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FINCHUM/McCRORY WIN SILVER IN SYNCHRO DEBUT *Bryant/Rittenhouse finish fourth at World Series meet in China*



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CHANGZHOU, China – Thomas Finchum (Indianapolis, Ind.) and **Nick McCrory** (Chapel Hill, N.C.) made their debut as a synchro team with a silver medal in men's synchronized 10-meter Friday in the FINA World Series.

The pair scored 460.50 points to finish second only to 2008 Olympic gold medalists Huo Liang and Lin Yue of China, who took the gold with 484.92 points. Germany's Sascha Klein and Patrick Hausding, the 2008 Olympic silver medalists on this event, were third at 459.72.

The FINA World Series is an invitation-only event featuring the top teams and divers from the 2008 Olympic Games. Finchum finished fifth with long-time partner **David Boudia** (Noblesville, Ind.) in Beijing, but Boudia, now a freshman at Purdue University, was unable to attend the World Series event in China as it coincided with the NCAA Championships.

USA Diving's new high performance director Steve Foley recommended Finchum pair up with McCrory in Boudia's absence, and it paid off. Despite having trained together only a few weeks before the World Series meet, Finchum and McCrory's mark of 460.50 points was less than four points off Finchum's best-ever score with Boudia (the pair scored 464.04 points to win the 2008 national title just before the Olympics).

Also on Friday, 2008 Olympians **Kelci Bryant** (Chatham, Ill./Indianapolis, Ind.) and **Ariel Rittenhouse** (Santa Cruz, Calif./Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.) competed in women's synchronized 3-meter and finished fourth, equaling their finish in the 2008 Olympic Games. They scored 310.20 points, just three points off the bronze, which was won by Germany's Nora Subschinski and Katja Diekow. China's He Zi and Wang Han won the gold, with Australians Briony Cole and Sharleen Stratton finishing second.

On Saturday, McCrory and Finchum scored 401.19 to place fifth in synchronized 3-meter. Finchum also competed individually on 10-meter, placing fifth with 518.35 points. Bryant placed seventh with 303.05 in the individual 3-meter contest, and Rittenhouse took eighth at 296.70.

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