivity and aspects of our soul. The secret of our success are our coaches, they are the best in the world. Without them we wouldn't be at that level as we are." - said world champion Kolesnichenko.

Ona Carbonell (ESP) took the silver medal. She previously claimed the bronze medal in this event in 2013 and 2015. Only Ishchenko (G3-S1) claimed more medals in solo free routine than Carbonell (S1-B2) at the World Championships.



Silver medallist Spanish lady praised her coach and crew. "We are a big family, it's easy to work with friends. My coach used to be my idol and now she is my coach. We work a lot on my artistic expression. During the last six edition of the Championships I think I have improved a lot. I'm very satisfied with my results and I'd like to say thanks to my coach and our team."

Anna Voloshyna (UKR) took the bronze home, Ukraine's first medal in this event.



"I'm very happy about this medal and I hope my performance will help the team spirit during the team free routine. Russia dominates, because they are the best in the world, my congratulations to them. Our goal is to reach their level." - Voloshyna said.

1. Svetlana Kolesnichenko RUS (96.1333)
2. Ona Carbonell ESP (95.0333)
3. Anna Voloshyna UKR (93.3000)