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Baselga di Piné, Italy

Kok and Chung take ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championship titles

Femke Kok (NED) and Jaewon Chung (KOR) have won the ladies' and men's ISU World Junior Allround Speed Skating titles in Baselga di Piné (ITA). Both Kok and Chung also won the single distance title in the 1500m, thus becoming the most decorated youngsters at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2019. The Netherlands led the medal table in the ladies events and the Republic of Korea in the men's.

Senior track records by junior ladies

The Dutch ladies started the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships with a podium sweep in the 500m on Friday. Femke Beuling took gold, ahead of Femke Kok and Michelle de Jong. With 38.38 Beuling broke Catriona Le May Doan's (CAN) more than twenty-year-old senior track record (38.72).

In the 1500m Kok was on top of the podium, with Karolina Bosiek (POL) and Ragne Wiklund (NOR) taking silver and bronze. With her 1500m win Kok also took the lead in the ISU World Junior Allround Speed Skating classification, ahead of Bosiek and Wiklund.

On the second day Michelle de Jong took the single distance title in the 1000m, also breaking the senior track record with 1:17.68. The previous track record was 1:17.74 by Franziska Schenk (GER) in 1998. Kok and Bosiek took silver and bronze to consolidate their first and second place in the ISU World Junior Allround classification.

Wiklund won the final 3000m beating the junior track record (4:22.00) set by [Martina Sablikova](#) (CZE) in 2005 by two seconds, when she finished in 4:20.01. The Norwegian youngster thus secured the bronze medal in the final ISU World Junior Allround classification. Robin Groot (NED) took the 3000m silver and Bosiek clinched bronze in the distance to end up second in the final ISU World Junior Allround classification. Finishing eighth in 4:26.21, Kok did enough to conquer the ISU World Junior Allround Speed Skating title.

On the final day the Netherlands won the Team Sprint ahead of Russia and Norway. The Japanese ladies conquered Team Pursuit gold, with the Netherlands taking silver and Norway clinching bronze.

Laura Peveri (ITA) sprinted to Mass Start gold to hand the host country a World Junior title in Baselga. China's Yuhan Ma came second and Robin Groot took bronze.

Chung dominates men's ISU World Junior Allround Speed Skating Championships

Winning the 1500m and the ISU World Junior Allround Speed Skating classification Jaewon Chung (KOR) was the only one to win two World Junior Speed Skating titles in the men's competition. The tournament started with favorite Koki Kubo (JPN) winning the 500m in 36.22. Artem Arefyev (RUS) and Katsuhiko Kuratsubo (JPN) took silver and bronze.

Chung took the World Junior Allround lead after two distances with a superb 1500m in a new junior track record of 1:48.82, leaving silver medal winner Sergei Loginov (RUS) almost two seconds behind. Francesco Betti (ITA) took bronze on home soil. Loginov and Betti were also second and third in the World Junior Allround classification after two distances.

Dutchman Janno Botman started the second day with gold in the 1000m, with Chung coming second and Stepan Chistiakov (RUS) third. The Russian thus climbed to third place in the World Junior Allround Speed Skating ranking, with Chung on top and Loginov still in second.

Chung secured the ISU World Junior Allround Speed Skating title coming fourth in the final 5000m, which was won by Germany's Lukas Mann in 6:41.51. Hallgeir Engebråten (NOR) took silver in the distance and Daniil Aldoshkin (RUS) grabbed the bronze. Francesco Betti finished seventh to climb up to third in the final ISU World Junior Allround Speed Skating classification, at the cost of Loginov who dropped to fifth after becoming 19th in the final distance. Chistiakov claimed World Junior Allround silver with a tenth place in the 5000m.

On the final day the Dutch men won the Team Sprint event, with the Republic of Korea and Russia taking silver and bronze. Norway conquered Team pursuit gold, ahead of Russia and the Netherlands. Austria's Gabriel Odor won the final Mass Start, with Merijn Scheperkamp (NED) and Tsubasa Horikawa (JPN) coming second and third.

About the ISU Junior World Speed Skating Championships

At the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships (15-17 February) skaters compete for single distance World Junior titles, as well as the World Junior Allround titles. The winners of the Allround combination are the Skaters with the lowest total of points after four distances have been completed. For the men these distances are 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m. For the ladies the Allround classification is made up after the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m.

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