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## **FRENCH CAMILLE LACOURT WINS SILVER MEDAL BACKSTROKE 100M CHAMPIONSHIP IN KAZAN**

### **A VICTORY OVER HIS ILLNESS**

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**USPA NEWS** - World champion in 2011, Camille Lacourt comes back to the highest level by winning the silver medal in the 100m backstroke at the World Championships in Kazan. Camille Lacourt was injured and absent from the European Championship, last year for serious health reasons. His victory today is huge.

The French was only beaten eight hundredths (52"48) by Australian Mitchell Larkin, who won in 52"40. The third place went to American Matt Grevers, Olympic champion and world champion in 2013 (52"66).

**CAMILLE COMES BACK FROM FAR AND SAVOURS TO BE ON THE PODIUM AFTER HIS ILLNESS-----**

"Last year was watching the final on television and this year I'm here" Said the silver medal winner.

Camille Lacourt has already participated in three world championships on different categories individually. This is one of the few to compete in three different categories.

On the top step in Shanghai in 2011 as in Barcelona in 2013, he again won an international medal placing second in the 100m backstroke at the World Championships in Kazan. Except that this time, the swimmer of 30 years started from very far.

Camille Lacourt went through a surgery operation that stopped the trainings and he managed today to prove that nothing is never too late. He fought and gave his maximum in this competition, knowing that he had less time to train than other competitors, who themselves are in great shape. Camille Lacourt gave a great life lesson by his courage and determination, coupled with a major triumph. That of those who never give up despite the ordeal.

"I went into the race, then I relax and got focused on the - turn and that's, I think I made the mistake of my race. And , this is the point that I can manage to win by adjusting hundredths. On arrival the other accelerated effectively. It was a great end of the race. " Said Camille Lacourt at France TV

This "little endpoint" of the U turn qualified by Camille Lacourt as as the small detail of a few hundredths to be corrected would allow him to win the next race. Camille Lacourt eyes shined as he made shining the colours of the French flag and in the hearts of his fans, happy to see him face his illness with bravery and win two more successive medals. (See Article)

"In a few days I swim in the 50m freestyle and I'm happy to swim again," stated Camille Lacourt.

The Big gate of the next Olympic Games in Rio in September seems to yawn at this talented and likeable champion.

With France TV

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