

# Memories of the Winners

in the Czech Republic



World Orienteering Championships

1972 | 1991 | 2008 | 2021















With these stories from World Orienteering Championships held in Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic, the IOF presents a taste of a forthcoming book chronicling the history of all World Orienteering Championships from 1966–2021.



Secretary General/CEO Tom Hollowell

### Celebrating 60 years of the IOF and 55 years of World Champions!

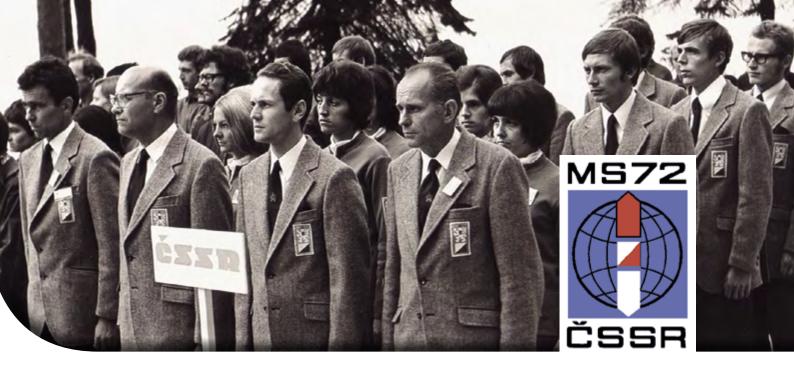
The International Orienteering Federation (IOF) this year celebrates its 60 year anniversary. The Covid-19 pandemic means that it is difficult for the orienteering world to celebrate together, so we have looked to find other ways of marking the occasion. Jaroslav Kacmarcik came up with the idea to create a book celebrating the World Orienteering Championships. The first WOC was organised 55 years ago in 1966 and the idea is to document the 37 WOCs up to and including 2021 with high quality maps and with some of the stories about the events and the World Champions.

The special version presented here and published in connection with WOC 2021 in the Czech Republic, documents the 4 WOC events that have been held in Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic. It is created to give an idea of what the full book will look like and contain. The full book will be available of 2022.

We hope that you will enjoy this taste of orienteering history and look forward to continuing to document that WOC history.



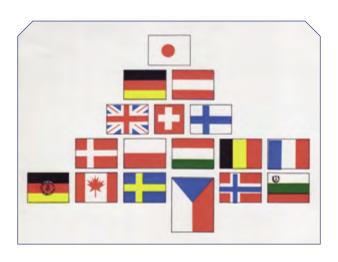
Bernt Frilén, Photo: B. Koč





Staré Splavy, Czechoslovakia





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# Sarolta Monspart (1944–2021) World Champion in 1972

Sarolta began her career in sports as a "rolling fat sissy" – and fortunately found orienteering as a chance for change. She enjoyed both running and being active in nature. She was first a member of the club "Budapest Pedagogue" and then "Budapest Spartacus". The latter is famous among orienteers as hosts of the Spartacus Cup - autumn races held annually in the Vérteshills. She won 34 orienteering championships in Hungary and 6 cross country skiing victories as well. She was a teacher of mathematics and physics, and also had a coaching diploma. As a highly motivated woman she visited Scandinavian countries as frequently as it was possible in those days. She was a nice, fair-haired girl with humorous communication. She built numerous contacts with foreign friends and organizations.

The Hungarian women's relay teams twice achieved world championships medals, silver in 1970 and bronze in 1976 – where her excellent conditioning was an advantage in determining the outcomes.

The peak of her personal sports career was winning the World Championship in the Czech terrain among the sandstones of Staré Splavy in 1972. It was an opportunity for the wider recognition of orienteering as a sport in our country. Through her unique character – and with the help of Secretary General Iván Skerletz – the popularization was successful. She was the first

ever World Champion from a non-Scandinavian country, and the first who has won the O-Ringen 5-days as well (in 1978). That year she had also a silver medal in the (unofficial) marathon world championships in Atlanta. Her best result in marathon was 2h 48m 22s.

In the same year, due to unluckily contracting tick-borne encephalitis she was unable to continuing pursuing competitive goals, despite all possible sports rehabilitation efforts. After this, she became team captain for the Hungarian national O-team (1980–1990), and supported and managed young talents, who subsequently made podium places in relay world champs, and won several medals on the Junior World Championships. The greatest talent was Katalin Oláh, a worthy successor. After 1990 Sarolta stepped up to be a member of the IOF Council, where she also worked as vice-president for a period. Her aim was to bring orienteering to the Olympic program, and develop orienteering as an elite sport.

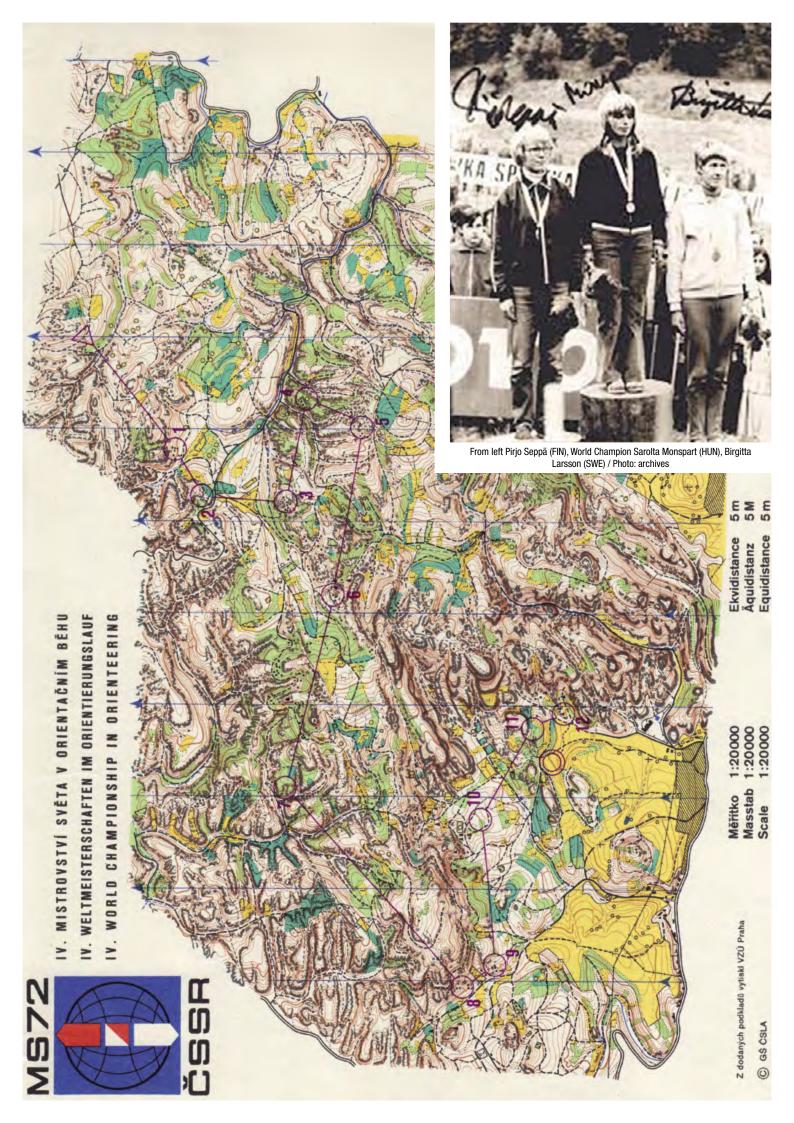
Sarolta was well known as a key person in the promotion of health and fitness in our country, managing running activities for young and walking programs for older people.

