

In C1 short races Hungary's Zsafia Kisban ended a run of three consecutive silver medals with victory on Thursday afternoon.

The Hungarian was able to finish stronger than Ukraine's Liudmyla Babak, who had been hoping to regain the title she lost to Great Britain's Bethany Gill last year. Kisban finished just over 27 seconds ahead of Babak.

Another Ukrainian, Olena Tsyhankova, finished third.

In the men's C1 short course, Spain's Manuel Campos broke through for his first win, outlasting defending champion and fellow Spaniard Diego Romero in the race for the finish line. Romero was also the short course world champion in 2019.

Poland's Mateusz Zuchora finished third.

Mads Pedersen and Manuel Campos regained their world titles while it was business as usual for the world's best two women paddlers on the penultimate day on Saturday.

Pedersen was once again involved in a tough battle with South Africa's Andy Birkett, who beat the Dane at both the world championships and the World Games last year but, after last year's close battles, there was no doubting the winning on Saturday with Pedersen clearing out to victory by more than two minutes.

It capped off a busy week for Pedersen, who also won his first K1 5,000 world sprint title in Duisburg, Germany, the previous Sunday. It was also his third long distance marathon world title, having won also in 2019 and 2021.

Elvind Vold, who finished fifth behind Pedersen the previous Sunday, picked up the bronze on Saturday.

Vanda Kiszli had dominated the women's K1 marathon since her first world title in 2018 and, on Saturday, won a fifth successive crown. In a repeat of last year, Melina Andersson was once again the only real challenger to the dominance of Kiszli but still finished almost two minutes behind the Hungarian.

South Africa's Christie Mackenzie was third.

Liudmyla Babak has an even more impressive record in the women's C1, on Saturday making it six world titles in a row with another comprehensive victory. Babak finished ahead of team mate Olena Tsyhankova with Poland's Paulina Grzelkiewicz taking the bronze.

Manuel Campos finally brought up his fifth men's C1 world title on Saturday, four years after winning his fourth title and 11 years after he won his first. In the tightest finish of the day, Campos edged out Hungary's Marton Kover by just half a second. It was a third consecutive silver medal for Kover, who was also a four time world champion.

Spain's Manuel Garrido, the defending world champion, finished third.

Portugal retained its men's K2 title while Hungary regained its women's K2 crown during a gripping final day of racing.

Both the men's and women's races ended with photo finishes with less than two seconds covering the medallists in both events.

The closest finish of the day was in the women's K2 with two Hungarian boats and teams from Spain and South Africa fighting out the finish.

The last time Vanda Kiszli won a K2 marathon gold was back in 2017. On Sunday she teamed up with Emese Kohalmi, the 2021 champion, to wrest back the title for Hungary. It added to the K1 gold Kiszli won on Saturday.

Spain's Tania Fernandez and Tania Alvarez, the reigning world champions, had to settle for silver after a rollicking finish which saw less than two seconds cover the first four boats and less than one second split the medallists. Hungary's Csilla Rugasi and Panna Csepe took bronze with South Africa's Nicole Birkett and Jade Wilson the unlucky crew to finish fourth.

In the men's K2, one year after becoming the first Portuguese crew to ever win a world title, Jose Ramalho and Fernando Pimenta were back on the top podium after edging out France's Quentin Urban and Jeremy Candy for the gold.

The Frenchmen, world champions from 2019 and 2021, fell just 0.78 of a second short of the win with brothers Jon and Eivind Vold repeating their bronze medal result from last year.

In the men's C2 there was a repeat of the podium from 2022 with Manuel Campos and Diego Romero winning their fourth consecutive title, the fifth for Romero.

Team mates Fernando Busto and Diego Miguens once again took silver while Poland's Mateusz Zuchora and Mateusz Borgiel retained their bronze medal and a fourth consecutive minor medal.

Argentina's Vicente Vergauchen and Joaquin Catalano won the men's junior K2, ahead of Hungary's Daniel Zemen and Arpad Kekesi, with Spain's Arturo Aguilar third.

Hungary finished the world championships as the most successful

nation with 16 medals, including seven gold, while Spain, with five gold and 14 medals in total, finished second. Sixteen countries shared the medals.

