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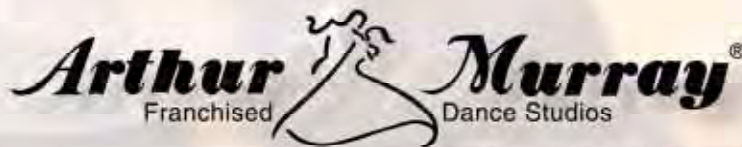
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***Bjørn Bitsch -
Ashli Williams
from Denmark
successfully
defend the title!***



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“The World Ten Dance Championship is the most difficult event for our athletes.” With these words WDSF President **Carlos Freitag** opened the championship on November 12th this year in Shanghai. 34 couples had come to compete for the title.

Last year in Vienna, Bjørn Bitsch & Ashli Williams from Denmark won the title ahead of Timur Imametdinov & Ekaterina Nikolaeva from Russia. At the European Championship Ten Dance in Moscow in April we had experienced an unusual start. Timur and Ekaterina were lucky to turn the situation. They won the European Championship Ten Dance ahead of Bjørn and Ashli. “Is it time for revenge now?” I asked the couple during an interview in



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Moscow two weeks before the championship?

Bjørn and Ashli explained how they prepared and I think they worked hard to prepare for this event. There was no doubt: this couple wanted to win the World Championship Ten Dance again as they did in Vienna one year ago. And they felt confident to have a really good chance.

After the first round an unusual start was in the air. While the two favorites, Bjørn & Ashli from Denmark and Timur & Ekaterina from Russia,



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were marked 87 out of ninety possible marks by the nine adjudicators there were three other couples topping this result. Anton Belyayev & Antoaneta Popova from Canada and Jaak Vainomaa & Taina Savikurki from Finland got 88 marks. Janick Glud Löwe & Pia Lundanes Löwe from Norway even topped this result achieving 89 out of 90 possible marks.

The second round worked very well for the Canadian couple (85 marks). Timur & Ekaterina advanced to second position (79 marks). In the third round the couple from Russia achieved 77 marks ahead of the couple with Janick & Pia from Norway (66 points) and Bjørn & Ashli from Denmark with 63 marks. This was the starting position for the final rounds.

The results of the first three rounds evidenced that the performance of the top couples was near-balanced. The adjudicators were still considering and there was no preliminary decision at the beginning of the final. So it was essential for the couples to improve their presentations.

Bjørn & Ashli knew that they had a chance to win the competition, if they could persuade the adjudicators with a top performance in the standard section – and they did! They won all five standard dances with a majority of six, seven or eight 1st places. The Latin section was more difficult for them. With 13 points (2,3,2,3,3) in Latin and 5 points (1,1,1,1,1) in the standard



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section the total result is 18 points. So the excellent performance in all five standard dances was the trigger to win the World Championship Ten Dance a second time against very strong competitors. Congratulations to Bjørn & Ashli!

The situation of Timur & Ekaterina is comparable, but just opposite due to the sections. The Russian couple dominated in the Latin section and won all dances. In the standard section, Timur & Ekaterina achieved third and fourth places (4,3,4,3,3) while the Canadian couple attained a better place in all dances except the quickstep. So the better performance of Anton & Antoaneta in the standard section in the end helped Bjørn & Ashli to win. Timur & Ekaterina were set in 2nd place with 22 points.

Anton & Antoaneta from Canada advanced from 5th place last year in Vienna to 3rd place in Shanghai this year. The couple was well balanced in both sections (standard 3,2,2,2,4 and Latin 5,2,3,2,2). With a total of 27 points they had an obvious advance to the 4th place (45 points), which was taken by Martin Dvorak & Zuzana Silhanova from Czech Republic.

Martin & Zuzana from Czech Republic have their strengths in the standard section. With respectable places (2,4,3,4,2) in standard they had a good start. In the Latin section, however, their competitors



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performed better. So they had to take 6th place in all Latin dances. At least, due to the standard performance, they achieved 4th place this year. This is two places up since last year in Vienna.

Jaak & Taina from Finland gained 5th place this year. Last year in Vienna, they had been set in 10th place. This is a strong improvement. The couple is well balanced in both sections with a slight advantage in Latin (4,4,5,4,4). In the standard section the adjudicators voted the couple in 5th place in tango, Viennese waltz and in quick-step. In waltz and slow foxtrot they achieved 6th place. Actually the couple ranks at 2nd position in the WDSF world ranking.

Last but not least Janick & Pia from Norway joined the final rounds. This couple had been



valued very strongly in the first and third rounds. Therefore it was a surprise to see them in 6th place at the end of the final. Nevertheless, it was a great step forward joining the finals this year. The couple is actually ranked at 5th place in WDSF world ranking.

