



Maryna Mazhula.



Fernando Pimenta.



Conrad Scheibner.

'It's a great finish to the year; it's been a long year for me,' Wiggs said. 'It's been quite hard. I thought I would be able to just switch it back on but the recovery has taken a lot longer than I thought but I just did my best and tried to get the job done.'

'I'm going to take a bit of a break now and then I'll get back to training and see what is around the corner.'

The Russian Canoe Federation's Mariia Nikiforova took the silver while Brazil's Debora Benevides finished third.

Jack Eyers lost out in a tough qualification battle with Stuart Wood for Tokyo Paralympic selection but received some compensation on the Friday when he pipped his British team mate for the VL3 gold.

'It had a very strange atmosphere coming in for me,' Eyers said.

'Watching the guys compete in Tokyo, I had a couple of emotions. One was real disappointment of not being there but the other was excitement for the seven medals.'

'Coming into today almost felt like I had already raced. I felt like my season was over already so I really did have to put myself back up. This is awesome. I'm buzzing; it hasn't really sunk in.'

Wood finished just point one of a second behind Eyers with Ukraine's Vladyslav Yepifanov taking the bronze.

Tokyo Paralympic gold medallist Fernando Rufino lived up to his nickname as the 'steel cowboy' with an impressive win in the men's VL2, his first world title.

Rufino, who claims to have had 80 accidents, including being struck by lightning, during his life, beat Spain's Higinio Rivero and Tokyo bronze medallist Norberto Mourao of Portugal.

'Paralympic champion, world champion, what a year,' Rufino said.

'Paris 2024, here I come.'

Ukraine picked up three gold medals and Great Britain two on the final day of paracanoe competition on the Saturday.

Peter Kiss picked up the final medal on offer, retaining his KL1 world title and adding to the Paralympic gold he took in Tokyo this year.

'It was really hard for me; two weeks ago I went to the Paralympics and I won, then I had to get motivated for this,' Kiss said, 'but I did it and I won. I came here to defend my title and I'm really looking forward to Paris but I really want to hold onto my world championship and European titles.' Brazil's Luis Silva finished second with Hungary's Robert Suba taking the bronze.

Ukraine enjoyed its best single day result at a paracanoe world championships with Serhii Yemelianov and Maryna Mazhula retaining their men's KL3 and women's KL1 titles respectively and Mykola Syniuk taking his first men's KL2 title.

Mazhula returned to the top of the podium after the disappointment of missing gold in Tokyo, turning the tables on Paralympic gold medallist Edina Mueller.

'It was really hard to lose in Tokyo but it also taught me how to be stronger emotionally,' Mazhula said.

'It was so challenging but I trained physically and mentally to get back to first place.'

Chile's Katherinne Wollermann repeated her bronze medal result from Tokyo.

Serhii Yemelianov won his fourth consecutive men's KL3 world title, adding to the second Paralympic gold in Tokyo two weeks earlier. He had not been beaten since before the Rio Olympics.

'It's been a good year but I have a dream of being four time Paralympic champion and 10 times world champion so I have half my goal,' Yemelianov said.

'I was tired in Tokyo; now I'm exhausted but I am happy. It has been a hard year.'

Great Britain's Robert Oliver added the silver medal to the bronze he won in Tokyo while Spain's Juan Valle took the bronze.

Mykola Syniuk celebrated the best result of his career with gold in the men's KL2, adding to the silver he won behind Australia's Curtis McGrath in Tokyo.

'It's an unbelievable feeling. I have trained so hard to win my first gold medal,' Syniuk said.

Italy's Federico Mancarella, a bronze medallist in Tokyo, finished second while Austrian six time world champion Markus Swoboda finished third.

Charlotte Henshaw picked up her second gold medal of the week, successfully defending her KL2 world title and ending a successful season which also included a Paralympic gold medal.

'It's felt so long; the last few weeks have really felt like it's been a five year cycle,' Henshaw said.

'I'm just really happy to get the job done today. My body and mind are pretty tired right now so that was the challenge, just to put down a good run.'

In a repeat of the result from Tokyo, Emma Wiggs finished second and Hungary's Katalin Varga took the bronze.

There was also a British one-two in the women's KL3 with Tokyo gold medallist Laura Sugar taking her first world title, ahead of team mate Hope Gordon.

'I had never won a world title before this year so to win two in the space of two weeks is pretty incredible,' Sugar said.

'I didn't feel as good today. I think it's taken it out of me a bit from Tokyo. I had to dig deep in the second half after not a very good start so I'm really happy to have had the fight today.'

France's Nelia Barbosa, the silver medallist behind Sugar in Tokyo, finished with the bronze.

Great Britain finished the paracanoe world championships on top of the medal table with six gold medals, followed by Ukraine with three gold.

Portugal's Fernando Pimenta reclaimed his world title, Conrad Scheibner took over the mantle as Germany's canoe powerhouse,



Jack Eyers, Men's L3 winner.



Stuart Wood in the same class.