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K1WSh: 1 M Andersson, Sverige, 15:55.88. 2 V Kiszli, Magyarország, 15:56.65. 3 E Barrios, España, 16:04.08. 10 M Johnson, GB, 16:54.22.

K1MSh: 1 F Pimenta, Portugal, 14:14.32. 2 M Pedersen, Danmark, 14:15.85. 3 E Vold, Norge, 12:28.66. 9 J Russell, GB, 14:53.61. 14 M Johnson, GB, 15:09.48.

K1WJ: 1 Z Szerafin, Magyarország, 1:27:16.44. 2 G Roeser, GB, 1:27:32.85. 3 M Catalano, Argentina, 1:27:45.21.

K1WU23: 1 P Csepe, Magyarország, 1:42:50.17. 2 K Milova, Czechia, 1:43:07.89. 3 S Hockly, S Africa, 1:43:36.22. 16 I Bethune, GB, 1:51:04.13.

K1W: 1 V Kiszli, Magyarország, 1:56:58.92. 2 M Andersson, Sverige, 1:58:50.10. 3 C Mackenzie, S Africa, 1:59:05:03. 11 M Johnson, GB, 2:07:43.74.

K1W45-49: 1 A Trilling, Deutschland, 1:19:23.07. 2 M Duc, Schweiz, 1:21:30.56. 3 S Lutzner, Danmark, 1:21:30.69. 7 G Moulic, GB, 1:26:17.20.

K1W50-54: 1 B Sanchez, España, 1:16:11.17. 2 J Baelum, Danmark, 1:19:51.14. 3 B Arroyo, España, 1:20:48.37. 10 K Barkway, GB, 1:42:00.41.

K1W55-59: 1 M Fernandez, España, 1:20:01.64. 2 D Torre, Australia, 1:20:04.38. 3 J Rogala, Polska, 1:20:41.57.

K1W65-69: 1 E Lindback, Sverige, 1:02:32.08. 2 A Henckel, Danmark, 1:02:40.63. 3 B Keating, Ireland, 1:03:25.18. 10 J Millar, GB, 1:12:54.40.

K1M: 1 V Vergauchen, Argentina, 1:34:54.03. 2 J Catalano, Argentina, 1:34:55.67. 3 A Kekesi, Magyarország, 1:34:57.00. 15 H Freeland, GB, 1:38:13.23.

K1MU23: 1 R Foley, Ireland, 1:46:42.84. 2 P Knudsen, Danmark, 1:46:48.64.

3 F Santos, Portugal, 1:46:49.84. 8 L Shaw, GB, 1:47:00.58. 14 M Collinge, GB, 1:50:16.36.

K1M: 1 M Pedersen, Danmark, 1:57:57.48. 2 A Birkett, S Africa, 2:00:29.33.

3 E Vold, Norge, 2:00:30.20. 20 J Russell, GB, 2:08:10.76.

K1M35-39: 1 L Pannecoucke, België, 1:20:01.15. 2 R Magalhaes, Portugal, 1:20:50.08.

3 P Trebbien, Danmark, 1:26:53.09. 6 J Abellanas, GB, 1:27:37.84.

K1M45-49: 1 U Aranda, España, 1:23:25.06. 2 A Monteagudo, España, 1:23:42.79.

3 E Boehm, GB, 1:23:43.56.

K1M55-59: 1 J Brekke, Norge, 1:24:01.63. 2 B Greenwood, Australia, 1:24:04.03.

3 X Osa, España, 1:24:16.09. 15 O Bokhove, GB, 1:30:04.08.

K1M60-64: 1 F Vazquez, España, 1:27:08.53. 2 G Fusco, Italia, 1:27:09.20.

3 V Batenko, Italia, 1:27:25.70. 20 M Blatchly, GB, 1:40:54.53.

K1M65-69: 1 M Craviotto, España, 1:10:02.84. 2 E Rasmussen, Norge, 1:13:51.48.

3 C Visser, S Africa, 1:13:52.13. 15 D Marshall, GB, 1:19:44.68. 18 P Gorman, GB, 1:21:52.36.

K1M70-74: 1 B Greenham, GB, 1:14:26.51. 2 O Soyland, Norge, 1:14:32.90.

