



Leiner back from disqualification.

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GB women's K1 team.

junior champion, won the U23 title in a time of 89.86 seconds, almost two seconds clear of Mario Leitner in 91.89 with Mathieu Desnos 3rd in 93.51.

'It feels pretty amazing,' Grigar said.

'It was pretty good today. I just sat on the water. I didn't feel too good but I felt okay so I just tried to warm up as well as possible.

'For sure this is really special winning the world championships title in front of your home crowd; it's really amazing. I've met a lot of people that told me they came to watch me and they came for me. It was pretty awesome.'

Mallory Franklin notched up her first U23 world championship gold and her first major title of 2017 by winning the women's C1 in 109.08 with Czech Tereza Fiserova 2nd in 112.25 and European champion Kimberley Woods 3rd in 113.95.

Pre race favourite Jessica Fox picked up a 50 second penalty for missing a gate and finished 10th.

'I've struggled a bit this year, in C1 not K1. I've felt a little bit unsteady in my boat,' Franklin said, 'so it's really nice to have that run come out and get the win.

'That run just showed that if I keep going at it I'll get there.'

Felix Oschmautz was an impressive winner in the junior K1, posting a time of 92.18 with Czechs Tomas Zima and Jan Barta filling the minor placings.

'This feels really good, especially after two silver medals; this is a really big goal for me,' Oschmautz said.

'I was already really happy because I knew my run was really good so I knew Tomas would have to do a really super run but I would have been happy with a silver medal or any medal.'

The women's junior C1 title went to Andrea Herzog, her time of 116.20 putting her ahead of home town favourite Sona Stanovska in 117.49 with Italy's Marta Bertonecchi 3rd in 126.60.

'I feel very lucky and so happy. I can't believe it,' Herzog said.

'I was so nervous watching the other girls but I knew I had done a good run and I thought maybe it could be a medal.'

There were more celebrations for the host country with Matus Gewissler and Juraj Skakala winning the U23 men's C2 title while Pohanka and Wendl won the junior C2.

Australia's Jessica Fox bounced back from heartbreak 24 hours earlier to win at her final individual appearance at the world U23 championships and teenager Marko Mirgorodsky successfully made the transition from junior to U23, taking the men's C1 gold to add to the two junior gold medals he won in 2015 and 2016.

On Friday Fox, a London silver medallist and Rio bronze medallist, was left devastated after a 50 second penalty robbed her of a certain gold medal in the final of the U23 C1.

On Saturday she showed her class, racing within herself to ensure she would snare a fourth consecutive U23 K1 gold.

'There are days when you can have great big lows and to come around and get back out there, it's what I love,' Fox said.

'This is 50 times sweeter than yesterday. Yesterday was pretty draining emotionally. I gave everything in that run and afterwards I was very upset emotionally.

'Today I didn't want to give the video judges any chance of giving me an asterisk or a 50. I wanted to be middle of the gates. I definitely had that fire from yesterday.'

Fox finished in 101.21, ahead of Brazil's Ana Satila in 102.69 and Poland's Klaudia Zwolinska in 103.61.

Marko Mirgorodsky was the last paddler on the water in the C1 final but quickly overcame any nerves with an error free run that thrilled the Slovakian crowd.

Mirgorodsky finished in 93.48, well in front of Vaclav Chaloupka (94.45) and defending champion Florian Bauer of Germany in 95.49.

'It's perfect. I don't know what to say except it is perfect,' Mirgorodsky said.

'I was a little bit tired. It was a bit hard for me because I could hear that Florian and Vaclav had done good times.

'This is special for me because home is home and the atmosphere was great.'

In other results Antonie Galuskova won the junior K1 title in a time of 104.27 with Slovakia's Eliska Mintalova 2nd in 105.15 and fellow Czech Lucie Nesnidalova 3rd in 105.72.

'It's amazing. I was so happy just that I made the final,' Galuskova said.

'It means a lot because it means I can fight against all the good girls.'

The junior men's C1 title went to Poland's Kacpar Sztuba, who had struggled in the opening rounds but had hit top form for the semi finals and then the final, winning in a time of 97.12.