She has got many awards of recognition from the government as well, after her work in the Hungarian Olympic Committee as the responsible vice-president for the public's sport activity. But much more important was that she was rewarded by NGO groups, received much appreciation from the people for her enthusiastic work and gripping character. This was why Sarolta Monspart has got the fair-play award for her significant work.

Her last years elapsed with the fight against the cancer – however she never lost her optimistic, positive attitude. That is, what we keep forever.

written by Ágoston Dosek

<sup>(</sup>former national team member, later national team coach in the working team of Sarolta, then team captain 1991–1996, personal coach for Katalin Oláh 1986–1990)





# Åge Hadler

The World Orienteering Championships (WOC) in 1970 and 1972 were to be held in the DDR and Czechoslovakia. We were aware that this would take place in terrain areas with sandstone cliffs and lots of ravine valleys. This would present orienteering challenges completely different from what we were used to in Scandinavia. Therefore, the Norwegian national team attended several training sessions in such areas before both the 1970 and 1972 WOC. We found that here it was best not to run straight across valleys and ravines but to keep the height around on the trail system.

In 1972, before the World Championships in Czechoslovakia, I fell and injured my hip in the Norwegian championship. I had to go through rehab training for weeks. Still I joined the WOC squad in the hope that the injury would improve and that I would be ready to run the individual competition. When the squad arrived at WOC, we had a test run in WOC-like terrain. It did not go well for me. I had to retire after half the course. That is when I felt like my dream of taking another World Championships gold, after the individual gold in 1966, was disappearing.

On the advice of our national team doctor Per H. Staff, I nevertheless went to the start on the day of the competition. Maybe I could get a painkiller, start, and see how it went. That is how it turned out.

I started almost last. All the team leaders, the press and most of the organizers had left the starting area as my start time approached.

There was kind of no WOC stress around me.

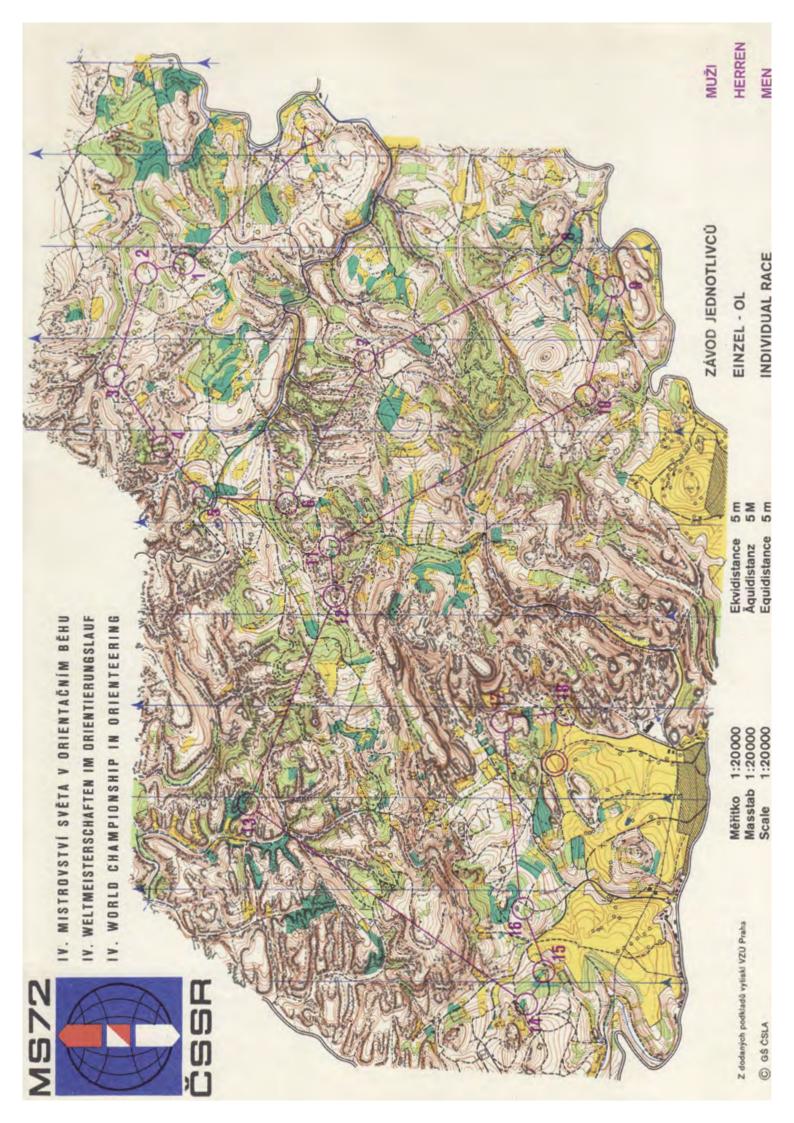
It was almost like going to the start of a regular training run close to home. No nervousness about running the WOC. Then the starting signal went off and the forest was empty. I was all alone. A lovely feeling and I could concentrate only on the tasks without thinking about the competitors.

Orienteering the first part of the course went smoothly. My running shape felt good and surprisingly I had no problems with the hip pain anymore. That concern was thus almost automatically out of mind and the focus was now on WOC gold and not training runs.

The first challenge came between 10th and 11th control. A long leg across many ravines/valleys. The question was to find a good route right on or another opportunity going around without losing too many height meters. I think I stood still at control 10 for 20–30 seconds to consider the options, and suddenly I saw the solution that was on a path far around the right without losing any height meters. I think it was on this leg that I laid the foundations for the WOC gold. My strongest competitors chose a route more straight on and lost 2–3 min to me on the leg.

From the 12th to 13th post, I also spent some time finding a smart route choice without losing height meters. It succeeded and I saved further minutes compared to my strongest competitors Stig Berge and Bernt Frilén. I think these two route choices decided the WOC in my favor with the margin of victory a full 5 minutes.

It was a lovely feeling to run across finish line and know that I managed to win a WOC gold again after being close to being able to do it both in 1968 and 1970.





