



Johnson/Collinge off the turn.



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'I am very happy,' said Babak.  
'I am a seven time world champion in long distance.  
'For me, it is my distance.  
'I was a little nervous but I controlled the situation and came out the winner.

'My plan is to be a 10 time world champion.  
'I am not sure if I can do it but I will try.'  
Mateusz Borgiel dedicated his men's C1 long distance gold to his sister after revealing that he missed her wedding to attend the world championships.

'I am very happy as this is my first gold medal at the world championships,' said Borgiel.  
'I have been working for this for 10 years and this gold is a gift to my sister because it's her wedding today and I can't join the party as I am here.'

Borgiel got the better of Spain's five time champion Manuel Antonio Campos, who claimed silver while Portugal's Rui Lacerda clinched bronze.

The other race on Saturday saw Spain's Victor Devesa capture the men's K1 junior crown as Italy's Leonardo Candela clinched silver and Hungary's Tamas Ivancso collected bronze.

Poland's Mateusz Borgiel said he hoped to have repaid his sister after missing her wedding to win two gold medals.

Borgiel captured his first world title with victory in the men's canoe single long distance on Saturday before teaming up with Mateusz Zuchora to clinch gold in the men's canoe double on Sunday.

The 27 year old's sister was not best pleased when he told her he would be participating at the world championships rather than attending her wedding but it turned out to be an even more memorable weekend for the Borgiel family as he was crowned world champion twice.

Borgiel dedicated his triumphs to his sister and said they were back on good terms after his golden double in Metkovic.

'This is amazing,' said Borgiel.  
'Yesterday was my first gold medal and now this is my second so I can't believe it.

'My sister is very happy now and not upset with me because I have the gold medals.'

Zuchora and Borgiel fought off the challenge of Spain's Jaime Duro and 47 year old Oscar Grana to take gold.

Duro and Grana celebrated silver while Portugal's Rui Lacerda and Ricardo Coelho bagged bronze.

'We are feeling very good,' said Zuchora.  
'We have been waiting for this moment for eight years.  
'We started in Brandenburg (in 2016) with fourth place and now we are first.

Portugal's two time Olympic medallist, Fernando Pimenta, ended his championship on a positive note with a gold in the men's kayak double alongside Jose Ramalho.

Pimenta was determined to bounce back after a 15 second penalty cost him a medal in the men's kayak single short distance final.

'It's a really nice feeling after a very hard season for me,' said Pimenta  
It is the third successive year that Pimenta and Ramalho have come out on top as they overcame two time world champions Quentin Urban and Jeremy Candy of France.

'The first time we went on the water together we knew it was a good boat and we could see that we had the potential,' said Ramalho.

'In 2022 we took our first gold and we knew that if we stayed focused and worked well we could get more golds or fight for the medals and we have managed to do that for now.'

Urban and Candy claimed silver while the bronze went to Hungary's Adrian Boros and Tamas Erdelyi.

Zsoka Csikos and Emese Kohalmi delivered another gold for Hungary with success in the women's K2 final.

It capped a fantastic week for the Hungarian team, who topped the overall standings with eight golds including six in the junior and under 23 classes.

Kohalmi, who won twice at the previous month's sprint world championships, almost made a costly mistake when she came close to falling into the water after exiting the penultimate portage.

The wobble did not disrupt their rhythm, though, as Csikos and Kohalmi saw off South Africa's Saskia Hockly and Christie MacKenzie to take gold.

'We are really happy now as we are world champions,' said Csikos.  
'It was a great race with really tough competitors.

'After running, Emese didn't know what to do, swimming or paddling, but, after, she knows that she is paddling.  
'After that, everything was fine and we got the gold.'

Kohalmi added 'It's been a really successful year which is amazing. This means a lot to me and that was my plan.'

Hockly and MacKenzie finished second with Sweden's Melina Andersson and Ella Richter clinching bronze.

Portugal also secured a junior title on the final day with Joao Sousa and Francisco Batista winning men's K2.

Great Britain's Joseph Enoch and William Short bagged silver with Spain's Ruben Castilla and Arturo Aguilar picking up bronze.

