



Burgess missed the final.



Men's winner De Gennaro.



Prskavec not in complete control.



C1 winner Tasiadis.



Horn winning the cross.



Renia was men's cross winner.

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'The course was pretty tough and kind of tricky but I liked it,' she said.

'We know it's going to be kind of the same for the semi finals and the finals so I'm really happy I managed to come down the course with a nice run.'

German Sideris Tasiadis and Australian Jessica Fox reminded the canoeing world how class will always triumph with exciting gold medals on the second day of finals on the Saturday.

Tasiadis won back to back gold medals on his home course in the men's C1 while Fox bounced back from the disappointment of missing the women's K1 final 24 hours earlier to take C1 gold and history was made with Jiri Prskavec becoming the first male paddler to make both a K1 and a C1 final on the same weekend.

Tasiadis came to Augsburg having won at the world championships on the same course last year and had a big home crowd on hand to cheer him to the finish.

'It was a lot of pressure on the start line,' Tasiadis said.

'Also in the semi final, everyone seeing me for the first time after the world's last year, and saying you can take it easy and do it in your sleep and I said its not easy for me. I have to go down and the other guys are so good.

'I am a little bit relaxed now but I don't want to be too sure because the season is so long. If you start feeling too safe it can be very dangerous.'

Tasiadis was the only one to go under 100 seconds, finishing more than three seconds ahead of Slovakia's Matej Benus, with Olympic K1 gold medallist Prskavec providing the biggest shock with a bronze at his first C1 World Cup event.

'I don't get it, really. I'm just super happy with my performance,' Prskavec said.

'I'm just so excited about what I did and, standing there with Matej Benus and Sideris, it's crazy. I feel still like the little boy who has just showed up and is playing on the water. I'm just enjoying it and of course I will have to improve a lot still.'

Jess Fox returned to her Olympic gold medal winning form with a stunning win in the women's C1 final. Just 24 hours earlier the Australian missed a gate in the semi finals of the K1, which ruled her out of the final.

'It was a tough day on the water yesterday in the kayak and I was really frustrated so I just wanted to come back today and put down some good paddling,' Fox said.

'The first step was making that final so there was relief there but then in the final, last to start and putting out a really good run, I was so happy. It was a really tricky course from start to finish.

'It's always nice to start well. It is a long season so, hopefully, we can keep building throughout the season. I'm really pleased to start off well in C1; hopefully next weekend will be better in the kayak as well.'

France's Angele Hug celebrated her first medal at a senior World Cup with silver while Elena Lilik backed up her K1 gold medal from 24 hours earlier with a C1 bronze.

'I feel really good. I'm really proud because this is my first one and on one of my favourite courses,' Hug said.

'I will continue to push hard during training because the work is not done but it's given me confidence for the rest of my competitions.'

Two first time gold medallists underlined the unpredictability of the new Olympic sport, kayak cross, on the final day of competition on Sunday.

Italy's Stefanie Horn and France's Benjamin Renia emerged from bruising lead up races to take gold on a course that was both long and challenging.

For Horn it was the first time she had progressed past the qualifying rounds. After being struck a glancing blow to the helmet in her semi final, she managed to stay clear of trouble in the four person final to celebrate her second medal of the weekend after taking silver in the women's K1.

It was also the first time she had won a medal on the historic Augsburg course.

'I don't believe it because I have never passed the heats,' Horn said.

'I was always really scared of the other girls but I have been doing a lot of work on this so maybe that was it or maybe it was just because it is Augsburg.

'It's so nice for me that it has happened in Augsburg. I've never won a medal here so it was an amazing weekend.'

Brazil's Ana Satila took the silver and Andorra's Monica Doria Vilarrubla the bronze.

In the men's competition France's Renia showed the benefit of a long training campaign to persevere over a strong field which included several world champions.

'It feels awesome; it's like a dream,' Renia said.

'At the beginning of the event I had tactics but by the last run I was a little bit tired and I knew I had big guys next to me so I was just trying to go as hard as I could. During the training I improved my skills so during the race I didn't have to think about it because I had done it a lot of times so it was instinct.

'The French selections were so hard and we trained so hard to reach the French team and today we were able to deliver everything we have without the pressure. It's a big party and I want to be part of it.'

Silver went to Switzerland's Martin Dougood and bronze to reigning world champion Joseph Clarke.

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K1W: 1 E Lilik, Deutschland, 101.66. 2 S Horn, Italia, 105.95. 3 V Wolffhardt, Österreich, 106.14
K1M: 1 G De Gennaro, Italia, 90.71. 2 J Clarke, GB, 93.69. 3 H Aigner, Deutschland, 93.74.
19 J Dickson, GB.

C1W: 1 J Fox, Australia, 105.04. 2 A Hug, France, 111.55. 3 E Lilik, Deutschland, 112.10.
7 K Woods, GB, 122.73.

C1M: 1 S Tasiadis, Deutschland, 98.25. 2 M Benus, Slovensko, 101.33.
3 J Prskavec, Czechia, 101.44. 15 A Burgess, GB. 18 R Westley, GB.

K1XW: 1 S Horn, Italia. 2 A Satila, Brasil. 3 M Doria Vilarrubla, Andorra.
K1XM: 1 B Renia, France. 2 M Dougood, Schweiz. 3 J Clarke, GB.