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Enschede, the Netherlands

## **Odor returns victorious in ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating ranks**

**Gabriel Odor (AUT) and Robin Groot (NED) are the crown prince and princess of international Speed Skating. The Austrian and the Dutch Junior both won two individual gold medals and one bronze at the second leg of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating in Enschede, the Netherlands. Canada dominated the Neo-Senior competition with eight gold medals and a total of 12. American Speed Skating legend Shani Davis was in Enschede coaching the Chinese skaters, who took 3 golds, 4 silvers and 5 bronzes in the Neo-Senior category.**

### **Groot and Kok lead Orange junior ladies**

Like the week before in Norwegian Bjugn, Groot won the ladies' 3000m on Saturday, adding gold in the 1500m and bronze in the Mass Start on Sunday. Femke Kok (NED) also won two individual distances. The ISU World Junior Speed Skating Champion skated a Junior track record in the 500m (38,75) on Sunday, after already having led a Dutch clean sweep in the 1000m on Saturday. Maud Lugters and Marrit Fledderus took silver and bronze in the 1000m and together with Kok they also seized gold in the Team Sprint. Laura Peveri (ITA) grabbed the only non-Dutch gold medal of the weekend in the ladies' Juniors category, when she left Bente Kexhoff and Robin Groot behind in the Mass Start.

### **Two golds and a bronze for Odor**

In the men's Junior category Gabriel Odor (AUT), who had raced in the senior ISU World Cup Speed Skating in Minsk last week, won the 3000m and the Mass Start, adding a bronze in the 1500m. The Japanese Junior men won three gold medals. The 1000m podium was exactly the same as in Bjugn, with Taiyo Nonomura (JPN) taking gold, ahead of Sang Hyeok Cho (KOR) and Wataru Morishige (JPN). On Sunday Morishige took the title in the 500m, with Sang Hyeok Cho coming second and Katsuhiko Kuratsubo (JPN) third. The Japanese men also won the Team Sprint. In the 1500m Norway's Peder Kongshaug won in a Junior track record time of 1:50.60.

### **Howe and McDougall shine for Canada**

Canada turned the tables in the Neo-Senior competition. China had taken the majority of the medals in Norway, but in Enschede Connor Howe and Brooklyn McDougall led Team Canada to the top of the medal table. Howe won the men's 1000m, 1500m and 3000m, while McDougall took gold in the ladies' 500m and 1500m, while also grabbing silver in the 1000m.

Adake Er Ahena (CHN) took gold medals in the 3000m and the Mass Start after also having won those events in Norway last week and German Lea-Sophie Scholz also took a back-to-back victory in the 1000m. Canada won the ladies' Team Sprint.

Canada's Hayden Mayeur ran away with gold in the men's Mass Start and Canada also won the Team Sprint. China's Haotian Wang (CHN) won the 500m.

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**About ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Series**

Since the inaugural Junior World Cup in 2008/09 many youngsters have had their first taste of international competition in Junior World Cup events. The format is comparable to the Senior World Cup Speed Skating Series, but the juniors only have three events in the whole season. After Tomaszów Mazowiecki the competition will resume in Helsinki on January 26-27, and the final will be held at Baselga di Piné on February 9-10. In 2016 a neo-senior World Cup was added to the Junior World Cup Series.

Participation in the Junior World Cup is open to Junior A and Junior B Skaters, born between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2003, and to Junior C Skaters born between July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004. Participation in the Neo-seniors division is open to Skaters born between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1999.