His time was 1.24 seconds quicker than Spain's Miguel Trave with Germany's Lennard Tuchscherer 3rd in 102.77.

'This is great for me, I've waited for this for two years,' Sztuba said.

'In Brazil (2015) I was 2nd and this is big. It is my last year as a junior and now I am a world champion.'

The U23 C2 mixed was won by Russia's Alsu Minazova and Aleksal Popov.

Germany dominated the teams competition on the final day, winning four out of a possible eight titles, but the Czech Republic was the most successful nation for the entire world championships, winning the Nations Cup ahead of host nation Slovakia with Germany 3rd.

The Germans were particularly strong in the junior teams competition on the final day, winning the women's K1 and C1 as well as the men's K1. The also won the men's U23 K1 title.

The Czech Republic picked up three titles, in the women's U23 K1, men's U23 C1 and men's junior C1.

The only other nation to pick up a medal on the final day was Great Britain with their women's U23 C1 team finishing ahead of Spain and the Czech Republic.

As well as three gold medals, Czech teams picked up bronze medals in the junior C1 women and K1 men, along with their third in the U23 C1 women.

Spain finished the day with three silver medals, Great Britain had two silvers to add to their gold and France finished with one silver and three bronze medals.

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**K1WJ:** 1 A Galuskova, Ceska, 104.27. 2 E Mintalova, Slovensko, 105.15.

3 L Nesnidalova, Ceska, 105.72. 8 M Hamer-Evans, GB, 114.37. 17 B Farrow, GB.

**K1WU23:** 1 J Fox, Australia, 101.21. 2 A Satila, Brasil, 102.69. 3 K Zwolinska, Polska, 103.61.

7 K Woods, GB, 109.81. 15 M Franklin, GB.

**K1MJ:** 1 F Oschmautz, Osterreich, 92.18. 2 T Zima, Ceska, 94.16. 3 J Barta, Ceska, 95.67.

19 D Paterson, GB.

**K1MU23:** 1 J Grigar, Slovensko, 89.86. 2 M Leitner, Osterreich, 91.81.

3 M Desnos, France, 93.51. 4 C Bowers, GB, 94.67. 5 B Forbes-Cryans, GB, 98.48.

**C1WJ:** 1 A Herzog, Deutschland, 116.20. 2 S Stanovska, Slovensko, 117.49.

3 M Bertonecchi, Italia, 126.60. 11 E Miller, GB. 14 B Farrow, GB.

**C1WU23:** 1 M Franklin, GB, 109.08. 2 T Fiserova, Ceska, 112.25. 3 K Woods, GB, 113.95.

13 E Gibson, GB.

**C1MJ:** 1 K Sztuba, Polska, 97.12. 2 M Trave, Espana, 98.36.

3 L Tuchscherer, Deutschland, 102.77. 9 P Linksted, GB, 117.33.

**C1MU23:** 1 M Mirgorodsky, Slovensko, 93.48. 2 V Chaloupka, Ceska, 94.45.

3 F Breuer, Deutschland, 95.49. 8 T Abbott, GB, 103.56. 14 S Ibbotson, GB.

**K1WJT:** 1 Deutschland, 131.16. 2 France, 137.48. 3 Slovensko, 137.78. 5 GB, 150.74.

**K1WU23T:** 1 Ceska, 125.88. 2 GB, 139.42. 3 Australia, 143.76.

**K1MJT:** 1 Deutschland, 109.54. 2 Espana, 113.13. 3 Ceska, 113.78. 16 GB, 192.59.

**K1MU23T:** 1 Deutschland, 105.28. 2 Slovenija, 106.11. 3 France, 108.42. 11 GB, 117.87.

**C1WJT:** 1 Deutschland, 228.51. 2 Slovensko, 234.12. 3 Ceska, 242.52. 4 GB, 247.00.

**C1WU23T:** 1 GB, 139.27. 2 Espana, 152.17. 3 Ceska, 155.08.

**C1MU23T:** 1 Ceska, 111.49. 2 GB, 113.81. 3 France, 114.54.