#### **RESULTS**

#### **CLASSIC DISTANCE**

WOMEN (7.1 km)	
1 Sarolta Monspart	1:17:01
2 Pirjo Seppä	1:18:35
3 Birgitta Larsson	1:18:53
4 Ulla Lindkvist	1:20:17
5 Ingrid Hadler	 1:21:00
6 Liisa Veijalainen	1:22:39

7) Kristin Danielsen NOR, 8) Birgitta Johansson SWE 1:22:57, 9) Magda Horvath 1:24:33, 10) Nada Mertova TCH 1:25:17, 11) Renata Vlachova TCH 1:26:11, 12) Linda Verde NOR 1:28:53, 13) Mona Hebo DEN 1:30:02, 14) Anna Handzlova TCH 1:31:39, 15) Elsa Arnesson SWE 1:32:01, 16) Ewa Folprechtova TCH 1:33:12, 17) Ruth Schaffner SUI 1:33:43, 18) Ruth Schmid SUI 1:35:58, 19) Erika Conrad DDR 1:39:13, 20) Sirkka-Liisa Koskela FIN 1:42:21, 21) Hadmut Hindorf BRD 1:44:01, 22) Irene Bucher SUI 1:44:27, 23) Agnes Hegedus HUN 1:44:51, 24) Hannelere Schubert DDR 1:45:28, 25) Sinikka Kukkonen FIN 1:45:48, 26) Hanna Bahr BRD 1:46:03, 27) Liliana Stojceva BUL 1:46:29, 28) Martine Detroux BEL 1:51:21, 29) Allyson Reed GBR 1:52:19, 30) Elisabeth Nagy AUT 1:52:38, 31) Piroska Turchanyi HUN 1:52:55, 32) Elisabeth Milts GBR 2:01:25, 33) Rose-Marie Reindl AUT 2:01:51, 34) Sigrid Noack DDR 2:01:59, 35) Carol McNeil GBR 2:03:15, 36) Radka Kuseva BUL 2:04:16, 37) Susan Harvey GBR 2:05:20, 38) Christine Herzog SUI 2:06:32, 39) Sinicha Sukrijeva BUL 2:07:34, 40) Katarina Moe Berge NOR 2:08:22, 41) Rita Winkler DDR 2:11:39, 42) Lidia Kraszewska POL 2:17:03, 43) Delka Pavlova BUL 2:19:12, 44) Annaliese Bonek AUT 2:20:46, 45) Chantal Wollemsens BEL 2:24:36, 46) Jadwiga Kraszewska POL 2:39:40, 47) Francoise Nanoux BEL 2:46:03, Luise Gruhn BRD dsq, Wieslawa Kaszta POL dnf/dsq.

#### MEN (13.5 km)

1 Åge Hadler		1:35:57
2 Stig Berge	#	1:40:52
3 Bernt Frilen		1:43:55
4 Dieter Hulliger	+	1:47:01
5 Petr Uher		1:47:34
6 Dieter Wolf	+	1:48:21

7) Risto Nuuros FIN 1:48:25, 8) Zdenek Lenhart TCH 1:48:45, 9) Veijo Tahvanainen FIN 1:49:00, 10) Lenhart Carlström SWE 1:49:13, 11) Geoffrey Peck GBR 1:49:59, 12) Rolf Pettersson SWE 1:51:53, 13) Veikko Kostiainen FIN 1:52:32, 14) Karl John SUI 1:52:59, 15) Tuomo Peltola FIN 1:53:26, 16) Ola Skarholt NOR 1:54:00, 17) Eystein Weltzien NOR 1:54:35, 18) Zoltan Boros HUN 1:54:35, 19) Arne Johansson SWE 1:56:06, 20) Wolf-D Jentsch DDR 1:56:52, 21) Helmut Conrad DDR 1:57:17, 22) Josef Boruvka TCH 1:57:25, 23) Geza Vajda HUN 1:57:39, 24) Andras Hegedus HUN 1:57:40, 25) Bernard Marti SUI 1:59:24, 26) Urs Schaffner SUI 2:00:24, 27) Dieter Conrad DDR 2:02:50, 28) Geir Hösteland NOR 2:02:59, 29) Veikko Kiili FIN 2:03:38, 30) Rolf Krupeganz DDR 2:04:17, 31) Jaroslav Jasek TCH 2:04:36, 32) Janos Soter HUN 2:07:07, 33) Jean-Claude Silvestre FRA 2:07:23, 34) Kurt Lyndgaard DEN 2:08:19, 35) Michael Murray GBR 2:09:24, 36) Bob Kaill CAN 2:09:42, 37) Jonathan Thomson GBR 2:10:52, 38) Hans-Dieter Baumgart DDR 2:11:00, 39) Gerd Heyser BRD 2:11:12, 40) György Bozan HUN 2:11:38, 41) Nikola Bedelev BUL 2:14:37, 42) Jaroslav Horinek TCH 2:14:57, 43) Keld Olsen DEN 2:17:17, 44) Jens: J. Jensen DEN 2:18:23, 45) Franz Maier AUT 2:23:59, 46) Jerker Axelsson SWE 2:24:04, 47) Wimmer Spendling AUT 2:26:50, 48) Tor Jörgensen DEN 2:27:26, 49) Frank Finkenstädt BRD 2:28:02, 50) Flemming Nörgård DEN 2:28:52, 51) Klaus Naskau AUT 2:29:07, 52) Michael Wells-Cole GBR 2:33:36, 53) Strambolisski BUL 2:33:39, 54) Anguel Draganov BUL 2:40:39, 55) Josef Gronkiewicz POL 2:41:34, 56) Todor Kasakow BUL 2:42:19, 57) Graham Wheeler GBR 2:43:05, 58) Gordon

Hunter CAN 2:47:59, 59) Bernhard Grosse BRD 2:52:14, 60) Ernst Bonek AUT 2:52:23, 61) Siegfried Lattmanig AUT 2:56:31, 62) Daniel Willemsens BEL 2:58:58, 63) Günter Gohde BRD 2:59:08, 64) E. Eftimov BUL 3:00:30, 65) Gilbert Autmans BEL 3:05:14, 66) Rolf Böse BRD 3:07:16, 67) Zd Kaszta POL 3:12:15, 68) J. Geddes CAN 3:20:36, 69) Waldemar Pietkiewicz POL 3:23:14, 70) Albin Genten BEL 3:31:35, 71) Henri Salavarda BEL 3:41:59, 72) Rod Dominisch AUS 3:48:30, 73) Mike Day CAN 3:50:09, 74) Russ Evans CAN 3:52:21, 75) Slawomir Solka POL 3:54:33, Lech Biziel POL dsq, Bernard Legrand BEL dnf/dsq/dns.

#### **RELAY**

#### WOMEN

1 **Finland** 2:33:42 (Sinikka Kukkonen, Pirjo Seppä, Liisa Veijalainen)

2 **Sweden** 2:33:52 (Birgitta Johansson, Ulla Lindkvist, Birgitta Larsson)

3 **Czechoslovakia** 2:45:00 (Nada Mertova, Renata Vlachova, Anna Hanzlova)

4 **Hungary** 2:53:50 (Magda Horvath, Agnes Hegedus, Sarolta Monspart)

5 **Swizerland** 3:01:00 (Ruth Schaffner, Anneliese Duetsch, Ruth Schmid)

6 DDR 3:09:04
(Rita Winkler, Erika Conrad, Hannelere Schubert)

7) Norway 3:13:49 (Astrid Rodmyr, Kristin Danielsen, Ingrid Hadler), 8) BRD 3:14:22 (Luise Gruhn, Hanna Bahr, Hadmut Hindorf), 9) Great Britain 3:44:45 (Jennifer-Ruth Tennant, Allyson Reed, Carol McNeil), 10) Belgium 4:02:59 (Chantal Willemsens, Francoise Nanoux, Martine Detroux), 11) Bulgaria 4:15:00 (Radka Kuseva, Liliana Stojceva, Delka Pavlova), Poland dnf (Jadwiga Kraszewska, Wieslawa Kaszta, Lidia Kraszewska).

