

First medals handed out at Canoe Niagara

Broadcast note: The 2013 ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships will be broadcast on Sportsnet and [streamed live](#) online. See [broadcast schedule](#) for details.

Amazing atmosphere at the Welland International Flatwater Centre

WELLAND, ON –The third day of competition saw the WIFC welcoming its largest crowd of the week as many gathered early in the day to catch the first day of medal ceremonies at Canoe Niagara 2013. Astounded by the talent showcased on the course, many stayed for the semi-finals this afternoon and it seemed as though the crowd continued to grow as the day progressed.

Day 3 – 1000 Finals, medal ceremonies, 200 semi-finals

Blue skies and smiles set the scene as the first medals were handed out this morning for the 2013 ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships at the Welland International Flatwater Centre. Flanked by Mounties in red serge, a total of 30 medals were awarded to paddlers from 13 countries.

Hungary won the first race of the day and claimed the first gold medal of the Championships in the Junior Women's K4 500 A-Final. The Hungarians continued their winning streak throughout the morning, leading the way with seven medals, including four gold.

In an exciting U23 Men's K2 1000 final, a Russian crew took an early lead but Hungary came back to take gold, edging past Germany for a thrilling race only two one-hundredths of a second separating first and second place finishes. These three countries are renowned for the strength of their paddling teams and are at the top of the medal board after day 3.

Canada's best showing was a fourth place by Marc Tarling and Roland Varga in the U23 Men's C2 1000. The pair started paddling C2 together only two weeks ago and were inspired by the cheers of Canadian fans along the course. Four Canadian boats competed in A-finals today.

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German teams also pulled in hardware, ending the day with three medals. The U23 Women's K4 500 gold medalists started paddling together this year and will return home to compete against the German Olympic Champions for a chance to compete at the World Championships in Duisburg, Germany. Germany's Marius Radow won gold in Junior Men's K1 1000. Radow proved his strength and determination by coming back from a broken hand suffered this spring.

Sunday is the final day of the 2013 ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships and eighteen medals are still up for grabs. Competition runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Morning Medal Standings

Total	Country	[G]	[S]	[B]
7	Hungary	4	2	1
5	Russia		4	1
3	Germany	2	1	
2	Czech Republic	2		
2	Kazakhstan	1		1
2	Poland	1		1
2	Denmark			2
2	Ukraine			2
1	Belarus	1		
1	Latvia		1	

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I	Australia			I
I	Romania			I

Picture	Flash Quotes
 <p>Szabina Piller/ Rita Katrinecz/ Eszler Malcsiner/ Agnes Szabo (GOLD) Photo: Digital Sports Photography</p>	<p>“The race was incredible and fun. We had a great start and went faster and faster. In the end we knew that we could win. It was our first international event and it was very important for us.” Agnes Szabo, Hungary Gold Medalist, Junior Women’s K4 500</p>
 <p>Marius Radow (GOLD) Photo: Digital Sports Photography</p>	<p>“The start was very good and I had a lot of powerful strokes over the distance. I had some problems with power in the finish. To win a gold medal is a great thing for my country and it is special for me to wear a German uniform.” Marius Radow, Germany Gold Medalist, Junior Men’s K1 1000</p>
 <p>Nadine Zehe/ Sabrina Hering/ Debora Niche/ Anne Knorr (GOLD) Photo: Digital Sports Photography</p>	<p>“We won the European Championships and we wanted to win this race too so we’re really glad we got it.” Debora Niche, Germany Gold Medalist, U23 Women’s K4 500</p>
 <p>Kristof Khaut/ Jonatan Hajdu (GOLD) Photo: Digital Sports Photography</p>	<p>“I love the atmosphere and the event is very good. The volunteers are very kind to us.” Kristóf Khaut, Hungary Gold Medalist, Junior Men’s C2 1000</p>

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