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New stars candidate for the 2017 FINA World Championships!

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Nikoletta Kiss and the unlucky silver medal

Nikoletta Kiss felt, however, pretty unlucky after her race, since she was beaten by only 5 tenth of a second by her British rival!

„I took a breath on my left just before the finish line, and I saw that the Italian and the Russian girl are behind me, so I thought even after jumping out of the water that I was the winner. National head coach Gábor Gellért informed me that the British swimmer just passed me on my right side.”

Kiss, who had a bad period due to some family reasons earlier this year, thinks she can learn a lot from this race, and she will be better and better in the future. She is going to take part in two European Cup events in the summer, and then in the Junior European Championship in September. The year of 2017 will be quite different for her.

„That will be my first senior year, and the FINA World Championships will help me a lot, since it will be held in Hungary. I am looking forward to taking part in it!”



Rasovszky, the new star candidate in open water swimming

Rasovszky went to the Netherlands to win a medal, but even he was very surprised to win the competition by a half-minute margin.

„My tactic was to start strong, and to swim in first place from the first up to the last second. In the last lap the Italian guy came pretty close to me, but then I managed to step on the gas again”.

Rasovszky, who finished fifth in the World Cup in Balatonfüred in June, will also take part in the olympic games in Rio later this summer, not in open water, but in the pool, in 1500 m freestyle.

„My goal is to improve my best, it would be great if I could swim a time around 15:06” - said the young athlete, who can be one of the new stars in a year’s time in the 2017 FINA World Championships.

