



Chinese star against limited entry

Super Cup

Chinese women ruled the roost in the canoe and kayak single 500m races at the Hangzhou Super Cup.

Xina Jiang cruised to victory in the C1 500m, crossing the line in 2:19 before fellow countrywoman Shuqi Li bagged silver.

Sophia Jensen of Canada did just enough to beat compatriot and C1 200m Olympic champion Katie Vincent, who finished fourth.

Nan Wang ensured the hosts got on top of the podium again, battling Emma Aastrand Jorgensen, Denmark, to finish in 2:03.

'It's a warm feeling to be winning at home. I tried my best. It was difficult at the Olympic Games in Paris. I am happy to be winning again,' the two time Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games champion said.

Bronze went to Michelle Russell of Canada with Aimee Fisher of New Zealand missing out again, finishing fifth in 2:05.

The men's C1 500m gold went to Serghei Tarnovschi of Moldova in 1:58. The two time C1 1,000m bronze medallist added to his tally, having taken silver in the C1 short distance on day one.

Nicolae Craciun of Italy and Conrad-Robin Scheibner of Germany took silver and bronze respectively.

South America opened their account by triumphing in the men's K1 500m, thanks to Argentina's Agustin Vernice. Vernice, who missed out in the K1 1,000m at Paris 2024, was competing in his first event after the Paris Olympic Games and delivered in style, clocking 1:47.

'I'm very happy. It's a good finish to the year with this result so I am very happy. I finished fourth at the Olympics and this is my first major tournament since. I spend time with my family and I am happy to be among the medals,' Vernice said.



Martin Nathell of Sweden finished second and Italian Samuele Burgo claimed the final podium spot.

The last day saw Nicolae Craciun and Dawid Szela combine for a superb race to win the men's canoe double 500m gold medal in 1:46.

The Chinese duo of Yuebin Yu and Chenwei Yu took silver. The event also saw many international competitors from different countries team up.

Serghei Tarnovschi ended in style in the C2 500m, combining with Poland's Wiktor Glazunow for bronze.

The kayak double men's 500m title also went Italy's way, thanks to Samuele Burgo and Tommaso Freschi, who finished in 1:33.

'The race was difficult because the level was very high. It was the first time for us in the water as a pair. We are happy to win gold on our first try,' Burgo said.

Portuguese pair Joao Ribeiro and Messias Baptista took silver while Agustin Vernice teamed up with Spaniard Francisco Cubelos to finish third.

China continued their domination of sprint events with a clean sweep of the women's K2 500m.

Shimeng Yu and Yule Chen took gold in 1:49 with Ningning Qu and Xuan Li taking silver.

Bronze went to Han Jiang and Jieyi Huang. The women's sprinters for the hosts took gold and silver in the C2 500 as well.

Anshuo Teng and Xina Jiang gave the home fans joy by crossing the line first in 2:01 with Shuqi Li and Lina Xue taking silver.

Katie Vincent stood on the podium with Italian Olympian Della Giustina taking the C2 500m bronze.

The mixed C2 races were popular and Tarnovschi had more in store. He delivered another title in the mixed C2 500m with Sophia Jensen.

The K2 mixed gold medal went to Emma Aastrand Jorgensen and Germany's Olympic champion, Max Lemke.

The race also saw kayak specialist Aimee Fisher making a return to the podium after the disappointment at Paris 2024, taking bronze with Burgo.

'I had so much fun. This is my first mixed race and he was so strong. We had such a good finish,' Fisher said.

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500m: K1M: 1 A Vernice, Argentina, 1:47.856. 2 M Nathell, Sverige, 0:47.945.

3 S Burgo, Italia, 1:48.755. 15 L Flecher, GB.

K2M: 1 Burgo/Freschi, Italia, 1:33.102. 2 Ribeiro/Baptista, Portugal, 1:33.607.

3 Cubelos/Vernice, 1:33.666.