#### MEN

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1 **Sweden** 4:41:37 (Lennart Carlström, Rolf Pettersson, Arne Johansson, Bernt Frilen)

2 Switzerland (Dieter Hulliger, Dieter Wolf, Bernhard Marti, Karl John)
 3 Hungary 5:09:29
 (Zoltan Boros, Janos Soter, Geza Vajda, Andras Hegedus)

4 Czechoslovakia 5:20:13 (Josef Boruvka, Peter Uher, Zdenek Lenhart, Jaroslav

5 Denmark 5:26:28 (Jens J. Jensen, Tor Jörgensen, Keld Olsen, Flemming Nörgård)

6 **DDR** 5:40:51 (Wolfgang Jentsch, Tassilo Schmalfeld, Conrad, Hans-Dieter Baumgart)

7) Great Britain 5:40:55 (Michael Murray, Geoffrey Peck, Rik Plumb, Jonathan Thomson), Finland dsq (Veijo Tahvanainen, Reijo Kujansuu, Risto Nuuros, Veikko Kostiainen), Norway dsq (Eystein Weltzien, Per Fosser, Age Hadler, -), Canada dnf (Bob Kaill, Gordon Hunter), Bulgaria dnf (Anguel Draganov), Belgium dnf (Daniel Willemsens), Austria dnf (Ernst Bonek), Poland dnf (Waldemar Pietkiewicz).





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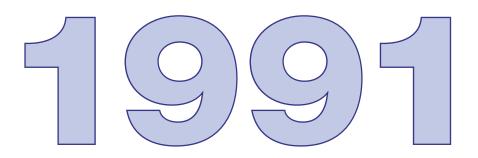
From left Stig Berge (NOR), World Champion Åge Hadler (NOR), Bernt Frilén (SWE) Photo: Hans Langer Werp's archives

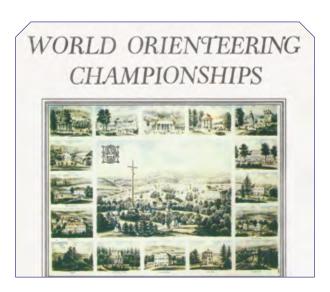






Mariánské Lázně, Czechoslovakia





General manager: Josef Krch IOF event adviser: Kalevi Tarvainen from Finland Mapmaking: Petr Uher, Josef Borůvka, Josef Rančák Course planner: Karel Kršák, Miroslav Horáček



# KARKULKA

MISTROVSTVÍ SVĚTA V ORIENTAČNÍM BĚHU MARIÁNSKÉ LÁZNÉ ČESKOSLOVENSKO 20.-25. SRPNA 1991 WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS MARIÁNSKÉ LÁZNÉ CZECHOSLOVAKIA 20.-25. AUGUST 1991

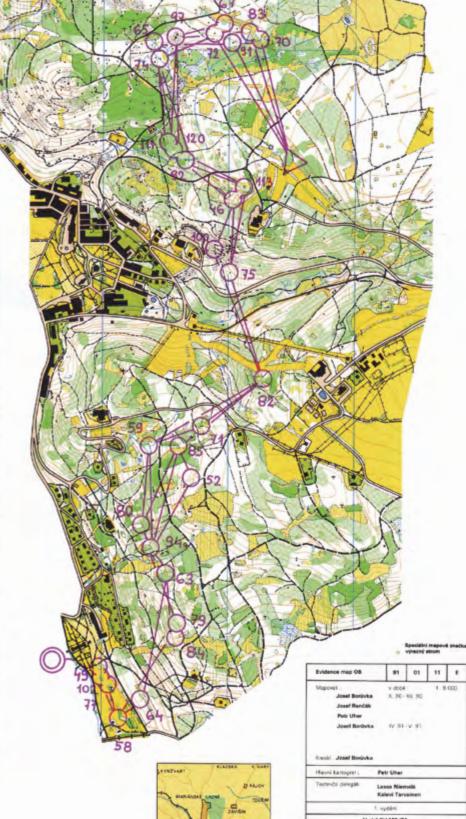
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## Jana Cieslarová

It is exciting to participate in the World Championship and even more when it takes place at home. I think I had an advantage that it was my second World Championship. I first ran in 1989 in Sweden, where I won a silver medal in the relay race. So I already knew a little bit what awaited me. But if the World Championship takes place at home, it's a bit different. There is more pressure on the competitor from all sides.

For me, the real win was that I was nominated at all. I didn't run very well that year and I was the last to be selected. I was so glad that I didn't even have time to perceive the pressure of the surroundings and not all the attention was focused on me before the short distance race. I won the qualifying race in the morning so I started fourth from the end in the afternoon final race. It was a really long wait for the start. I remember hot sunny weather and my tiredness. But as soon as I picked up the map at the start, I forgot everything and focused only on the map. Even today I remember some parts of the race and I see in front of me the forest through which I ran. My only mistake on the third control, where I wanted to run through the thicket at its narrowest part but I ran it at the widest. After a hilly beginning I tried to run the rest of the race as fast as possible. And finally came the endless run to the finish line at the racetrack. An incredible crowd of spectators drove me to the finish line. Then I just remember my coach

Anna Gavendová kneeling next to me and saying that I had the fastest time. I couldn't believe it. After a while I heard spectators counting down and the race was over. It was an incredible moment for me. I will always remember the fantastic atmosphere and I was lucky that also my parents shared it with me on the spot.

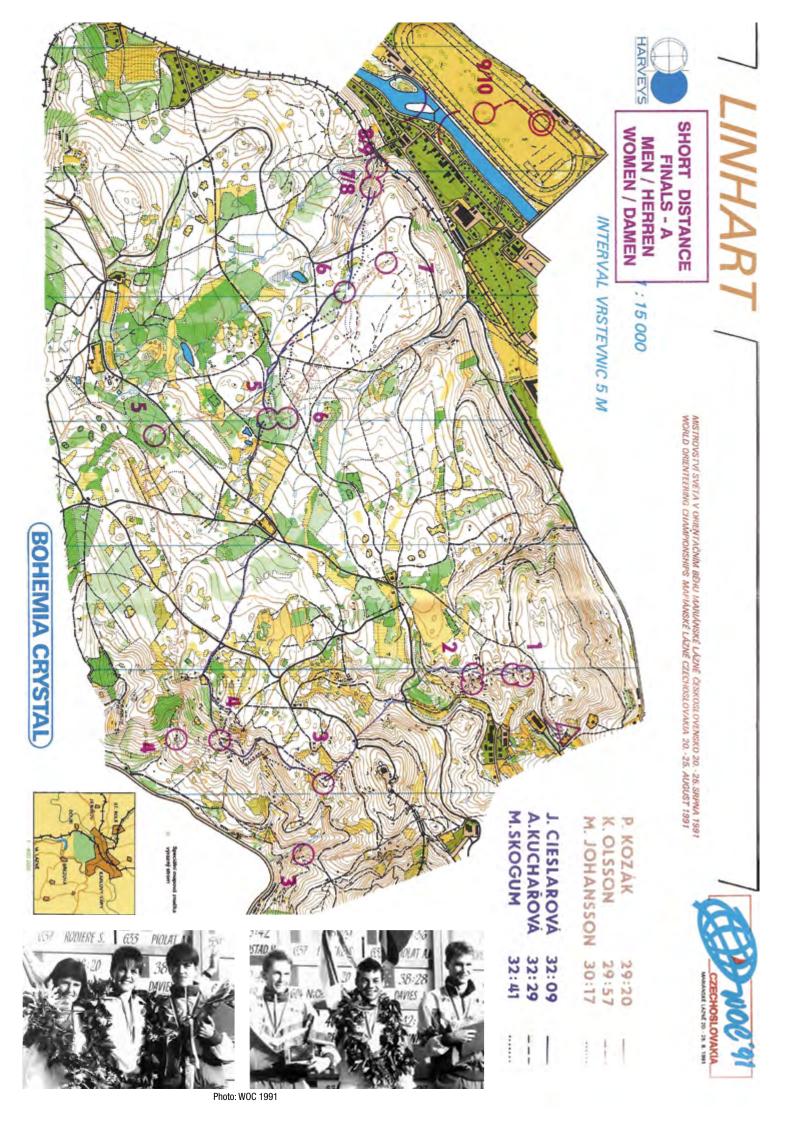
# Petr Kozák How Pepino (Josef Hubáček) arranged my title

