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almost three seconds behind at one stage before pulling off a superb finish to secure the win by 0.66.

'It means a lot,' said Horn, who had been living in Ivrea for the past nine years.

'I love the kids from the kayaking club as they are really nice and give me the motivation to train every day as they are always happy.

'This happiness gives me the strength to race.

'I am really proud to give them back the joy they gave me today.'

Funk claimed silver with Slovenia's Eva Tercelj earning bronze.

After Horn's victory, Italian fans would have been hoping for another home triumph when Olympic champion De Gennaro took to the water but the home favourite missed the 10th gate to pick up a 50 second penalty.

Instead, the men's K1 title went to a shocked Polaczyk, whose time of 87.34 saw him take top spot.

'I am super happy,' said Polaczyk, who won his first World Cup medal 12 years ago.

'What can I say. I am an old guy!

'I have won for the first time ever. It is special to have it here in Ivrea on such a good course.

'I just enjoy paddling.

'I didn't produce anything special; that was just a good run from a training session and I won a World Cup so I am very happy.'

Anatole Delassus finished just 0.48 behind Polaczyk to take silver while Peter Kauzer was 1.11 further back in bronze.

Satkova recovered from the heartbreak of missing out on a medal at Paris 2024 to clinch the women's C1 title.

She produced a brilliant display, triumphing by more than five seconds to seal her second World Cup win of the season.

'I feel extremely happy because I did not think this race would go this way,' said Satkova.

'I am more than satisfied.

'It was an amazing run and I am happy that after the Olympics I was able to do such a great run and I felt like I believed in myself a little bit after the big disappointment of the Olympics.'

Fresh from winning two medals at the Olympics, Great Britain's Kimberley Woods added another to her collection with a World Cup silver.

Ukraine's Viktoriia Us completed the podium with bronze.

Savsek, the Tokyo 2020 gold medallist, also refused to let the disappointment of leaving Paris 2024 without a medal get the better of him as he claimed the men's C1 crown in Ivrea.

Slovenia's Ziga Lin Hecvar topped the standings in the semi finals and was in a great position to take the title, registering a time almost three seconds quicker than Savsek at the third intermediate but a mistake at the penultimate gate cost him dearly as Savsek clinched gold in 93.05.

'I didn't feel very good at first as I had to take a little vacation after the Olympics to clear my head,' said Savsek.

'I have been trying to get back on track in the last couple of weeks so I am really happy to be still in good form and in a good position in the overall standings.'

Yohann Senechault, who was ranked number 175 in the world, pulled off a superb showing to take silver, one second behind Savsek, while the bronze went to Raffaello Ivaldi.

Mallory Franklin and Jonny Dickson clinched the kayak cross titles as Great Britain dominated the final day.

Four of the six kayak cross medals on offer on Sunday were snapped up by British paddlers with Franklin and Dickson emerging victorious.

There was a British one, two in the women's kayak cross final as Franklin got the better of reigning world champion Kimberley Woods while Australia's Olympic gold medallist, Noemie Fox, took bronze.

Three of the four competitors in the men's kayak cross final were from Great Britain.

France's Gael Adisson tried to spoil the party only to be overtaken by Dickson as he had to settle for silver.

Sam Leaver was the other Brit on the podium as he bagged bronze, nudging fellow countryman and three time world champion Joseph Clarke out of the medal positions.

'It shows how well we are training at home and how good our facilities are at Lee Valley,' said Dickson.

'We held the World Championships last year and we had two world champions in kayak cross and then two medals at the Olympics (with Woods and Clarke) as well.

'Although they are individual medals for those guys, that comes from a collaboration of the whole team and staff and having a good ramp set up and gates so we can train well.'

Looking to deny Great Britain a one, two, three in the men's final, Adisson got off to a flying start.

Adisson looked in control only to be stopped in his tracks by Leaver, allowing Dickson to move in front after choosing to take the other upstream gate.

Dickson forged ahead to take the title as Adisson picked up silver and Leaver clinched bronze.

'I'm really happy,' said Dickson.

'I knew it was going to be a really hard final with Joe being a world champion and Sam and Gael being both under 23 world champions.

'I know how good the British boys are so I definitely felt like I was the least likely to win up there but anything can happen in kayak cross.

'I dealt really well all the way down and made good decisions.'

All three British paddlers opted not to compete in slalom and instead focused all their efforts on kayak cross.

The decision paid off for Dickson, who clinched his first World Cup title with victory in the event that made its Olympic debut in Paris.

'I was only racing kayak cross here which is a bit different for me,' said Dickson.

'Ivrea is a course that I have spent a lot of time at so I was really looking forward to racing on it.

'I was really focused on this race because it was the only opportunity I had in the whole competition.

'It is a good to say that I now have (World Cup) medals in slalom and kayak cross and I think that is a good position to be in especially with the way we selected for the Olympics this time.

'I have got to keep progressing in both and keep pushing forward.'

There was also joy for Franklin, who came out on top in a thrilling duel with Woods.

The first upstream gate proved pivotal as Franklin managed to overtake Woods before powering to victory.

Fox claimed bronze in what was the first World Cup since she won in kayak cross in Paris.

'It is really cool that both myself and Kimberley were in the final and for us to come out with a one, two is another level, said Franklin.

'I have been really building with my kayak cross this year and each race I have been taking a step forward so it is quite nice to take that top step in one of the final races of the year.

'We are a strong nation in kayak cross and we enjoy it.'

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K1W: 1 S Horn, Italia, 96.88. 2 R Funk, Deutschland, 97.54. 3 E Tercelj, Slovenija, 98.81.

8 M Franklin, GB, 109.75. 19 K Woods, GB.

K1M: 1 M Polaczyk, Polska, 87.34. 2 A Delassus, France, 87.82. 3 P Kauzer, Slovenija, 88.45.

19 C Bowers, GB.

C1W: 1 G Satkova, Czechia, 100.89. 2 K Woods, GB, 106.24. 3 V Us, Ukraina, 108.15.

14 M Franklin, GB. 17 E Miller, GB.

C1M: 1 B Savsek, Slovenija, 93.05. 2 Y Senechault, France, 94.06. 3 R Ivaldi, Italia, 94.49.

11 A Burgess, GB, 153.45. 17 K Rosenthals, GB.

K1WX: 1 M Franklin, GB. 2 K Woods, GB. 3 N Fox, Australia.

K1MX: 1 J Dickson, GB. 2 G Adisson, France. 3 S Leaver, GB. 4 J Clarke, GB.