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Event preview: Mixed duet technical routine

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- At the 2015 FINA World Championships, United States claimed the gold medal in the inaugural mixed duet technical event.
- Bill May (USA) and Christina Jones (USA) were the first swimmers to win this event.
- May will now partner with Kanako Spendlove (USA, born Kitao) who won the world title in the free combination in 2003 representing Japan.
- Spendlove (G1-S3) won four medals at the World Championships in 2003 and 2005 in total and she took silver with Japan in the women's team event at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.
- Russia claimed the silver medal in this event two years ago, making it the only synchro event in the programme in Budapest it has never won at the World Championships.
- Aleksandr Maltsev (RUS) and Mikhaela Kalancha (RUS) will compete for Russia. Maltsev took the silver medal in this event two years ago and he won the gold medal in the mixed duet free in 2015.
- Kalancha has won four gold medals at the World Championships, in the team technical routine (2) and in the free combination (2).
- Italy finished third in this event in 2015, claiming one of three medals the country has won in synchro at the World Championships (coming to these World Championships), alongside bronze medals in the mixed duet free routine (2015) and in the solo free routine (2009).