A story of the forest...

For the afternoon final, I qualified last from my qualifying group. My legs legs and head did not work as they should in the morning. So I did not run out of the start with great optimism or expectations for a breakthrough result. But from the beginning I was running surprisingly well, the controls were suddenly where I expected them and the course was going smoothly. I roll along on a traversing path and look at the map for what awaits me next. Right after the next control is a hill to tackle. But what a hill! So many contour lines that I don't even count them. But "I won't run it" at all, I determine. I accept that I will just have to slow down and take it at walking pace. But when I get the control and raise my head to look up the hill, I see Pepino Hubáček, who started in front of me, high up. "... Well, when Pepino is running, I have to run, too." So I ran up the hill and thanks to that was much faster.









# Jörgen Mårtensson, WOC 1991 Czechoslovakia

It was my 8 World Champs in a row starting with Norway as a young 18-year-old runner in 1978.

The earlier starts had not given me even one individual medal, but it had been very close several times.

I felt already during the qualification to short distance (first time in WOC) that I had done my preparations well and I won clear by 3 minutes in my heat.

In the final same afternoon in Karlovy Vary
I had a good start and was in the lead until
I took the wrong route choice and lost much
time. I missed the bronze by 16 seconds so
another WOC-result close to the medals but not
enough...

Two days later, August 23, it was time for the classic distance. Rumor's told us that the stipulated winner time of 90 minutes would not be possible to reach on the 17.5 km long race. We knew it would be very hilly and for sure much longer than 17.5 km with the best route choices. It was also going to be a very warm day with temperatures in the plus 30C.

I must admit I was really disappointed after the mistake in short final but before the long classic final I felt more and more confident with the facts of hot weather and a course more tough than normal.

I started the race with a good feeling but then I lost time on a few legs. Because of the extremely hard course I felt it was time to find the good rhythm again and then work on, leg by leg and follow the plan. I passed some runner's and felt that the other participants would struggle more than me in the heat with all the climbing. I had been training for this day the last 2 years.

In the last part of the course, I got a glimpse of the back of Christian Aebersold, Switzerland who started 6 minutes before me. I understood my race was a medal race and even a possible gold race.

As the area around some of the last controls had thicker vegetation, I was smart enough to slow down a bit not to make any mistake that could cost me time and positions. On the way to the last control point, I felt the other competitors would have problem to beat me today. It was a fantastic feeling to run through the load audience into the finish and know you had made your best ever WOC-race so far!

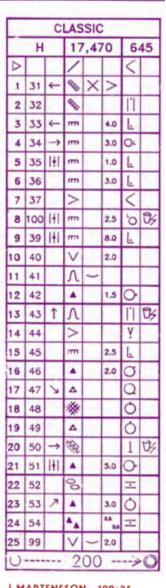
I had a big lead in finish but had to wait for last split times for Kent Olsson as he was running well as usual.

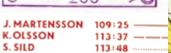
When he passed last radio control too much behind me, I understood it was my day after 13 years of waiting. And to win by more than 4 minutes after 109 minutes fighting was something special.

It was a special day to jump up on the top of the podium after so many attempts. With my teammate Kent Olsson on second and another good friend, Sixten Sild on the third, running for Soviet and with an Estonian flag in his hand it was a moment to remember. We got our medals and the world also saw new countries!