3 G Spiers, GB, 1:15:36.45. 18 G Bullock, GB, 1:23:45.52.

K1M75-79: 1 S Morch, Norge, 1:22:24.23. 2 K Torbjorn, Sverige, 1:22:34.21.

3 T Hansen, Danmark, 1:27:15.96. 8 R Scholey, GB, 1:33:40.51.

K1ML3: 1 C Knowlden, GB, 58:41.81. 2 T Lodge, GB, 58:47.72.

3 M Turner, Argentina, 58:50.12.

K1ML2: 1 J White, GB, 1:01:58.18. 2 O Filho, Brasil, 1:06:35.09.

3 F Sondergaard, Danmark, 1:05:46.34.

V1ML2: 1 S Cook, GB, 1:13:19.53. 2 O Filho, Brasil, 1:13:26.64.

K2WJ: 1 Singe/Smith, S Africa, 1:21:26.73. 2 Martinez/Zornoza, España, 1:21:29.80.

3 Reisz/Kmetyo, Magyarország, 1:21:31.77. 4 Roeser/Payne, GB, 1:21:40.30.

K2W45-49: 1 Trilling/Lutzner, 1:15:26.29. 2 Duc/Bobrazh, 1:16:07.55.

3 Lokkegaard/Jeslund, 1:17:41.87. 4 Moulic/Watts, GB, 1:20:18.52.

K2W50-54: 1 Scales/Knudsen, Danmark, 1:13:49.05. 2 Baulum/Stenum,

Danmark, 1:15:25.50. 3 Arroyo/Ramo, 1:16:14.67. 7 Barkway/Banson, GB, 1:26:52.55.

K2Mix65+: 1 Thers/Henckel, Danmark, 1:11:50.37. 2 Moller/Bosina, 1:13:45.65. 3 Keating/

Keating, Ireland, 1:14:07.08. 4 Greenham/Green, 1:16:49.67. 8 Price/Millar, GB, 1:22:56.09.

K2M: 1 Vergauchen/Catalano, Argentina, 1:31:13.37. 2 Zemen/Kekesi,

Magyarország, 1:31:36.58. 3 Castilla/Aguilar, España, 1:31:36.58. 20 Short/Ross, GB, 1:41:22.35.

K2M: 1 Ramalho/Pimenta, Portugal, 1:54:35.11. 2 Urban/Candy, France, 1:54:35.89. 3 Vold/

Vold, Norge, 1:54:36.42. 9 Russell/Shaw, GB, 1:55:16.71. 13 Johnson/McIntyre, GB, 1:57:23.31.

K2M35-39: 1 Abellanas/Boehm, GB, 1:17:49.49. 2 Nissen/Mikkelsen, Danmark, 1:18:37.41.

3 Dessena/Russo, Italia, 1:20:00.43.

K2M55-59: 1 Gieres/Kittner, Deutschland, 1:17:55.30. 2 Brekke/Andersen, Norge, 1:18:45.19.

3 Bazzini/Batenko, Italia, 1:22:16.82. 7 Derham/Bokhove, GB, 1:29:44.45.

9 Urahart/Blatchly, GB, 1:33:34.78. 10 Gardner/Marshall, GB, 1:36:46.13.

K2M65-69: 1 Simpkins/Visser, S Africa, 1:08:16.84. 2 Rasmussen/Remoe, Norge, 1:08:18.07.

3 Somoano/Falagan, España, 1:08:33.84. 5 Gorman/Greenham, GB, 1:11:01.25. 6 Fraser/Spiers.

GB, 1:12:36.73. 12 Nevitt/Gilbert, GB, 1:18:30.65. 13 Legrand/Bullock, 1:18:38.44.

K2M75+: 1 Kjeldgaard/Baggesen, Danmark, 1:21:36.11. 2 Moens/Van der Doe, 1:22:40.44.

Stour Descent postponed

The Stour Descent has been held over until the new year. Having not taken place for four years, there are so many strainers and rafts of dead reeds with the full force of the river going under them that the organizers felt they could not be sure of making the course safe in time.