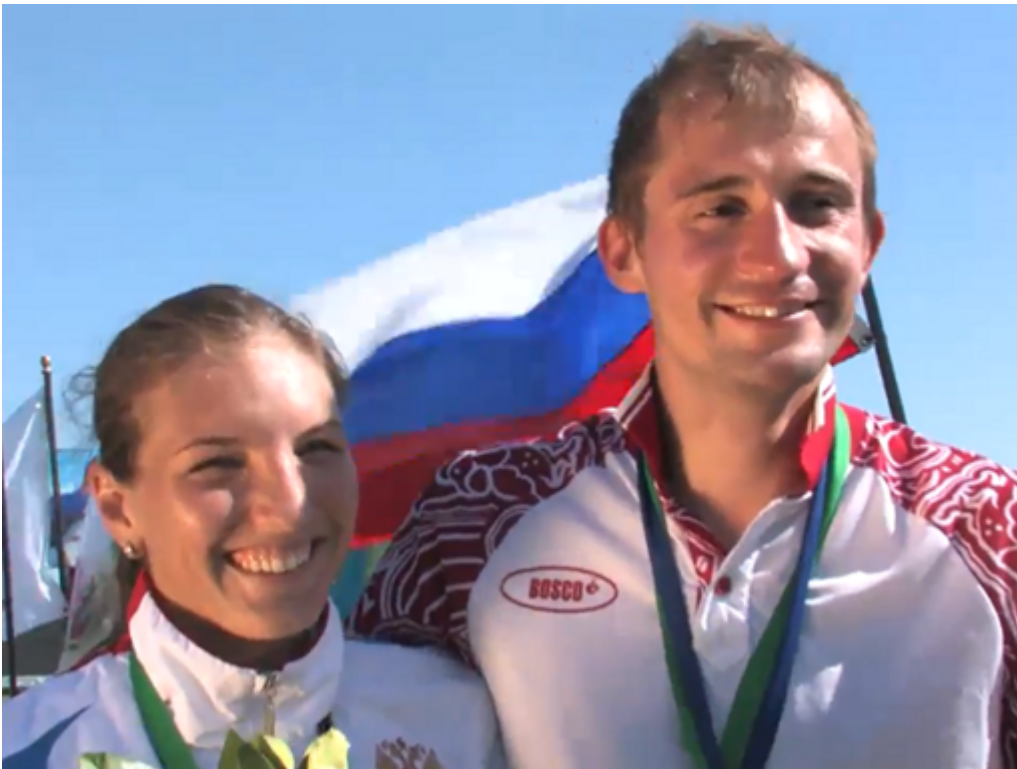


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KHURASKINA AND LESUN TAKE GOLD IN WORLD CUP FINAL'S MIXED RELAY



Ekaterina Khuraskina and Aleksander Lesun of Russia won the Mixed Relay's World Cup Final in Sarasota, Florida. Second place was taken by pair of China while in third came Lithuanians.

In facing the winning duo were **Ekaterina Khuraskina** and **Aleksander Lesun** of Russia who won 30 out of 44 bouts. Second place with only one victory less was taken by **Tatsiana Yelizarova** and **Stanislau Zhurauliou** from Belarus and in third position pairs from China (**Qian Chen** and **Jianli Guo**) and Korea (**Soo Jin Yang** and **Woojin Hwang**) were tied as both teams had 25 wins claimed.

At the swimming pool the best time of 1:55,59 was achieved by Chen and Guo. Koreans were 1,12 secs slower while Italians **Alice Sotero** and **Riccardo De Luca** lost 1,30 secs to them. Belarussians took the lead in the overall classification as they overtook Russians. Third place was kept by Chinese.

In riding two pairs, Chen and Guo and **Victoria Tereshuk** and **Pavlo Tymoshchenko** of Ukraine, achieved the maximum result of 300 points. The so-far leaders, Belarussians, gained 26 penalty

points and fell down to third position with Russia, China and Korea ahead of them.

To the combined event Khuraskina started only two seconds before Chen and 13 before Yang. The Russian and the Chinese ran together for their entire leg and together gave the exchange to Lesun and Guo. The Chinese was shooting better and faster than the Russian, but he was gaining an advantage in running and, though he left the shooting range a few moments after Guo, he managed to cross the finish line 10 seconds before him. In the battle for third place the best team were Lithuanians - **Laura Asadauskaite** and **Justinas Kinderis**, World No. 1 in women's and men's World Ranking, proved, that they are one of the best runners in the stake. Starting 10th to the combined event with 65 seconds of loss to the leaders they managed to go up to third place, losing only 32 seconds to Russians at the finish.