

Prokopenko, silver medallists in the previous day's 1,000m event, took bronze.

Hungary's team took another gold in the women's K2 500m, Germany followed again in 2nd and Sweden took the bronze.

Just one hour after getting gold in the K1 500m, Ronald Rauhe snatched another in the K1 200m. The first of the nail biting quick 200m races, this was a great race. In 2nd place, half a second behind, was Oleg Kharytonov (UKR). Artem Kononuk (RUS) came third.

In the men's C1 200m, gold came in for Azerbaijan's Valentin Demyanenko. Nikolay Lipkin was on the podium again in 2nd place and bronze went to Lithuania's Jevgenij Suklin.

Back in the women's teams, in the K1 200m Hungary dominated the course, gaining their third gold of the day when Natasa Janics sailed into 1st place. Marta Walczykiewicz of Poland came 2nd and Anne Laure Viard of France picked up the nation's second bronze of the day.

The men's C2 200m saw almost the same teams on the rostrum aside from the gold winners, Labuckas and Gadeikis of Lithuania. 2nd place went to Ignatov and Shtyl while Nuck and Holtz stole the bronze.

Canada saw the day's first appearance in the medals table when Richard Dober Jr and Andrew Willows took the bronze in the K2 200m. They came out of the blocks well and proved they are a force to be reckoned with in this event. In first place were Raman Piatrushenka and Vadzim Makhneu, the same guys who picked up gold in the 500m just an hour before. Saul Cravioito and Carlos Perez were 2nd.

Just half an hour after winning gold in the K1 200m, Natasa Janics was back in the boat with superstar teammate Katalin Kovacs to win gold in the K2 200m to make four golds. The German team came in 2nd with Slovakia 3rd.

The only false start of the competition came in the men's C4 200m but, once underway, the Belarus boys stormed past the line to claim gold. In 2nd were the Russians and in 3rd Hungary. The Canadians just missed out on a medal, crossing the line in 4th but the home crowd still went crazy for their boys.

Just after came the men's K4 200m. Again, Belarus stole the show, leaving the Slovaks in 2nd place and the Russians in 3rd.

The women's K4 200m proved to be the race to watch. Hungary's crew, with Natasa Janics and Katalin Kovacs, failed to bring their team to victory. With the Germans out of sight in lane two they were unable to keep up and they pipped them to the finish line. It was a disappointment for Janics, who was looking for her third gold medal of the day. Taking gold must have been some relief for Katrin Wagner-Augustin, who just couldn't get past Kovacs in the K1 500m earlier in the morning, but perhaps the happiest news of that race was the Portuguese team who claimed the bronze medals, their absolute delight evident from the finish line to the podium.

The day was wrapped up with the Paddleability races and relays. The relays' first appearance at a world championships proved a real crowd pleaser, not just for spectators but for fellow athletes as well. The overwhelming team spirit was everywhere. Attila Vajda, Olympic champion, who failed to achieve a medal here in the championships, was clearly thrilled with his team's silver in the C1 200m relay. The crowd were also getting fired up with each race, not more so than when their girls took the bronze medal in the women's K1 200m relay.

President Jose Perurena closed the ceremony as the ICF flag was handed over to the Polish federation, who will host the 2010 world championships in Poznan.

These championships were a great success with the inclusion of C1 women, Paddleability events, extensive worldwide live television coverage and 200m relay events held in front of a very appreciative audience.

**Joanna Greenfield**

## Record-breaking event best ever

### FeelFit Paddle Round the Pier

This year's Paddle Round the Pier, sponsored by FeelFit, has raised an estimated record-breaking £30,000 for this year's charities, the RNLI, SurfAid International and local children's charity the Rockinghorse Appeal.

Around 23,000 people from across the globe visited the event, which was held on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July on Hove Lawns.

Dave Samuel, paddle director said 'Well what a fantastic weekend. Good weather and great sea conditions made this the best and biggest Paddle Round the Pier event ever.

'All of the events in the water and on the land were really well supported but what was hugely satisfying was to see a record number of people take part in the Paddle Round the Pier itself on Sunday afternoon.

'I would also like to give a huge thanks to everyone who helped make this event as successful it was, the other organizers, all the volunteers, the bands, Brighton & Hove Council, the Seafront Office, the local businesses and, of course, our sponsors, in particular FeelFit.

'And on behalf of the charities I would like to thank all of the people who came down and joined in the fun. Their generous donations will make a huge difference.

Get your diaries out now and make sure you write in Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July for the 2010 Paddle Round the Pier.

**David Somerville**

### European Championships

**200m: K4W:** 1 Magyarország, 35.00. 2 Deutschland, 35.06. 3 GB, 35.88.

**500m: K1W:** 1 K Kovacs, Magyarország, 1:49.862. 2 K Wagner-Augustin, Deutschland, 1:49.862. 3 R Cawthorn, GB, 1:51.693.

**O/A:** 1 Deutschland. 2 Magyarország. 3 Belarus. 14 GB.

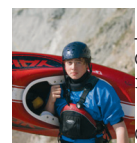
## McClelland is junior European champion

### European Championships

Held in Mundaka, northern Spain, this year, the championships proved to be extremely tough with local competitors, especially, putting up a great fight in the finals on the world class wave. A very early start on 22nd April saw the beginning of what was to be a super trip to the Basque country for Andy. Arrival in sunny Spain marked the start of the wave hunting. As the swell forecast wasn't looking great for the first couple of days, sun bathing took priority! The first day of the contest started well for everyone in the Northern Ireland surf team and Mundaka was doing what it does best! The wave was firing and there were plenty of barrels to be had. A very high standard was on show from all taking part and competition was very strong. The high standard of surfing continued to finals day with waves reaching head and a half high, as surfers would describe it, which is around 15 ft, slightly smaller surf than Mundaka is used to but still allowing the world class athletes to show what they could do. Finals lasted for 20 minutes each so not a very long time to show what could be done. There were 5 people in the junior IC final, Andy and 4 other lads from the Basque country. Luckily, things went Andy's way and he came out on top! Andy comments 'I went out with the attitude that I would just enjoy myself and have fun, not a strategy that I would usually go for but it paid off this time!'

**Oana Matty**

**IJ:** 1 A McClelland, NI. 2 B Elorza, Basque. 3 J Fernandez, Basque.



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