#### CLASSIC MEN / HERREN WOMEN / DAMEN



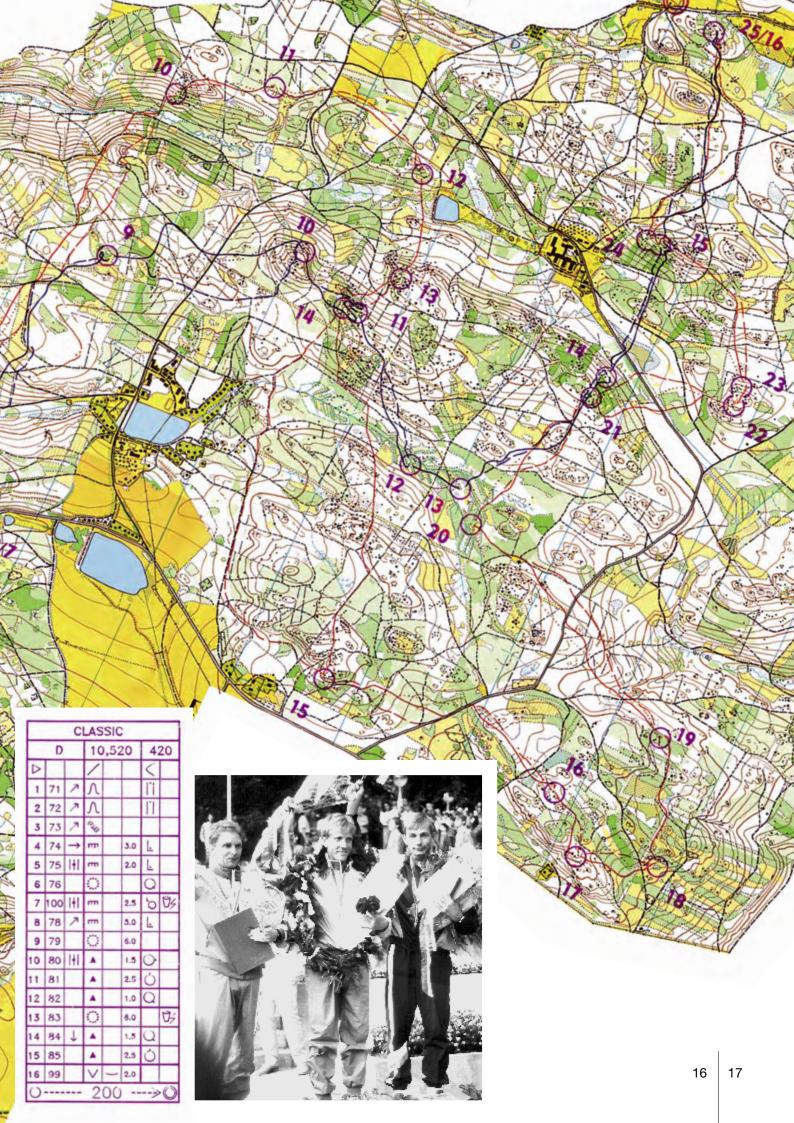


K. OLAH 79:52 C. BLOMQVIST 81:04 J. GALÍKOVÁ 81:18











# Katalin Olah (Hungary)

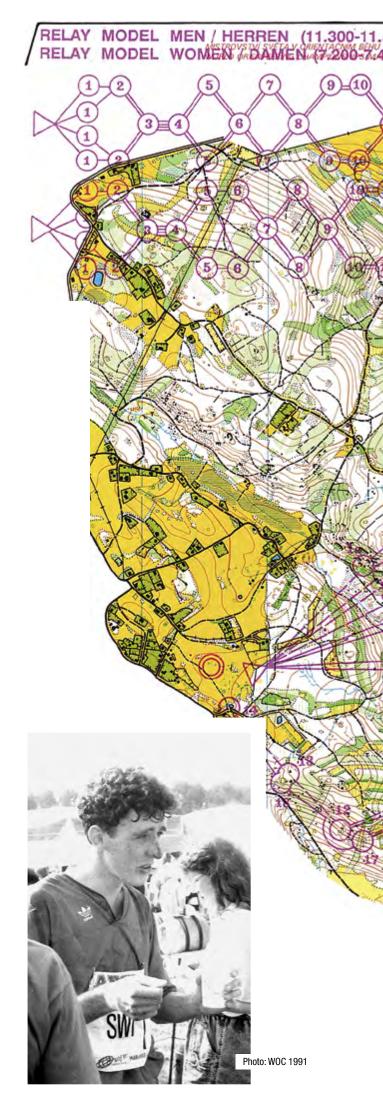
When thinking of the World Orienteering Championship (WOC) of 1991, two things come to my mind.

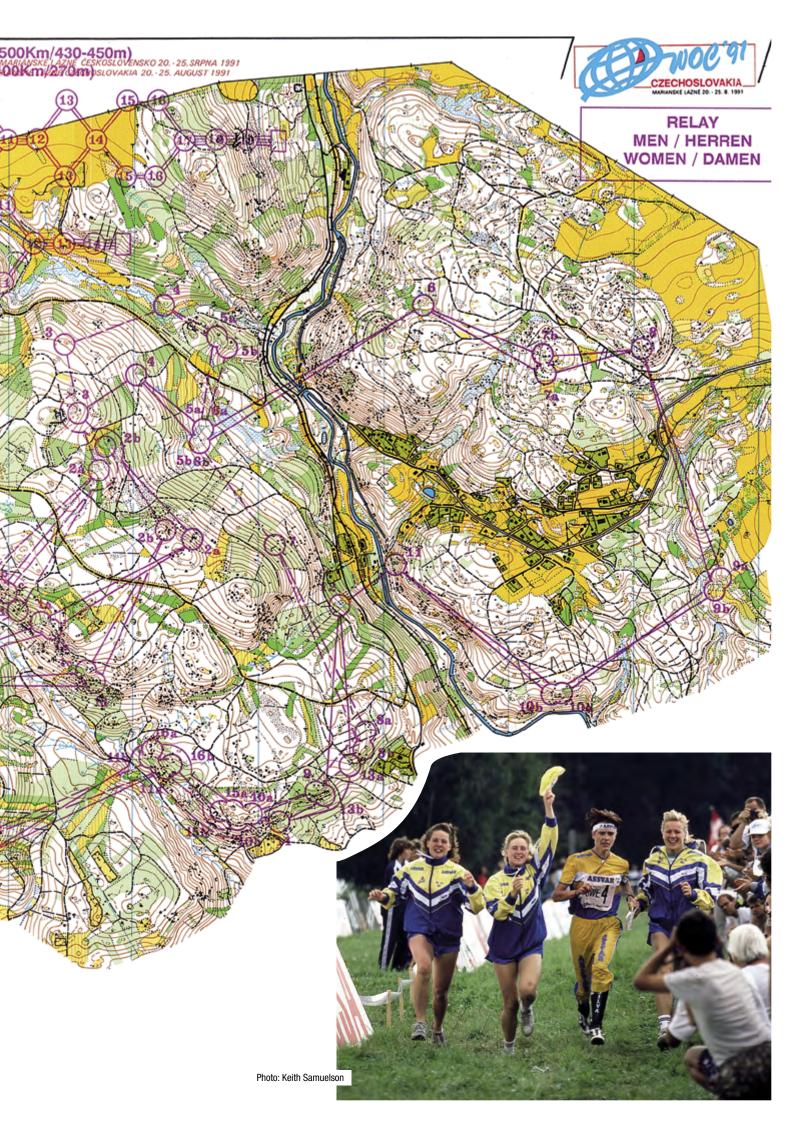
One is my classic distance running, which I finally managed to complete the way I planned to. I wanted to run this race without big mistakes, which I did do. After the last control to the finish line, what went through my mind is that I was satisfied with myself, and it does not matter which place I will achieve.

My second memory is the celebration after my victory. My teammates, friends and supporters managed to create such a magical atmosphere and mood, which I will never forget, and will always be grateful to them for it.



Photo: WOC 1991





#### **RESULTS**

#### SHORT DISTANCE: 21 AUGUST 1991

WOMEN (5.0 km)	
1 Jana Cieslarová	32:09
2 Ada Kuchařová	32:29
3 Marita Skogum	32:41
4 Christina Blomqvist	32:59
5 Katalin Olah	33:10
6 Marcela Kubatková	33:18

7) Jana Galikova TCH 33:24, 8) Marja-Liisa Portin FIN 33:27, 9) Katarina Borg SWE 33:29, 10) Ulrika Örnhagen DEN 33:31, 11) Arja Hannus SWE 33:44, 12) Ragnhild Bratberg NOR 34:10, 13) Vroni König-Salmi SUI 34:37, 14) Eija Koskivaara FIN 34:46, 15) Kirsi Boström-Tiira FIN 35:05, 16) Petra Novotna-Wagnerova TCH 35:14, 17) Marie-Violaine Bois FRA 35:19, 18) Dorte Dahl DEN 35:23, 18) Alicja Hornik POL 35:23, 20) Anne-Line Nydal NOR 35:36, 21) Mari Lukkarinen FIN 35,45, 22) Frauke Schmitt-Gran GER 35:52, 23) Marlena Jansson SWE 36:06, 23) Ede Yumarik URS 36:06, 25) Sabrina Meister-Fesseler SUI 36:12, 26) Pavlina Genova BUL 36:22, 27) Maja Harzenmoser SUI 36:36, 28) Hanne Sandstad NOR 36:42, 29) Wiebke Kärger GER 36:52, 30) Ursula Oehy SUI 36:55, 31) Heidrun Finke GER 37:18, 32) Barbara Baczek POL 37:29, 33) Claire Bolland GBR 37:33, 34) Anna Gornicka POL 37:38, 35) Heidi Arnesen NOR 37:46, 36) Marie Idavain URS 37:48, 37) Jean Ramsden GBR 38:09, 38) Nicki Taws AUS 38:11, 39) Irina Namovir URS 38:13, 40) Riitta Karjalainen FIN 38:40, 41) Jenny James GBR 38:55, 42) Monika Bajer POL 39:43, 43) Regina Habenicht AUT 39:52, 44) Kerstin Hellmann GER 40:28, 45) Todorka Kamenarova BUL 40:36, 46) Reka Toth Hun 41:16, 47) Mariela Chilingirova BUL 43:05, 48) Hanne Staugaard DEN 43:20, 49) Svetlana Rahkimova URS 44:36, 50) Reka Katalin Gabos ROM 45:59.

