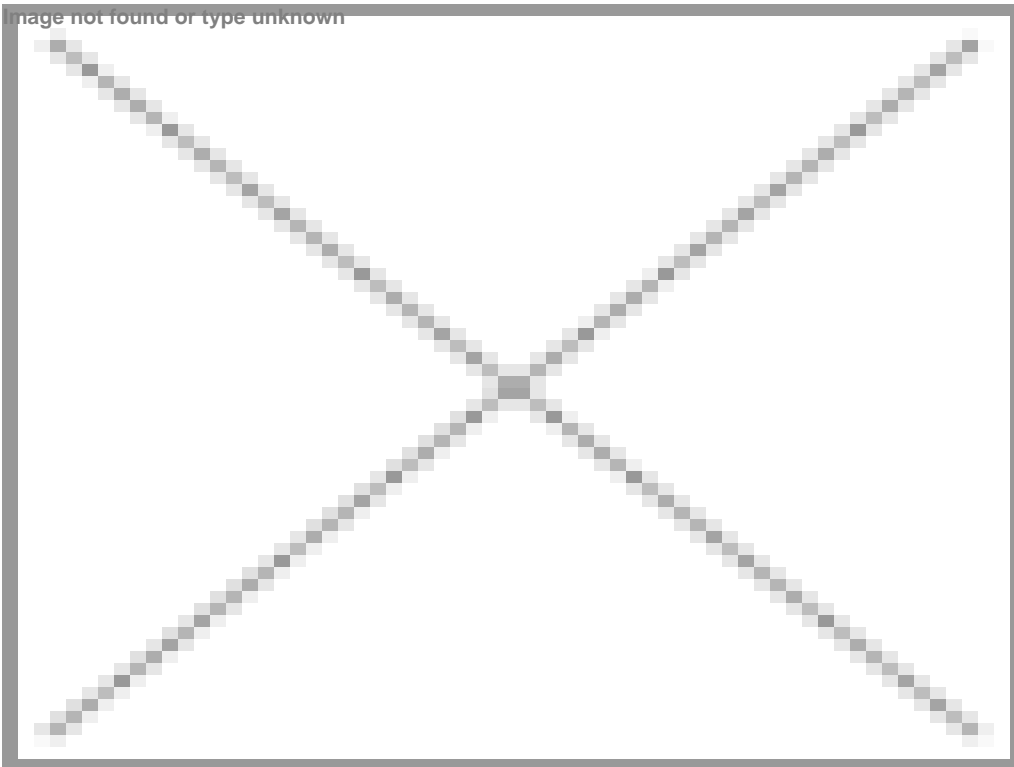


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FAVOURITES IN MEN'S DRAW PROGRESS TO WORLD CUP #1 FINAL



In a scintillating day of competition at the Unidad Deportivo Acapulco, the favourites made their mark in the Qualification phase of World Cup #1. 36 of the planet's best men ensured their presence in Saturday's final in the picturesque Mexican coastal resort after battling torrid conditions and an extremely competitive playing field.

Group A saw 2013 World Cup #3 winner **Pavlo Tymoshchenko** of Ukraine claim top spot after his 22 victories in the morning fence and 8th place in the swim put him in pole for the combined. It was a position he never relinquished as he moved into the final with ease. He was closely followed by Italy's **Riccardo De Luca**, who had also scored the same amount of victories with the epee.

The fastest swimmer in the group, with a time of 2:05.13, was Cuba's **Lester Ders**. The 23-year-old, competing in only his second ever international competition, ran the second quickest in the combined to finish third. Egypt's **Eslam Hamad** came fourth with Poland's **Sebastian Stasiak** made up the top five.

Russia's **Aleksander Lesun** once again demonstrated his skills on the pistes as he claimed 22

wins in the Group B fence. The World No.5 went into the swim ahead of **Robert Kasza** of Hungary with **Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy** of Ukraine and France's **Valentin Prades** sharing third place. In the pool, Egypt's **Amro El Geziry** was the quickest, recording a sub-2 minute time with Kasza moving top of the rankings after finishing fourth.

Lesun then showed his class in the run/shoot to cross the finish line first juts ahead of the Hungarian.

A blistering time of 1:57.66 by **James Cooke** in the water put the Brit in a commanding position going into the Group C fence. On the pistes, **Omar El Geziry**, brother of Amro, won the fence ahead of his compatriot **Yasser Hefny** as he secured top spot in the provisional rankings going into the final event of the day.

Surprisingly it was **Jorge Inzunza** who delighted the home crowd as he finished the run shoot first to book his place in the final.

Results:

- Results Group A men
- Results Group B men
- Results Group C men

Saturday's Men's World Cup #1 Final line-up

Friday now sees the Women Final take place

Women's Final Schedule:

- Fence 09:30
- Swim 14:00
- Ride 15:45
- Combined 18:00

Competition schedule:

- Friday 28 February – Women's Final
- Saturday 1 March – Men's Final
- Sunday 2 March – Mixed Relay

A World Cup Series for both men and women has been organised since 1990. Each year between 4 and 6 World Cup competitions are organised. At the end of these competitions there is a World Cup Final in which the best 36 male and female athletes participate. The athletes qualify for the Final via a league table (World Cup Standings) constructed from their three best World Cup Competitions. Throughout the series prize money is available.

In 2014 there are 4 World Cup competitions followed by the World Cup Final:

- World Cup #1: Acapulco, Mexico 26 February - 2 March 2014
- World Cup #2: Cairo, Egypt 02-06 April 2014
- World Cup #3: Chengdu, China 16-20 April 2013
- World Cup #4: Kecskemet, Hungary 1-5 May 2013
- World Cup Final: Sarasota-Bradenton, USA 06-08 June 2013

