

# Gold and silver for Brabants

## World Championships

The world championships took place between 9th and 12th August in Duisburg, Germany. The regatta was of extra significance this year because it was a qualifying event for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. A top 7 finish in both the 500m and 1,000m events would also secure Great Britain's representation in these classes in Beijing next year.



Tim Brabants simply blew away his opposition in his K1 1,000m semi final and confirmed his label as a hot medal favourite for the final. A strong starter, Brabants got half a boat lead by 100m and built on this all the way through the race. He looked strong and powerful as he crossed the line comfortably ahead of Hungarian Zoltan Benko.

In the 500m, Brabants found it a bit tougher. Brazilian Edson Da Silva flew out of the blocks, as did Shaun Rubenstein (RSA). While Da Silva faded after 250m, Brabants pulled a little harder on his paddle to overtake the South African with 150m to go and took the finish line 1.2 seconds ahead of him. His time of 1:42.2 guaranteed him an excellent lane draw for the 500m final.

Tim Brabants is the current European men's K1 500m champion and also medalled (silver) in his more familiar distance, the 1,000m. The 30 year old doctor from Surrey (Olympic medal winner in Sydney 2000 and world's fastest qualifying time in Athens 2004, finishing 5th in the final) has had an outstanding season, taking a medal in each of the three World Cup regattas.

Other athletes to make the finals included men's K2 Jonnie Schofield and Ben Brown, who came second in the semi final in a time of 1:34.575 behind the Latvians (1:34.109)

Tim Brabants won in the men's K1 1,000m event in a time of 3:40.113.

It was a very close win with Canada's Adam van Koeverden (3:40.675) accelerating every moment but Tim was determined to grab gold. It seems that when Tim has his mind set on winning, he wins, demonstrating his great form in the key event of the season.

A hoarse head men's coach, Shaun Caven, said 'When I saw there was a headwind today I just knew he would win.'

Performance director John Anderson said 'Just fantastic. I knew he would win.'

When asked how it felt to be world champion Brabants said 'I always knew it would be difficult out there today. I am really really pleased.' and he went on to commend his adversaries in making it such a hard race.

Other GB athletes to make the finals included Jonnie Schofield and Ben Brown (men's K2 500m A final), Abi Coulson and Lucy Wainwright (women's K2 200m A and 500m B finals), Anna Hemmings (women's K1 200m A and 500m B finals), Tara Nutt, Jessica Hawkey, Louisa Sawers and Rachel Cawthorn (women's K4 500m B final) and Ed McKeever, Ed Cox, Tom Daniels and Andy Daniels (men's K4 200m A and 500m B finals).

Tim Brabants took silver in the 500m event.

In the 500m final Tim was again up against the Canadian, Adam van Koeverden; this time it was even closer and Tim very marginally missed out on gold (1:36.279), taking the silver medal in a time of 1:36.607.

This is a fantastic result for Brabants, who has had an incredibly successful season.

This has been a truly inspiring world championships with significant achievements the GB team.

Great Britain contended a total of 8 A finals in these championships.

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**200m: K1W:** 1 N Janics, Magyarország, 40.835. 2 A Rikala, Suomi, 41.069. 3 S Ponomorenko, Slovenija, 41.243. 8 A Hemmings, GB, 42.789. **K2W:** 1 Fischer/Reinhardt, Deutschland, 37.339. 2 Kmet'ova/Kohlova, Slovensko, 37.921. 3 Walczykiewicz/Kuczowska, Polska, 38.697. 6 Coulson/Wainwright, GB, 39.329. **K2M:** 1 Piatrushenka/Makhneu, Belarus, 32.251. 2 Rauhe/Weiskötter, Deutschland, 32.597. 3 Filipovic/Zanic, Srbije, 32.993. **K4W:** 1 Deutschland, 35.459. 2 Magyarország, 35.617. 3 Srbije, 36.569. 8 GB, 37.769. **K4M:** 1 Magyarország, 30.715. 2 Srbije, 30.735. 3 Rossija, 30.913. 7 GB, 31.785. **500m: K1W:** 1 K Kovacs, Magyarország, 1:48.663. 2 A Rikala, Suomi, 1:49.255. 3 K Wagner-Augustin, Deutschland, 1:49.399. 14 A Hemmings, GB. **K1M:** 1 A van Koeverden, Canada, 1:36.279. 2 T Brabants, GB, 1:36.607. 3 M Twardowski, Polska, 1:36.661. **K2W:** 1 Fischer/Reinhardt, Deutschland, 1:40.275. 2 Paksy/Benedek, Magyarország, 1:40.963. 3 Viard/Delaterre, France, 1:41.719. 12 Coulson/Wainwright, GB.

