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FINA World Championships Get Underway in Shanghai

Indianapolis, Ind. – The synchronized Swimming portion of the 14th FINA World Aquatic Championships got underway on Sunday at the Shanghai Oriental Sports Center. Sunday's action featured the solo and duet tech preliminary competition and the finals of the solo tech. The elite competition which features all four aquatic sports, runs July 17-23.

Mary Killman (McKinney, Texas) represented Team USA in the solo tech event with an 11th place finish (87.1). Russia's Natalia Ischenko stole the show with a 98.3. China's Xuechen Huang (96.5) and Spain's Andrea Fuentes (95.3) joined Ischenko on the medal stand. Medals are being awarded in both the tech and free portions of each event.

In the duet tech prelim, Killman teamed up with **Lyssa Wallace** (San Antonio, Texas). The pair finished 8th with an 89.00. Russia finished the preliminary swim in 1st with a 97.5. China (95.800) and Spain (94.400) followed. The duet tech final will take place Monday.

SOLO TECH FINAL RESULTS

1. Natalia Ishchenko (RUS) 98.3; 2. Xuechen Huang (CHN) 96.5; 3. Andrea Fuentes (ESP) 95.3
4. Marie Pierre Boudreau-Gagnon (CAN) 94.5; 5. Yumi Adachi (JPN) 92.6; 6. Lolita Ananasova (UKR) 90.7; 7. Despoina Solomou (GRE) 89.4; 8. Jenna Randall (GBR) 89.0; 9. Linda Erruti (ITA) 88.3; 10. Anastasia Gloushkov (ISR) 87.5; 11. Mary Killman (USA) 87.1; 12. Ok Gyong Wang (PRK) 86.6

DUET TECH PRELIMINARY RESULTS

1. RUS 97.5; 2. CHN 95.800; 3. ESP 94.400; 4. CAN 93.900; 5. JPN 92.600; 6. UKR 90.900;
7. ITA 89.900; 8. USA 89.00; 9. FRA 88.500; 10. GBR 87.800; 11. GRE 87.600; 12. BRA 87.400

The 2011 U.S. National Synchronized Swimming Team includes:

Christiana Butera (El Cajon, Calif.), **Morgan Fuller** (Sunnyvale, Calif.), **Megan Hansley** (New Canaan, Conn.), **Heidi Homma** (Orinda, Calif.), **Mary Killman** (McKinney, Texas), **Maria Koroleva** (Concord, Calif.), **Jourdan Meltzer** (Oakland, Calif.), **Michelle Moore** (Tonawanda, N.Y.), **Leah Pinette** (Bristol, Conn.), **Brooke Taylor** (Las Vegas, Nev.), **Lyssa Wallace** (San Antonio, Texas), **Katy Wiita** (Vancouver, Wash.) and **Alison Williams** (Northridge, Calif.)

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