



*Kimberley Woods, placed third.*



*Nicolas Gestin, winning at home.*

watching on, Gestin produced an incredible showing in front of a passionate home crowd.

The atmosphere was electric inside the packed Vaires-sur-Marne nautical stadium and the French fans roared Gestin to a stunning victory as he triumphed by more than five seconds.

Great Britain's Adam Burgess secured silver with Slovakia's Matej Benus taking the bronze.

With the backing of the home fans, Gestin had been in inspired form, registering the quickest time in both runs of the heats and in this day's semi final.

Going last in the final, the pressure was on the world silver medallist to deliver as France's expectation for gold was immense and he delivered in emphatic fashion, crossing the finish line in 91.36.

It was the fifth time France had claimed the men's C1 title with

Estanguet winning three of them and Deni Gargaud Chanut taking the other.

'I don't know what to say; it's better than my dreams,' Gestin said.

'It's the best race of my life. Everyone on my team, my mentor, my brother and I, wanted it.

'When I crossed the line I knew I had put in a great run and now I just enjoy it.'

Burgess ensured back to back medals for Great Britain thanks to his superb showing.

After the previous day's bronze for Kimberley Woods, Burgess added another medal after posting a time of 96.84 that saw him move in front before Gestin's stunning showing.

'There'll be no waking up in the night, wondering what could have been, now,' Burgess said.