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- Sh: K1W:** 1 M Andersson, Sverige, 14:02.03. 2 E Kohalmi, Magyarország, 14:08.58.  
3 V Kisli, Magyarország, 14:09.90. 7 M Johnson, GB, 14:50.16. 11 G Roser, GB, 14:59.35.  
**K1M:** 1 M Pedersen, Danmark, 12:27.69. 2 H Lovemore, S Africa, 12:41.25.  
3 I Alonso, España, 12:49.68. 8 J Russell, GB, 13:07.64. 19 M Johnson, GB, 13:53.49.  
**L: K1WJ:** 1 M Gomes, Portugal, 1:28:37.47. 2 G Singe, S Africa, 1:28:39.23.  
3 C Heuser, Deutschland, 1:28:45.67. 14 S Payne, GB, 1:34:07.34.  
**K1WU23:** 1 P Sinko, Magyarország, 1:46:10.14. 2 P Csepe, Magyarország, 1:46:11.89.  
3 P Hostrup, Danmark, 1:46:23.30. 4 G Roeser, GB, 1:46:23.86.  
**K1W:** 1 M Andersson, Sverige, 1:58:37.51. 2 V Kisli, Magyarország, 1:58:43.42.  
3 E Kohalmi, Magyarország, 1:59:21.09. 13 M Johnson, GB, 2:05:30.05.  
**K1MJ:** 1 V Devesa, España, 1:37:06.24. 2 L Candela, Italia, 1:37:06.24.  
3 T Ivancso, Magyarország, 1:38:07.55. 6 J Enoch, GB, 1:39:25.47. 14 W Short, GB, 1:42:50.74.  
**K1MU23:** 1 P Knudsen, Danmark, 1:50:14.40. 2 U Hart, S Africa, 1:51:07.23.  
3 Z Peli, Magyarország, 1:51:08.00. 13 T Dowden, GB, 1:54:10.00.  
**K1M:** 1 M Pedersen, Danmark, 2:03:28.75. 2 J Ramalho, Portugal, 2:05:53.21.  
3 A Martin, España, 2:06:14.22. 4 J Russell, GB, 2:07:50.77. 20 F Cadell, GB, 2:13:41.30.  
**K1ML3:** 1 G Keirel, France, 58:12.32. 2 T Lodge, GB, 59:06.92. 3 V Grondin, France, 1:01:28.89.  
**K1ML2:** 1 M Swoboda, Österreich, 57:56.79. 2 M Deghmachie, France, 1:05:33.60.  
3 J White, GB, 1:06:59.22.  
**C1MJ:** 1 M Meri, Magyarország, 1:15:17.80. 2 A Wilga, Polska, 1:15:33.99.  
3 A Ruiz, España, 1:16:26.90. 6 O Chisholm, GB, 1:17:42.98.  
**V1ML2:** 1 R Suba, Magyarország, 1:08:56.55. 2 S Cook, GB, 1:15:08.02.  
**K2WJ:** 1 Kadler/Zatyko, Magyarország, 1:24:03.47. 2 Singe/Smith, S Africa, 1:24:32.23.  
3 Hutchinson/Ball, GB, 1:24:39.13. 7 Sklenarova/Payne, GB, 1:26:15.94.  
**K2W:** 1 Csikos/Kohalmi, Magyarország, 1:53:01.90. 2 Hockly/MacKenzie, S Africa, 1:53:33.16.  
3 Andersson/Richter, Sverige, 1:54:13.84. 9 Lamph/Roeser, GB, 1:57:38.82.  
**K2MJ:** 1 Sousa/Batista, Portugal, 1:29:06.47. 2 Enoch/Short, GB, 1:29:35.81.  
3 Castilla/Aguilar, España, 1:29:53.43.  
**K2M:** 1 Pimenta/Ramalho, Portugal, 1:53:56.58. 2 Urban/Candy, France, 1:53:58.23.  
3 Boros/Erdelyi, Magyarország, 1:54:19.68. 9 Johnson/Collinge, GB, 1:58:03.83.  
17 How/Dowden, GB, 2:01:49.71.