



Joe Clarke.



Mallory Franklin.

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'You sometimes wonder whether to go for a win or play safe but you just have to go for it.'

Czech Gabriela Satkova finished second and, in doing so, secured second place on the overall standings. Satkova won both her previous World Cup appearances.

Her sister, Martina, finished third overall while Great Britain's Kimberley Woods took the bronze in the La Seu final.

Fox has now won the World Cup series title in C1 in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023 and 2024.

In the men's competition Trave posted the quickest time in the C1 semi final and then followed up with the best time in the final.

Great Britain's Ryan Westley, who was the slowest qualifier through to the final, finished a close second while veteran and two time Olympic champion Michal Martikan of Slovakia took the bronze.

It was the 45 year old's first World Cup medal since 2017.

'It was a really tough run, especially after I touched gate four,' Trave said.

'It's so wonderful to win here with all of the city coming down here to support me.

'It's absolutely incredible. I just kept fighting all the way.'

Benus finished fourth to seal the overall title while Slovenian teenager Ziga Lin Hocevar finished second overall.

By finishing second in La Seu, Westley jumped up the leaderboard to finish third in the final World Cup standings.

Great Britain confirmed itself as the global powerhouse of kayak cross with another golden double.

Not only did Joseph Clarke and Mallory Franklin take the men's and women's gold on the Sunday but Clarke and Kimberley Woods also successfully defended their overall World Cup titles for another year.

Franklin proved the surprise package once again in the women's kayak cross final.

After several seasons where the Olympic silver medallist seemed to treat kayak cross as an afterthought, Franklin won at the final two World Cups of the season to finish second overall behind Woods.

'I really feel like I'm settling into kayak cross now,' said Franklin.

'I feel pretty tired and pretty drenched but very happy to have won again.

'It was such a tough fight at the start, which is always difficult when everyone is clashing.

'I really tried to get a fast start but then you have to defend the first upstream so it can be quite complicated.

Woods, who took bronze when kayak cross made its Olympic debut in Paris this year, paid tribute to her team mate.

'Hats off to Mallory. I couldn't catch her,' said Woods.

'I put a lot of work into kayak cross this year so to win the overall title for a second year in a row is pretty satisfying.'

French Olympic silver medallist Angele Hug finished third on the Sunday while Czech Tereza Kneblova ranked third overall for the season.

The big surprise on the Sunday was the early exit of the Australian Olympic champion, Noemie Fox.

In the men's event it was Clarke who ended up with the win after Poland's Mateusz Polaczyk crossed the line first but was disqualified for not rounding a gate properly.

The result elevated Clarke to the gold medal and also enabled him to go one point ahead of Brazil's Pedro Goncalves to snatch the overall title for 2024.

'What a great way to end the season, to win today and to take the overall win. I'm speechless,' Clarke said.

'After last weekend I said to Kimberley that wouldn't it be great if we could go to La Seu and do the same as we did last year and now we've done it.

'Our team has become so strong because we are always pushing each other and I think that shows in our results.'

Spain's David Llorente took the silver while Goncalves, who came into the weekend as the overall points leader, took the bronze. France's Mathurin Madore dropped from second to third overall.

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K1W: 1 M Chourraut, España, 100.30. 2 E Tercelj, Slovenija, 102.67. 3 E Leibfarth, USA, 102.69. 19 K Woods, GB.

K1M: 1 J Prskavec, Czechia, 87.47. 2 M Desnos, Brasil, 88.80. 3 G De Gennaro, Italia, 88.85. 16 C Bowers, GB.

C1W: 1 J Fox, Australia, 104.30. 2 G Satkova, Czechia, 104.41. 3 K Woods, GB, 106.38. 10 M Franklin, GB, 169.42. 20 E Miller, GB.

C1M: 1 M Trave, España, 93.51. 2 R Westley, GB, 94.16. 3 M Martikan, Slovensko, 95.89. 19 A Burgess, GB. 20 K Rosenthals, GB.

K1WX: 1 M Franklin, GB. 2 K Woods, GB. 3 A Hug, France.

K1MX: 1 J Clarke, GB. 2 D Llorente, España. 3 P Goncalves, Brasil.

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Super Cup

Ryan Westley got the better of reigning Olympic champion Nicolas Gestin to take the men's canoe single title at the Hangzhou Super Cup.

The first day of Super Cup action saw Great Britain's Westley produce a sensational run in the C1, clocking 84.43 to pip Frenchman Gestin, who settled for silver.

Bronze went to Vaclav Chaloupka of Czechia, whose timing of 85.37 was enough to surpass Olympic gold medallists Benjamin Savsek of Slovenia and compatriot Jiri Prskavec.

Men's overall World Cup champion Matej Benus of Slovakia also missed out on a medal, finishing fourth after a two second penalty cost him dear.



'I was not racing in the Olympics so I've had quite a nice year, a lot less busy than a lot of people. I think that has been good for me and I'm probably a lot fresher than Nico is this time of the year but, yeah, it was hard,' Westley, who finished third overall in the World Cup circuit, said.

The women's C1 final saw Czechia's Gabriela Satkova bag gold in 93.86, adding to her fantastic performances in the last two World Cups in Ivrea and La Seu.

Putting the Paris 2024 disappointment behind her, the two time world champion edged Great Britain's Mallory Franklin for the top prize while Italian Marta Bertonecelli took bronze.

Australian Olympic kayak cross champion Noemie Fox and Paris 2024 C1 bronze medallist Evy Leibfarth of the United States finished