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Just 6 months and the 17th FINA World Championships starts! In the coming month the OC will work harder than ever to give YOU our best! We know our goals, but we asked successful competitors, even of other sports, what they are expecting! The count down has started - part 2!

Kristóf Rasovszky is highly motivated ahead of the FINA World Championships

Kristóf Rasovszky is Hungary's top male favourite in open water swimming at the 2017 FINA World Championships. The 19-year-old athlete was shining in 2016, winning the World Junior Championships and the European Junior Championships and finishing 5th in two World Cup races. He started preparing for this year's big event a couple of days ago, and he will do his best to be as successful in Balatonfüred as possible.

'Of course the World Championships is already on my mind, and that is why I am highly motivated. We will have a training camp in February, in March I plan to take part in the World Cup race in Abu Dhabi, and there will be some more competitions in springtime.' - Rasovszky said.

'I don't think it is a disadvantage for me that I had some good results in 2016, I don't feel any pressure. I have my goals for the World Championships, but I wish not to reveal them just yet.'

Rasovszky's main event will be the 10 km competition in Balatonfüred, but he plans to qualify for the 25 km race, too.



Arizona State University student Anna Olasz has constantly the FINA World Championships on her mind

World and European silver medallist open water swimmer Anna Olasz can't wait to compete in front of home crowds at the 17th FINA World Championships. She admits she is really motivated because Hungary will host the big event in 2017, this gives her very important extra motivation during the hard winter preparations and training.

'I have been training for a couple of weeks now, I have been to a training camp as well with my team. Unfortunately I won't have the opportunity to take part in open water swimming events until May, but then I am planning to enter both the Hungarian and the Italian Championships, too.' - said Olasz, who studies at the Arizona State University.

Olasz plans to race over 10 and 25 km again, and she hopes to have some excellent results in July in Balatonfüred.

'Nothing is for sure in the open water competitions, races are always full of surprises. In 10 km there are at least 10 swimmers, including the Dutch, Italian, French and Brazilian ones, who have a real chance to win a medal. In 25 km there are maybe less favourites, but that is a 5-and-a-half-hour-long race, so that is still unpredictable.'

