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400m IM Gold For Flickinger at FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)

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MELBOURNE, Australia – An American record in the men’s 4x50m medley relay and medley gold for Hali Flickinger highlighted day five of competition at the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) on Saturday.

Semifinals in the 100m butterfly and 50m breaststroke were also contested on Saturday night. **Torri Huske (Arlington, Va./Stanford University)** and **Claire Curzan (Cary, N.C./Stanford University/TAC Titans)** advance to the butterfly final as the No. 1 and No. 5 seeds, respectively.

Lilly King (Evansville, Ind./Indiana Swim Club) was the second overall qualifier to Sunday’s breaststroke final. Finishing second (25.64) and fifth (25.81) overall, respectively, **Nic Fink (Morristown, N.J./Metro Atlantic Aquatic Club)** and **Michael Andrew (Encinitas, Calif./MA Swim Academy)** will also swim in Sunday’s breaststroke final.

Prelims continue tomorrow at 11:05 a.m. AEDT (6:05 p.m. ET, December 17) with finals at 7:35 p.m. AEDT (3:35 a.m. ET, December 18).

A look at the federation medal table:

<i>Federation</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Total</i>
United States	13	10	5	28
Australia	11	7	5	23
Italy	5	5	2	12
Canada	2	2	5	9
Netherlands	1	1	5	7
Japan	2	2	2	6
France	1	3	1	5
Great Britain	-	1	2	3
South Africa	2	-	1	3
New Zealand	-	2	-	2
Norway	-	1	1	2

Poland	-	1	1	2
Switzerland	-	1	1	2
China	-	-	2	2
Sweden	-	-	2	2
Brazil	1	-	-	1
Cayman Islands	1	-	-	1
Hong Kong	-	1	-	1
Germany	-	-	1	1
Hungary	-	-	1	1
Lithuania	-	-	1	1
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	1	1

A look at the U.S. individual medal table:

<i>Athlete</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Total</i>
Kate Douglass	4	2	-	6
Torri Huske	3	2	-	5
Alex Walsh*	2	2	1	5
Claire Curzan	1	3	1	5
Ryan Murphy	3	1	-	4
Nic Fink	2	2	-	4
Kieran Smith*	2	1	1	4
Erika Brown*	1	2	1	4
Carson Foster	1	2	1	4
Natalie Hinds*	1	2	-	3
Lilly King	1	2	-	3
Shaine Casas*	1	1	1	3
Hali Flickinger	1	1	1	3
Erin Gemmell*	1	1	1	3
Trenton Julian*	1	1	1	3
Michael Andrew*	1	1	-	2
Drew Kibler	1	-	1	2
Leah Smith	-	-	2	2
Jake Foster*	1	-	-	1
Dakota Luther	1	-	-	1
Jake Magahey*	1	-	-	1
Annie Lazor*	-	1	-	1
Hunter Armstrong*	-	1	-	1
Jillian Cox*	-	-	1	1
David Curtiss*	-	-	1	1
Kensley McMahon	-	-	1	1

* - includes medal from prelim swim on a relay

Women's 4x50m Medley Relay – FINAL

SILVER – USA, 1:42.41

Claire Curzan (Cary, N.C./Stanford University/TAC Titans), 25.75

Lilly King (Evansville, Ind./Indiana Swim Club), 29.00

Torri Huske (Arlington, Va./Stanford University), 24.94

Kate Douglass (Pelham, N.Y./University of Virginia), 22.72

Race Notes:

- *Alex Walsh, Annie Lazor, Erika Brown and Natalie Hinds also earn medals for their swims in the prelims.*
- *Douglass had the fastest split of the entire field with her time of 22.72.*
- *.08 seconds separated gold from bronze.*

Men's 4x50m Medley Relay – FINAL

SILVER – USA, 1:30.37*

Ryan Murphy (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla./California Aquatics), 22.61

Nic Fink (Morristown, N.J./Metro Atlantic Aquatic Club), 25.24

Shaine Casas (McAllen, Texas/Longhorn Aquatics), 22.13

Michael Andrew (Encinitas, Calif./MA Swim Academy), 20.39

**American record*

Head coach Braden Holloway on both 4x50m medley relays: "The lineups we put together for finals were the right lineups, gave us the best chance at gold medals. We were just short on both. Both were exciting races, fast swimming. We were a little conservative on our relay starts; that's an area we can improve on to get some time back. An American record for the men, nonetheless. The women were right at the world record at the finish. They battled hard and executed great races. We just could've been quicker on our relay exchanges to put us in a better position to be at the wall first. That's something we can learn from as we move into tomorrow's medleys."

Race Notes:

- *Hunter Armstrong, Trenton Julian and Kieran Smith also win medals for their efforts in prelims.*

Men's 800m Freestyle – FINAL

Fifth – David Johnston (Dallas, Texas/University of Texas), 7:34.33

Eighth – Charlie Clark (Sandusky, Ohio/Ohio State University), 7:37.54

Women's 400m Individual Medley – FINAL

GOLD – Hali Flickinger (York, Pa./Sun Devil Swimming), 4:26.51

Fourth – Leah Smith (Pittsburgh, Pa./Longhorn Aquatics), 4:29.18

Flickinger on her race: "I took it out fast. It was fun and I just wanted to swim my own race. I know my strengths and my weaknesses, so I just tried to do my best."

Race Notes:

- *The gold marks Flickinger's first individual title in an international competition since her 2018 Pan Pacific Championships gold in the 200m butterfly.*

- *Flickinger's reaction time was .07 seconds faster than anyone in the field.*

Men's 400m Individual Medley – FINAL

SILVER – Carson Foster (Cincinnati, Ohio/University of Texas/Mason Manta Rays), 3:57.63

Sixth – Jake Foster (Cincinnati, Ohio/University of Texas/Mason Manta Rays), 4:02.51

Carson Foster on his race: "Honestly, I would've liked to go a little faster and place one spot higher. That's a race that – no matter what the result was – I'll always remember getting to walk out with my brother (Jake). Sharing that with him is what I'm taking away from tonight.

Race Notes:

- *Carson Foster shaves .36 seconds off his personal best.*
- *Carson Foster won bronze in this event at the 2021 World Championships (25m).*
- *This is Carson Foster's second swim in his career under 3:58, a mark that only two other Americans have bested.*

Women's 50m Freestyle – FINAL

Seventh – Erika Brown (Modesto, Calif./Tennessee Aquatics), 23.76

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