#### MEN (5.8 km)

1	Petr Kozák		29:20
2	Kent Olsson		29:57
3	Martin Johansson		30:17
4	Christina Aebersold	+	30:20
5	Jörgen Martensson		30:33
6	Urs Fluhmann	•	30:34

7) Niklas Löwegren SWE 31:00, 8) Mika Kuisma FIN 31:12, 9) Josef Hubacek TCH 31:21, 10) Keijo Parkkinen FIN 31:39, 11) Bjornar Valstad NOR 31:44, 12) Petter Thoresen NOR 31:46, 13) Tomas Prokes TCH 31:51, 14) Jozef Pollak TCH 32:32, 15) Ari Anjala FIN 32:36, 16) Ferdinand Gassner AUT 32:47, 16) Gabor Pavlovics HUN 32:47, 18) Rasmus Odum DEN, 19) Alain Berger SUI 32:57, 19) Jiri Hlavac TCH 32:57, 21) Vladimir Alexejev URS 32:59, 22) Thomas H. Nielsen DEN 33:03, 23) Martin Bagness GBR 33:08, 24) Rumen Stoimenov BUL 33:09, 25) Aigars Leiboms URS 33:17, 26) Valerian Lukianov URS 33:18, 27) Thomas Buhrer SUI 33:23, 28) Flemming Jörgensen DEN 33:26, 29) Michael Thierolf GER 33:31, 30) Andreas Luckmann GER 33:32, 31) Thorsten Lenz GER 33:43, 32) Zoltan Lantos HUN 33:51, 33) Richard Jones GBR 33:58, 34) Thomas Hjerrild DEN 34:11, 35) Reijo Mattinen FIN 34:16, 36) Håvard Tveite NOR 34:17, 37) Daniel Hotz SUI 34:35, 38) Sixten Sild URS 34:43, 39) Pawel Moszkowicz POL 34:44, 40) Peter Ivars FIN 34:53, 41) Edward de StCroix CAN 35:19, 42) Peter Bonek AUT 35:56, 43) Frederic Billet FRA 36:04, 44) Allan Mogensen DEN 37:03, 45) Stephane Toussaint FRA 37:54, 46) Falk Hahnel GER 38:02, 47) Ferenc Viniczai HUN 38:18, 48) Rolf Vestre NOR 38:23, 49) Martin Beckers BEL 39:45, 50) Franz Mareigner FRA 42:04.

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<b>WOMEN</b> (10.5 km)		
1 Katalin Olah		1:19:52
2 Christina Blomqvist		1:21:04
3 Jana Galíková		1:21:18
4 Jana Cieslarová		1:21:54
5 Marita Skogum		1:22:15
6 Ragnhild Bratberg	#	1:23:56

7) Ragnhild Bente Andersen NOR 1:24:11, 8) Katarina Borg 1:27:05, 9) Marcela Kubatkova TCH 1:27:09, 10) Katie Fettes NZL 1:27:13, 11) Marja-Liisa Portin FIN 1:27:40, 12) Arja Hannus SWE 1:27:45, 13) Marie-Violaine Bois FRA 1:29:00, 14) Charlotte Thrane DEN 1:30:05, 15) Kirsi Tiira FIN 1:30:17, 16) Frauke Schmitt GER 1:30:19, 17) Irina Namovir URS 1:30:34, 18) Mari Lukkarinen FIN 1:30:51, 19) Petra Novotna TCH 1:30:57, 20) Brigitte Wolf SUI 1:31:39, 21) Ulrika Örnhagen DEN 1:31:48, 22) Eija Koskivaara FIN 1:32:23, 23) Sabrina Fesseler SUI 1:32:26, 24) Hanne Sandstad NOR 1:33:01, 25) Yvette Hague GBR 1:33:11, 26) Claire Bolland GBR 1:33:13, 27) Christine Marshall AUS 1:33:17, 28) Andrea Horvath Hun 1:33:23, 29) Vroni König SUI 1:34:54, 30) Wiebke Karger GER 1:35:23, 31) Anna Gornicka POL 1:36:11, 32) Svetlana Rahkimova URS 1:36:45, 33) Heidi Arnesen NOR 1:36:58, 34) Pavlina Genova Bul 1:37:23, 35) Todorka Kamenarova BUL 1:37:45, 36) Alicja Hornik POL 1:38:44, 37) Nicki Taws AUS 1:38:57, 38) Ede Yumarik URS 1:40:07, 39) Maja Harzenmoser SUI 1:41:47, 40) Marie Idavain URS 1:41:53, 41) Tania Robinson NZL 1:44:16, 42) Elisabeta Revesz ROM 1:44:34, 43) Regina Habenicht AUT 1:46:18, 44) Odile Haberkorn FRA 1:51:46, 45) Pam James CAN 1:56:55, 46) Claudia Kunzel AUT 1:57:51, 47) Elena Rampado ITA 1:57:59, 48) Paola Bassani ITA 1:59:55, 49) Reka Katalin Gabos ROM 2:00:26, 50) Mariela Chilingirova BUL 2:00:35, 51) Yuko Izuta JPN 2:01:56, 52) Deirdre Ni Challanain IRL 2:03:47, 53) Peggy Dickison USA 2:04:09, 54) Sharon Crawford USA 2:13:07, 55) Yuko Miyakawa JPN 2:13:16, 56) Una Creagh IRL 2:25:50, 57) Wai-Ching Wong HKG 2:45:56, 58) Mei-Chun Kwok HKG 3:16:10.