**K2M:** 1 Rauhe/Wieskötter, Deutschland, 1:27.709. 2 Piatrushenka/Makhneu, Belarus, 1:27.873. 3 Kammerer/Kucsera, Magyarország, 1:29.527. 8 Brown/Schofield, GB, 1:31.355. **C2:** 1 Kozmann/Kolonics, Magyarország, 1:40.501. 2 Chirila/Cuculici, România, 1:40.991. 3 Gille/Wylenzek, Deutschland, 1:41.501. 16 Lawrence/Train, GB. **K4W:** 1 Deutschland, 1:37.145. 2 Magyarország, 1:37.951. 3 Polska, 1:38.103. **K4M:** 1 Slovensko, 1:20.045. 2 Belarus, 1:20.733. 3 Magyarország, 1:21.651. 12 GB. **1km: K1M:** 1 T Brabants, GB, 3:40.113. 2 A van Koeverden, Canada, 3:40.675. 3 E Larsen, Norge, 3:41.645. **K2M:** 1 Colin/Carre, France, 3:24.683. 2 Seroczynski/Kujawski, Polska, 3:24.891. 3 Kammerer/Kucsera, Magyarország, 3:26.579. 20 Farrell/Wyherley, GB. **C2:** 1 Gille/Wylenzek, Deutschland, 3:46.627. 2 Torres/Aguilar, Cuba, 3:47.591. 3 Tyszynski/Baraszkiwicz, Polska, 3:48.103. **K4W:** 1 Magyarország, 3:13.625. 2 Zhongguo, 3:13.971. 3 Deutschland, 3:15.025. 7 GB, 3:22.213. **K4M:** 1 Deutschland, 3:04.369. 2 Polska, 3:04.719. 3 Slovensko, 3:05.645. 17 GB. **Nat:** 1 Magyarország, 725. 2 Deutschland, 684. 3 Rossija, 508. 11 GB, 292.

## Brabants takes World Cup 500m bronze

### Gérardmer Regatta

Tim Brabants took a bronze medal in K1 500m World Cup 3 event in France. It's Brabants' first ever World Cup medal at this distance, a tremendous result for the doctor who has been on a sharp learning curve to develop his racing skills over this distance. Thirty year old Brabants from Nottingham (world championship silver medallist and European champion in 2006 and Olympic medallist in 2000) was GB's sole representative at World Cup 3 in France. With his preselection in the bag for the senior European and world championships, Tim took the opportunity to get more race practice in the World Cup series, taking on the hot racer of the moment, Adam Van Koeverden. Tim raced both K1 distances, 1,000m and 500m. Despite picking up a minor injury on Thursday, Brabants raced his stronger event, K1 1,000m, on Friday and finished in 5th place behind the Canadian.



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## Walker/King just miss placings in K2 1km

### Junior World Championships

All of the athletes put in 100% effort and raced fantastically against some tough competition.

The junior world championships took place in Racice in the Czech Republic. Jessica Walker (17 years old) and Amoret King (16 years old) paddled with pride to take 4th place in the K2 1,000m final. Jessica and Amoret delivered a stunning race in the morning to make the final. Their morning's efforts seemed to take just that little bit too much out of the pair so that they missed out on the medals by two seconds. However, this was a good performance by two youngsters who have more junior years left.

Elsewhere, the K4 GB team had a great race. Kristian Reeves, Tom Hide, Ben Parfitt and Edward Rutherford were leading the B final at the halfway point, only to be overhauled by the 750m mark by the Polish boat. They finished in 11th place overall (2nd in B final). Pip Ede and Ben Haynes also performed well in their K2 by coming 5th in the B final.

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**500m: K1W:** 1 Z Hagyi, Magyarország, 1:51.040. 2 F Weber, Deutschland, 1:52.320. 3 M Vasylevska, Ukraina, 1:54.573. 4 J Walker, GB, 1:54.869. **K1M:** 1 M Gross, Deutschland, 1:38.150. 2 R Abal Herbello, España, 1:38.860. 3 M Goble, Australia, 1:39.777. **K2W:** 1 Hegyi/Csipes, Magyarország, 1:45.757. 2 Niche/Hering, Deutschland, 1:46.684. 3 Kachalova/Zhertovskaya, Rossija, 1:48.160. 5 Spencer/King, GB, 1:50.677. **K2M:** 1 Yurchenko/Dyachenko, Rossija, 1:31.399. 2 Taras/Hatton, Canada, 1:31.659. 3 Burger/Kettanilat, France, 1:31.925. **K4M:** 1 Rossija, 1:23.153. 2 România, 1:24.503. 3 Slovensko, 1:24.556. 8 GB, 1:25.623. **1km: K1W:** 1 Z Hagyi, Magyarország, 3:59.494. 2 A Lehaçi, Österreich, 4:05.219. 3 M Vasylevska, Ukraina, 4:06.304. 17 C Spencer, GB. **K2W:** 1 Csipes/Aros, Magyarország, 3:46.180. 2 Kunzákóvá/Vínchová, Česká, 3:48.535. 3 Braun/Zengler, Deutschland, 3:49.210. 4 Walker/King, GB, 3:51.140. **K2M:** 1 Dall'Acqua/Colombi, Italia, 3:20.090. 2 Yurenia/Bialko, Belorusse, 3:21.105. 3 Lux/Schmude, Deutschland, 3:21.280. 14 Ede/Haynes, GB. **K4M:** 1 Rossija, 2:56.957. 2 Deutschland, 2:58.767. 3 Belorusse, 2:59.952. 11 GB.

