

# Two 2nds for Franklin

## Augsburg Slalom

A rampant Jessica Fox smashed the best canoe slalom paddlers in the world to make it five gold medals from five World Cup starts when she won the women's K1 final in Augsburg, Germany. Fox finished an incredible 6 seconds ahead of Great Britain's Mallory Franklin to give the Australian her third World Cup title in 2018. There was a popular hometown win for Sideris Tasiadis in the men's C1, giving the German his second gold medal of the season. Tasiadis finished just ahead of the ultra consistent Slovak Alexander Slafkovsky, who recorded his third consecutive silver medal of the season. Slovenia's Luka Bozic finished 3rd but Fox was the star of Saturday, racing down the Augsburg course in 102.10, ahead of Franklin's 108.56. Slovenia's Eva Tercej picked up the bronze. 'It was great. I really attacked it and I improved on my semi final where I wanted to,' Fox said. 'I thought after my S gate at the finish I thought I had a 105 but, to see a 102, I'm just blown away. I am so happy. I can't believe it; it's been an incredible start to the season. I know last year Ricarda (Funk) won three gold medals and I was three times 2nd so to get up on that stop this time is wonderful.' There were plenty of surprises on Saturday with the Rio 2016 gold and silver medallists in both the men's C1 and the women's K1 failing to make the finals. Spain's Maialen Chourraut and New Zealand's Luuka Jones both missed the women's K1 final while France's Denis Gargaud Chanut and Slovakia's Matej Benus missed the men's medal event. Great Britain's David Florence, a winner the previous week in Kraków, also missed the final.

Jessica Fox came as close as it is possible to a sporting certainty, winning her sixth consecutive canoe slalom World Cup title on



K1 winner Peter Kauzer.

Sunday. Fox's slashing win in the women's C1 kept her unbeaten record in 2018 intact, three in the K1 and three in the canoe. In the men's K1, triple Olympian Peter Kauzer served a reminder of what he is capable with a stirring victory on the tricky 1972 Olympic course. Even with a 2 second penalty for a gate touch Fox was able to finish 4.50 seconds ahead of current world champion Mallory Franklin with Brazil's Ana Satila 3rd. 'I love this course, and I've had an amazing weekend,' Fox said. 'It's been an amazing three weeks and I'm so thrilled with that last race. I really really attacked it. I hit the last gate but I think the rest of my run was almost perfect.'

Kauzer also picked up a 2 second penalty but was still fast enough to sneak home ahead of Czech Jiri Prskavec in 94.86 seconds. Prskavec also had a gate touch to record a time of 95.10 while Germany's Hannes Aigner was 3rd in 95.79. 'It was quite tight because I did a stupid touch on gate 11,' Kauzer said. 'I felt really comfortable in the boat all week long. It's just like the old school of paddling here, a little bit of the mixture of the old and the new school. I think I had a really fast bottom part of the course so when I came to the finish I was really happy.'

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Jess Fox, double top again.

- S K1W:** 1 J Fox, Australia, 102.10. 2 M Franklin, GB, 108.56. 3 E Tercej, Slovenija, 108.86.  
**K1M:** 1 P Kauzer, Slovenija, 94.86. 2 J Prskavec, Ceska, 95.10. 3 H Aigner, Deutschland, 95.79.  
 4 J Clarke, GB, 97.08.  
**C1W:** 1 J Fox, Australia, 111.15. 2 M Franklin, GB, 115.65. 3 A Satila, Brasil, 115.79.  
 4 K Woods, GB, 121.58.  
**C1M:** 1 S Tasiadis, Deutschland, 100.06. 2 A Slafkovsky, Solvensko, 100.77.  
 3 L Bozic, Slovenija, 102.87. 6 R Westley, GB, 105.98. 7 A Burgess, GB, 107.40.

# Titles evade Britons on difficult course

## U23/J World Championships

Slovakia's Marko Mirgorodsky once again showed the canoeing world his enormous potential by qualifying fastest in the men's C1 at the world championships in Ivrea. Also impressing in the stifling Italian heat were Brazil's Ana Satila in the women's U23 K1, Austria's Nadine Weratschnig in the women's U23 C1 and home crowd favourite



Men's U23 Marcello Beda.



Junior Sona Stanovska, placed in two classes.