

There could have been two golds for the Hocevar family but Great Britain's Leaver edged out Ziga Lin's sister in the women's kayak U23 final.

Leaver stunned Eva Alina Hocevar by 0.12 to secure the title.

'It's crazy; it all happened so fast,' said Leaver.

'It feels very surreal right now.

'I felt like I had worked on the things from the semi finals. I improved my run and when I crossed the finish line I saw the scoreboard go green; it was crazy.

'I was really nervous just waiting to see how the other girls did and there were some really good runs going down so I am just happy.

'It will take a few days to let it sink in.'

Hocevar picked up silver with Czechia's Katerina Bekova earning bronze.

Delassus was celebrating another men's kayak U23 title, adding to the one he won in 2022.

Delassus posted a time of 89.92 which proved to be enough as Czechia's Jakub Krejci finished just 0.05 short.

'I feel very happy with my win,' said Delassus.

'It was a tough day, especially in the semi finals as I was a little bit nervous.

'It was very close in the final and I knew before it would be.

'I have raced against Jacob for a lot of years and each year it is hard fight.'

Krejci sealed silver with Slovenia's Lan Tominc bagging bronze.

More history was made as Argentina picked up its first ever title thanks to Manuel Tripano's triumph.

It was Tripano's turn in this day's men's canoe U23 final to enter canoeing folklore with Argentina's first slalom success on the global stage.

Ziga Lin Hocevar completed a canoe kayak double, courtesy of his victory in the men's K1 junior final while Czechia celebrated two wins for Gabriela Satkova and Klara Mrazkova.

Tripano posted a time of 95.27 to put him in pole position before watching as seven more paddlers took to the water.

Lukas Kratochvil looked to have won it when he crossed the finish line, only to receive a two second penalty for a gate touch, giving Tripano the title.

'Wow. I don't know what to feel; it's my dream come true,' said Tripano.

'I thought it was a really good time and it might be enough for a medal.

'When I thought that Lucas got first position at the end I was happy because getting a medal was a really big thing for me.

'When I was celebrating people told me that I was first so it was quite emotional.

'It's a big moment for Argentina.'

Yohann Senechault of France finished 0.21 behind Tripano in second with Kratochvil taking bronze.

The Czech team were soon celebrating when Satkova delivered a brilliant performance to win her first U23 world title.

It was a strong field with fellow Paris bound paddlers Marta Bertonecelli and Eva Alina Hocevar of Slovenia going up against Satkova.

Satkova powered to victory in 99.72, winning the U23 women's canoe by almost six seconds.

'It feels amazing and it's actually my first [world title] in U23 so I am happy I managed to win it,' said Satkova, who was to fly to Paris on the Monday for pre Games training.

'It was a tough competition and that's what I like.

'Everyone is pushing really hard to get the fastest time.

'This is a really important event for me.

'Once I don't race for a month or two I feel like I don't know what to do so for me it is better to do this before the Olympics.

'It is also great to be here with my friends because I cannot take all of them to Paris so it was great to share this with them.'

Bertonecelli and Hocevar collected silver and bronze respectively.

Czechia's other gold was won by Mrazkova who captured the junior women's kayak title in 103.21.

'I cannot describe my feelings as I am so grateful and so happy,' said Mrazkova.

'It was my dream and it has come true.

'I made myself think that it was not about the result so I can enjoy the run and feel myself on the water.

'I hope this is just the start for my career.'

Poland's Hanna Danek and Italy's Caterina Pignat also produced clean runs, earning them silver and bronze respectively.

In form Ziga Lin Hocevar backed up his dominant victory in the

previous day's junior men's C1 final with a brilliant K1 triumph in 87.21.

After producing the fourth best time in the semi finals, Hocevar delivered when it mattered most again, winning by almost six seconds.

'It's simply unbelievable,' said Hocevar.

'It's something that I have been working towards for so long.

'I wanted to prove to myself that I am really good in K1 as well as C1 and today I did that.

'It's everything I wished for and everything I wanted.'

Martin Cornu picked up two two second penalties but he still did enough to take silver while Czechia's Michal Kopecek bagged bronze.

Emma Vuitton and Gael Adisson struck gold in the final as France finished with six gold, seven silver and two bronze medals to top the medals table.

Czechia was the second best nation with five gold, one silver and eight bronze medals followed by Slovenia with three gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

The previous month Vuitton had stunned four time Olympic medallist Jessica Fox and Tokyo 2020 champion Ricarda Funk to clinch her maiden World Cup title in K1 in Prague.

The 20 year old continued her good run of form in Slovakia as she won the women's kayak cross U23 final with ease.

