



Lu wants to enhance her talents abroad

China's Lu Ying splashes her way to her first Universiade gold medal in the women's 50m butterfly on Sunday.

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SHENZHEN — After claiming her first Universiade gold medal in the women's 50m butterfly, young Chinese student swimmer Lu Ying is keen to follow her senior compatriots' path to train overseas under top foreign coaches.



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"I have trained domestically with my personal coach for many years and I have never had a chance to go abroad and work there. Now, I want to try something new," said Lu after

finishing in 25.98 seconds, just 0.01 sec behind the Games' record, to deliver the Chinese delegation's first gold in the pool on Sunday evening.

The Aussies pair, Marieke Guehere and Alice Mills, finished second and third 0.26 sec and 0.55 sec later, respectively.

Lu, who studies marketing at the Shanghai Tongji University, also took part in last month's FINA World Championships in Shanghai and finished fourth in the same event — 0.12 sec faster than her time at the Shenzhen meet.

Although the tight two-event schedule has been tough physically, Lu said her victory here should be attributed to the momentum she

gained from the Shanghai worlds.

"Yeah, I feel a little tired after swimming in two major events one after the other. But I got very high at Shanghai competing against so many top swimmers in the world, and I carried that form to Shenzhen.

"Actually, it's not a problem for me as I have swum in back-to-back domestic races before. Physically, I am OK. I just need to tune up mentally," said Lu, who teamed with Zhao Jing, Ji Liping and Tang Yi to grab a bronze medal in the 4x100 medley relay in Shanghai.

China claimed five gold, two silver and seven bronze medals at the Shanghai worlds, and some of that

glory can be attributed to training abroad.

After sending its best overseas, the budding swimming nation reaped a 1,500m world record through new star Sun Yang, who went to train with the Aussie legend Grant Hackett's mentor, Dennis Cotterell.

Ye Shiwen, 15, the new women's 200m individual medley world champion, also trained in Australia before the Shanghai meet with 100m backstroke titlist Zhao, who also improved a lot under Cotterell's instruction.

Now it could be the time for 22-year-old Lu.

"To go out to America or Australia and train there will definitely

help to improve my skills. They have advanced training methods and elite coaches. My coach already sent the application for me to go abroad. Hopefully the governing body will let me go," Lu told a packed mixed zone.

During breaks in training, Lu tries to make time for her lessons and assignments, but said it's "impossible" to balance school and competitions perfectly.

"Our school sends teachers to the camp to give us lectures. But it's still hard for me.

"I am also a student, but my main focus is to improve my strength and try to win more honor for my country in the pool," said Lu.



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Lauren Boyle of New Zealand won the women's 800m freestyle in 8:26.3 on Sunday.

Kiwi feasts on US training

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SHENZHEN — They created a monster.

New Zealand swimmer Lauren Boyle, trained and educated in the United States, knocked off favorite Haley Anderson of the US to claim gold in the women's 800m freestyle on Sunday at the Universiade.

Trailing for the first 650m, the 23-year-old Boyle staged a late comeback to upset the 2009 Pan

Pacific Championship winner.

"I'm very happy to get my best time here," said Boyle, who recently graduated from the University of California. "I wasn't really thinking about the place, I just wanted to have another solid race to see where I am now."

Boyle, who swam at the 2008 Olympics, clocked 8 minutes, 26.3 seconds.

She said graduation finally allowed her to devote her attention to the pool.

"I will put swimming first next

year until the London Games, and I look forward to seeing what happens there," she said.

Elsewhere, China finished third in the 4x100 freestyle relay in 3:40.29, 0.26 sec behind champion Australia. The US was second at 3:40.19.

Japan's Irie Ryosuke, who claimed gold at the Asian Championships, won the men's 200m backstroke in 1:56.01 to seal his fourth Universiade gold medal after winning three in Belgrade two years ago.