

Suunto pick the records competition: the winner is...

In February we opened a competition (see Suunto "Pick the World Records" challenge for the original post) to pick which, if any, world records would be broken during Vertical Blue 2009, by whom and with what depth. The closest entrant would receive a new Suunto D4 freediving depth gauge and a Vertical Blue team shirt, second prize would receive the team shirt.



AIDA judge Grant Graves checking the depth on the official depth gauge for Vertical Blue 2009, a Suunto D4. Photo courtesy Frederic Buyle.

Vertical Blue saw 5 world records in 4 events, and the correct answer in the competition, for total of 14 possible points was:

male CWT: broken, Herbert Nitsch, 120m
male CNF: broken, William Trubridge, 88m
male FIM: broken, Herbert Nitsch, 109m
female CWT: broken, Sara Campbell, 96m
female CNF: unbroken
female FIM: unbroken

Two entrants both finished with 11 points: They were **LEONARDO D'IMPORZANO** from Italy, who picked:

male CWT: broken, Herbert Nitsch, 114m
male CNF: broken, William Trubridge, 88m
male FIM: broken, Herbert Nitsch, 111m
female CWT: broken, Sara Campbell, 96m
female CNF: broken, Sara Campbell, 61m
female FIM: unbroken

and **STEFAN DROGUET**, who picked:

male CWT: broken, Herbert Nitsch, 115m
male CNF: broken, William Trubridge, 90m
male FIM: broken, Herbert Nitsch, 111m
female CWT: broken, Sara Campbell, 96m
female CNF: unbroken
female FIM: unbroken

Since they both finished with the same score we had to go to the tie-breaker, which was the prediction of the dive time of one of the records. Both Stefano and Leonardo made predictions regarding William Trubridge's CNF world record:

Leonardo: 3:21
Stefano: 3:37

The real dive time for the 88m was **3:30**, which is closer to 3:37 than it is to 3:21, so the winner is Stefano Droguet! Congratulations to them both for their accurate predictions!

(N.B. Apologies for the earlier clerical error which stated that Leonardo was the winner).

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