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Preview: Women's swimming

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Women's 400m Freestyle

- Katie Ledecky (USA) won the women's 400m freestyle world title at the previous two World Championships (2013, 2015).
- She can become the first woman to win this event three times, as she now shares the record of two with Federica Pellegrini (ITA, 2009-2011) and Laure Manaudou (FRA, 2005-2007).
- Ledecky is hoping to win the world title in this event at the third World Championships in a row (2013, 2015), making her the first woman to achieve this feat in any individual discipline. Katinka Hosszú (HUN, 200m individual medley) and Sarah Sjöström (SWE, 100m butterfly) can also achieve this today.
- In all events, Ledecky has claimed a total of nine medals at the World Championships, all gold. She can become the second woman to claim at least 10 world titles, after compatriot Missy Franklin (USA, 11).
- Ledecky won this event at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games while smashing the world record by almost two seconds (now 3:56.46).
- She can become the third reigning Olympic champion to win the world title in this event. Janet Evans (USA) won at the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games and 1991 World Championships and Manaudou at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games and 2005-2007 World Championships.
- Leah Smith (USA) claimed the bronze medal in this event at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. She bagged her sole World Championships medal in the 4x200m freestyle relay in 2015, when team USA won the world title.
- The last time two US women finished on the World Championship podium in this event was in 1978, with 14-year-old Cynthia Woodhead (silver) and 15-year-old Kim Linehan (bronze).
- Boglárka Kapas (HUN) just missed out on a medal at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro as she finished fourth. She is hoping to become the first woman to claim a medal in this event in front of a home crowd since Melanie Costa (ESP) finished second behind Ledecky in Barcelona in 2013.
- The only Hungarian to finish on the podium in the women's 400m freestyle was Eva Risztov in 2003 (silver).

Women's 100m Butterfly

- Sarah Sjöström (SWE) has won the women's 100m butterfly world title a record three times.
- At age 15, Sjöström was first crowned world champion in this event in Rome in 2009. She lost her crown to Dana Vollmer (USA) in 2011, but reclaimed it in 2013 and 2015.
- Sjöström is the world record holder in this event (55:48). At the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, she improved the mark for the fifth time in her career. Only Atie Voorbij (NED, six times) has improved this mark more times.
- With her gold medal in this event at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Sjöström became the first Swedish woman to claim an Olympic title in swimming.
- Sjöström could become the first reigning Olympic champion in this event to win the world title.
- Sjöström is hoping to win the world title in this event at three World Championships in a row, making her the first woman to achieve this feat in any individual discipline. Katinka Hosszú (HUN, 200m individual medley) and Katie Ledecky (USA, 400m freestyle) can also achieve this on the opening two days of the tournament.
- Sjöström can become the first woman with four gold medals in a single event at the World Championships.
- In total, Sjöström has claimed eight medals at the World Championships (G4-S3-B1) and is hoping to become the most decorated Swede, male or female, in the history of the competition. She now shares the record with Therese Alshammar (G2-S5-B1).
- Both Rikako Ikee (JPN, 4 July) and Penny Oleksiak (CAN, 13 June) recently celebrated their 17th birthday. They finished first and second in this event respectively at the 2015 World Junior Championships in Singapore.
- This century, the only younger medallist in this event at the World Championships was Sjöström as she claimed the 2009 world title at the age of 15.
- Oleksiak claimed the silver medal in this event at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. She is hoping to follow in the footsteps of Wendy Quirk (bronze in 1978) finishing on the podium of the women's 100m butterfly representing Canada at the World Championships.
- Ikee could become the third woman from Japan to claim a medal in this event, after Junko Onishi (bronze in 2001), Ayari Aoyama (silver in 1998) and Mayumi Aoki (bronze in 1973).
- Lu Ying (CHN) claimed the bronze medal in this event at each of the last two World Championships. Only Sjöström (G3-S0-B0), Jessicah Schipper (AUS, G1-S2-B0) and Otylia Jędrzejczak (POL, G0-S2-B1) have claimed three medals in the women's 100m butterfly.

Women's 200m Individual Medley

- Katinka Hosszú (HUN) won the women's 200m individual medley world title at the last two World Championships.
- She is hoping to win this event for a record third time as she now shares the record of two with Katie Hoff (USA, 2005-2007).
- Hosszú also claimed a bronze medal in this event at the World Championships in 2009, making her the only woman with three medals in the 200m individual medley event.
- Hosszú is hoping to win the world title in this event for the third World Championships in a row (2013, 2015), making her the first woman to achieve this feat in any individual

discipline. Sarah Sjöström (SWE, 100m butterfly) and Katie Ledecky (USA, 400m freestyle) could also achieve this on the opening two days of the tournament.

- Two years ago in Kazan, Hosszú won the world title in a new world record time (2:06.12).
- At the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, Hosszú completed the medley double by winning the 200m and 400m individual medley.
- Hosszú could become the second reigning Olympic champion to win the world title in this event, after Yana Klochkova (UKR) who won her first Olympic gold in 2000 and the world title in 2003.
- Hosszú is hoping to become the second woman to win the 200m individual medley world title in front of a home crowd, after Ye Shiwen (CHN) won in Shanghai in 2011.
- In total, Hosszú has claimed nine World Championships medals (G5-B4) and is eyeing to become the second swimmer from Hungary to reach double figures, after László Cseh who is on 12 medals coming into this year's edition (G2-S5-B5).
- Siobhan-Marie O'Connor (GBR) finished in third place in this event at the 2015 World Championships and claimed the silver medal at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.
- These are the only medals by a British woman in this event at either the World Championships or the Olympic Games.
- O'Connor is hoping to join Rebecca Adlington (GBR, 3), Katy Sexton (GBR, 2), Joanne Jackson (GBR, 2), Francesca Halsall (GBR, 2) and Zoe Baker (GBR, 2) as the only swimmers to claim multiple World Championships medals in women's individual events for Great Britain.
- Adlington (800m freestyle, 2011), Gemma Spofforth (100m backstroke, 2009) and Sexton (200m backstroke, 2003) are the only British women to win an individual world title.

Women's 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay

- Australia are the reigning Olympic and world champions in the women's 4x100m freestyle relay.
- Australia could become the first nation to win back-to-back world titles in this event since Netherlands in 2009-2011.
- Australia also won the world title in this event in 2007 and 2005. Only the United States (5) and East Germany (4) have won this discipline more often.
- United States have claimed a record 15 medals in this event at the World Championships (G5-S8-B2) as they failed to reach the podium in 2009 only.
- Netherlands are the only country to have finished on the podium in this event at the last five World Championships. They won the title in 2009 and 2011, claimed silver in 2015 and took bronze in 2007 and 2013.
- Femke Heemskerk (NED) and Ranomi Kromowidjojo (NED) can both claim a record sixth medal in this event. They now share the record of five with Natalie Coughlin (USA) and Katrin Meissner (GER).
- Heemskerk and Kromowidjojo can also equal Jenny Thompson (USA) on a record three world titles in this event.
- Canada finished third in this discipline at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. They could claim their first World Championships medal in this event in almost 40 years, a bronze medal in 1978.