Spaniard Leire Goni and Katerina Bekova claimed silver and bronze respectively.

The men's U23 final saw Adisson pip compatriot and 2022 kayak cross world silver medallist Anatole Delassus for the title.

Czechia's Mtyas Novak secured the final podium spot.

Slovenia's Naja Pinteric stole the show in the women's junior kayak cross final, getting the better of Spain's Haizea Segura and Australia's Codie Davidson.

Davidson's bronze was Australia's only medal at the world championships.

In the junior men's kayak cross final Faust Clotet Juanmarti crossed the line first, adding to the Spanish tally and winning his country's only gold.

It was an impressive performance to beat Ziga Lin Hocevar, who was in great form, having won a first senior European title and a maiden World Cup gold to begin the season.

The bronze medal went to Great Britain's Jonah Hanrahan.

The thrilling kayak cross races once again provided a glimpse of what to expect as the discipline was set for its Olympic Games debut at Paris 2024.

The world championships in 2025 is scheduled to be held from July 8th to 13th in Foix, France.

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**K1WJ:** 1 K Mrazkova, Czechia, 103.21. 2 H Danek, Polska, 105.45. 3 C Pignat, Italia, 106.00.

8 A Kontchakov, GB, 114.03. 10 Z Blythe-Shields, GB, 131.45.

**K1WU23:** 1 L Leaver, GB, 100.16. 2 E Hocevar, Slovenija, 100.28. 3 K Bekova, Czechia, 101.81.

9 E Miller, GB, 108.58. 14 M Kang, GB.

**K1MJ:** 1 Z Hocevar, Slovenija, 87.21. 2 M Cornu, France, 92.84. 3 M Kopecek, Czechia, 92.97.

16 G Williams, GB.

**K1MU23:** 1 M Delassus, France, 89.92. 2 J Krejci, Czechia, 89.97. 3 L Tominc, Slovenija, 90.93.

4 S Leaver, GB, 90.99. 5 B Haylett, GB, 91.27. 11 J Dickson, GB.

**C1WJ:** 1 T Yang, Zhongguo, 112.84. 2 L Quemerais, France, 113.52.

3 V Kocirova, Czechia, 113.65. 13 Z Blythe-Shields, GB, 19 A Kontchakov, GB.

**C1WU23:** 1 G Satková, Czechia, 99.72. 2 M Bertonecelli, Italia, 105.57.

3 A Hocevar, Slovenija, 107.25. 15 E Miller, GB.

**C1MJ:** 1 Z Hocevar, Slovenija, 92.45. 2 M Cornu, France, 100.45.

3 N Zimmermann, Deutschland, 100.95.

**C1MU23:** 1 M Tripano, Argentina, 95.27. 2 Y Senechault, France, 95.48. 3 L Kratochvil, Czechia,

95.71. 4 L Royle, GB, 96.21. 6 K Rozenhals, GB, 96.56. 16, E McDonald, GB, 100.89.

**K1XWJ:** 1 N Pinteric, Slovenija. 2 H Segura, España. 3 C Davidson, Australia.

**K1XWU23:** 1 E Vuitton, France. 2 L Goni, España. 3 K Bekova, Czechia.

**K1XMJ:** 1 F Juanmarti Clotet, España. 2 Z Hocevar, Slovenija. 3 J Hanrahan, GB.

**K1XMU23:** 1 G Adisson, France. 2 A Delassus, France. 3 M Novak, Czechia.

**K1WJT:** 1 Czechia, 101.98. 2 Deutschland, 105.19. 3 France, 109.23. 7 GB, 117.15.

**K1WU23T:** 1 Deutschland, 99.67. 2 France, 102.52. 3 Czechia, 102.54. 6 GB, 112.75.

**K1MJT:** 1 France, 90.69. 2 Italia, 94.24. 3 Deutschland, 95.61. 6 GB, 99.18.

**K1MU23T:** 1 France, 88.09. 2 GB, 88.60. 3 Italia, 90.07.

**C1WJT:** 1 Czechia, 116.86. 2 France, 122.77. 3 Deutschland, 125.71. 4 GB, 141.11.

**C1WU23T:** 1 Italia, 110.90. 2 Deutschland, 119.74. 3 España, 119.75. 11 GB, 170.33.

**C1MJT:** 1 France, 96.58. 2 Deutschland, 97.82. 3 Czechia, 101.59. 8 GB, 122.90.

**C1MU23T:** 1 Czechia, 92.92. 2 Slovenija, 96.84. 3 France, 97.40. 8 GB, 101.70.