The World Championship Ten Dance in Shanghai was well organized at Luwan Gymnasium. An enthusiastic audience set a fantastic stage to the event. From the point of view of the couples as from the view of television and photographers there was a slight problem with the eight spotlights positioned directly on the floor on both sides. Please lose those lights in future! There was plenty of light from the top. Less sometimes is more!

Adjudicators

Alicja Majewska, Poland; Craig Wilson, Australia; Chen Shuming, China; Daniel Helbling, Switzerland; Ito Tamiko, Japan; Marko Vodnik, Slovenia; Monique Maesschalck, Belgium; Oleg Yedlin, Canada; Vladimir Parakhnevich, Belarus

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Final Rounds

- Bjørn Bitsch – Ashli Williams**
LW: 1, TA: 1, WW: 1, SL: 1, QU: 1 SA: 2, CH: 3, RU: 2, PA: 3, JI: 3
Denmark - 18,0
- Timur Imametdinov – Ekaterina Nikolaeva**
LW: 4, TA: 3, WW: 4, SL: 3, QU: 3 SA: 1, CH: 1, RU: 1, PA: 1, JI: 1
Russia - 22
- Anton Belyayev – Antoaneta Popova**
LW: 3, TA: 2, WW: 2, SL: 2, QU: 4 SA: 5, CH: 2, RU: 3, PA: 2, JI: 2
Canada - 27
- Martin Dvorak – Zuzana Silhanova**
LW: 2, TA: 4, WW: 3, SL: 4, QU: 2 SA: 6, CH: 6, RU: 6, PA: 6, JI: 6
Czech Republic - 45
- Jaak Vainomaa – Taina Savikurki**
LW: 6, TA: 5, WW: 5, SL: 6, QU: 5 SA: 4, CH: 4, RU: 5, PA: 4, JI: 4
Finland - 48
- Janick Glud Löwe – Pia Lundanes Löwe**
LW: 5, TA: 6, WW: 6, SL: 5, QU: 6 SA: 3, CH: 5, RU: 4, PA: 5, JI: 5
Norway - 50

6th



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Over the recent years this competition has lacked the number of competing professional compared to the Amateur Latin, however there were a number of new couples and returnees to the dance floor creating a very good competition, lets hope that some of our older Amateurs stay the course and turn professional so that we build this competition in the next few years.

1st

Gregor Rebula & Rachael Heron; Retaining their Professional Latin title with a great performance. They looked really up for this competition tonight and you could tell that they meant business from the very first dance. Great individual style and dominance of the floor made them for me and the judges clear winners of this competition.

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Oleksii Ivanets & Lisa Bellinger-Ivanets; One of the UK's best and most consistent couple's of the past few years were a very easy second but I did not think that they challenged tonight as they have in the past. They didn't get the crowd going as they



have in the previous years and the energy level was not as good as the first place couple.

3rd

Gunnar Gunnarsson & Amy Bennett; Made 3rd place their own tonight with a very solid performance. To move forward I think that a lack of connection between each other sometimes lets them down. Also on occasions they can try to hard making everything look busy and over worked.



2nd



3rd



4th



to judge them against other couples, as there are no 'masculine-feminine' elements to their routines and towards each other.

Danny Bell & Danyelle Clarke; This couple need to start working on their speed of movement to get them up to the same level of the other professional couples. More core strength would help this.



Kyle Fisher & Jade Main; Much improved since I saw them at the International. They always seem to know what they are trying to show and Jade has a very good presence on the dance floor. A better dynamic movement from foot to foot would help them push to compete at a higher level.

Greg Gillespie & Lubomira Petkova; A couple who have come back onto the floor recently but they really need to listen and understand the music better and not rush their routines. Both were a little quiet on the night for me to have had any chance of making the final.

Comments and views from the Semi Final:

David Barnes & Loren James; I find that this couple are very hit and miss, sometimes you see them and they look great the next time you see them they seem to be confused as to what they want to be doing. A more athletic approach would also suite them better.

Jonathan Morrison & Sergio Brillhante; I have judged these two gentlemen on a number of occasions now and in my opinion they are both very capable dancers. I still think that it is hard

4th
Ryan Hammond & Lindsey Muckle; This couple are always consistent with everything that they produce with out some how challenging for the top spots. They are very athletic but I would like them to stand longer in lines so that we can see more of them and they can give more to the audience.

5th
Richard Still & Morgan Hemphill; Gave a very good effort on the night as I would expect with this couple but I have seen them dominate the floor better and demand more attention. More connection to each other and bigger expressions would help them compete much better in professional.

6th
Sehyoung & Adele Jang Don; Another couple who are little bit inconsistent on the dance floor. You get very good lines from both but sometimes the individual dance characteristics are lost and a lot of the dances too look similar.

7th

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