#### **MEN** (17.5 km)

1 Jörgen Mårtensson		1:49:25
2 Kent Olsson		1:53:37
3 Sixten Sild		1:53:48
4 Vladimir Aleksejev		1:54:09
5 Håkan Eriksson		1:54:32
6 Christian Aebersold	+	1:54:45

7) Håvard Tveite NOR 1:55:10, 8) Josef Hubacek TCH 1:56:09, 9) Flemming Jörgensen DEN 1:56:18, 10) Rolf Vestre NOR 1:56:30, 11) Urs Flühmann SUI 1:56:46, 12) Daniel Hotz SUI 1:56:48, 13) Tomas Prokes TCH 1:57:12, 14) Ari Anjala FIN 1:57:18, 15) Björnar Valstad NOR 1:57:50, 16) Thomas Hjerrild DEN 1:57:52, 17) Mika Kuisma FIN 1:58:26, 18) Valerian Lukianov URS 1:58:56, 19) Reijo Mattinen FIN 1:59:59, 20) Richard Jones GBR 2:00:09, 21) Aigars Leiboms URS 2:00:27, 22) Niklas Löwegren SWE 2:01:33, 23) Andreas Luckmann GER 2:02:08, 24) Ferri Gassner AUT 2:02:17, 25) Rumen Stojvenov BUL 2:02:19, 26) Ferenc Viniczai HUN 2:02:38, 27) Petr Kozak TCH 2:02:39, 28) Petter Thoresen NOR 2:03:05, 29) Martin Bagness GBR 2:03:08, 30) Alistair Landels NZL 2:03:25, 31) Thomas Bührer SUI 2:03:29, 32) Zoltan Lantos HUN 2:05:44, 33) Michal Motala POL 2:06:20, 34) Rasmus Ödum DEN 2:07:02, 35) Allan Mogensen DEN 2:08:24, 36) Gabor Pavlovics Hun 2:09:01, 37) Plamen Djambazov BUL 2:09:37, 38) Michael Thierolf GER 2:10:16, 39) Greg Barbour NZL 2:12:20, 40) Stephen Palmer GBR 2:12:49, 41) Eddie Wymer AUS 2:12:56, 42) Miroslaw Szczurek POL 2:13:03, 43) Jock Davis AUS 2:13:13, 44) Andy Kitchin GBR 2:15:27, 45) Bruno Haberkorn FRA 2:18:14, 46) Edward de StCroix CAN 2:18:16, 47) Daniele Sacchet ITA 2:18:19, 48) Manfred Gamauf AUT 2:19:14, 49) Brian Graham Can 2:22:49, 50) Koji Kashimada JPN 2:23:15, 51) Ovidiu Nicolae

#### **RESULTS**

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#### **RELAY: 25 AUGUST 1991**

#### **WOMEN**

1 **Sweden** 3:38:29 (Arja Hannus, Christina Blomqvist, Marlena Jansson, Marita Skogum)

2 Norway 3:40:20 (Hanne Sandstad, Heidi Arnesen, Ragnhild Bratberg, Ragnhild Bente Andersen)

3 **Czechoslovakia** 3:43:30 (Marcela Kubatková, Jana Galíková, Ada Kuchařová, Jana Cieslarová)

4 **Hungary** 3:51:15 (Andrea Horvath, Reka Toth, Ildiko Kovacs, Katalin Olah)

5 **Finland** 3:59:47 (Mari Lukkarinen, Kirsi Tiira, Eija Koskivaara, Marja-Liisa Portin)

6 **Switzerland** 4:09:30 (Ursula Oehy, Sabrina Fesseler, Vroni König, Brigitte Wolf)

7) Germany 4:11:34 (Kerstin Hellmann, Heidrun Finke, Frauke Schmitt, Kerstin Stratz), 8) Great Britain 4:11:46 (Claire Bolland, Jenny James, Jean Ramsden, Yvette Hague), 9) Soviet Union 4:12:52 (Irina Mihalko, Irina Namovir, Svetlana Rahimova, Ede Yumarik), 10) Australia 4:13:18 (Nicki Taws, Louise Fairfax, Christine Marshall, Ljubov Simson), 11) Bulgaria 4:15:43 (Dimitrinka Hristova, Pavlina Genova, Mariela Chilingirova, Todorka Kamenarova), 12) Denmark 4:27:17 (Charlotte Thrane, Lone Hansen, Hanne Staugaard, Ulrika Örnhagen), 13) Poland 4:18:47 (Alicja Hornik, Monika Bajer, Anna Gornicka, Barbara Baczek), 14) France 4:18:56 (Marie-Vioaine Bois, Anne-Marie Piolat, Juliette Soulard, Sonia Rodiere), 15) New Zealand 4:35:53 (Katie Fettes, Tania Robinson, Marquita Gelderman, Jan Davies), 16) Italy 5:18:01 (Elena Rampado, Silvia Cavini, Cristina Zorzi, Paola Bassani), 17) Ireland

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#### MEN

1 Switzerland 4:42:38 (Thomas Bührer, Alain Berger, Urs Flühmann, Christian Aebersold)

2 **Norway** 4:43:00 (Petter Thoresen, Björnar Valstad, Rolf Vestre, Håvard

3 **Finland** 4:44:19 (Reijo Mattinen, Ari Anjala, Mika Kuisma, Keijo Parkkinen)

4 **Sweden** 4:46:14 (Martin Johansson, Kent Olsson, Jörgen Mårtensson, Håkan Eriksson)

5 **Soviet Union** 4:48:03 (Sixten Sild, Aigars Leiboms, Valerian Lukianov, Vladimir Alexejev)

6 **Czechoslovakia** 4:56:19 (Tomáš Prokeš, Josef Hubáček, Jozef Pollák, Jiří Hlaváč)

7) Great Britain 5:01:43 (Richard Jones, Stephen Palmer, Martin Bagness, Andy Kitchin), 8) Hungary 5:0:56 (Ferenc Viniczai, Gabor Pavlovics, Pal Horvath, Zoltan Lantos), 9) Denmark 5:13:56 (Thomas Nielsen, Rasmus Ödum, Thomas Hjerrild, Allan Mogensen), 10) Bulgaria 5:19:47 (Rumen Stojmenov, Aleksander Apostolov, Angel Rusev, Plamen Djambazov), 11) New Zealand 5:22:18 (Alistair Landels, Robert Jessop, Bill Teahan, Greg Barbour), 12) Poland 5:27:20 (Zbigniew Hornik, Slawomir Labuzinski, Pawel Moszkowicz, Michal Motala), 13) Austria 5:27:22 (Manfred Stockmayer, Peter Bonek, Martin Brantner, Ferri Gassner), 14) Italy 5:28:50 (Antonio Baccega, Daniele Sacchet, Dennis Dallasanta, Dario Beltramba), 15) France 5:45:15 (Frederic Billet, Eric Perrin, Stephan Toussaint, Franz Mareigner), 16) Romania 5:45:16 (Nicolas Ovidiu Duca, Andreas Revesz, Dionisie Rosca, Mihai Veres), 17) Australia 5:48:40 (Rob Plowright, Eddie Wymer, James Russel, Jock Davis), 18) Japan 5:50:39 (Shin Murakoshi, Koji Kashimada, Kotaro Nakamura, Rinya Yamagishi), 19) Belgium 6:21:13 (Hughes Petit, Martin Beckers, Roel Reynders, Iwan Vis), 20) USA 6:31:28 (Tom Bruce, Lansing Taylor, Bruce Wolfe, Joseph Brautigam), 21) Ireland 6:43:37 (Wally Young, Colm O'Halloran, Peter Kernan, James Logue), Germany dsq (Falk Hahnel, Andreas Luckmann, Jens Leibiger, Michael Thierolf), Portugal dsq (Francisco Pereire, Luis Sergio, Maximiano Alves, Eurico Martins), Spain dnf (Javier Garin, Javier G. Ferrer, Julio G. Lopez).



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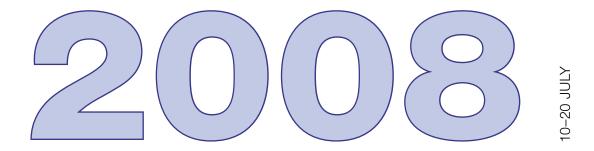




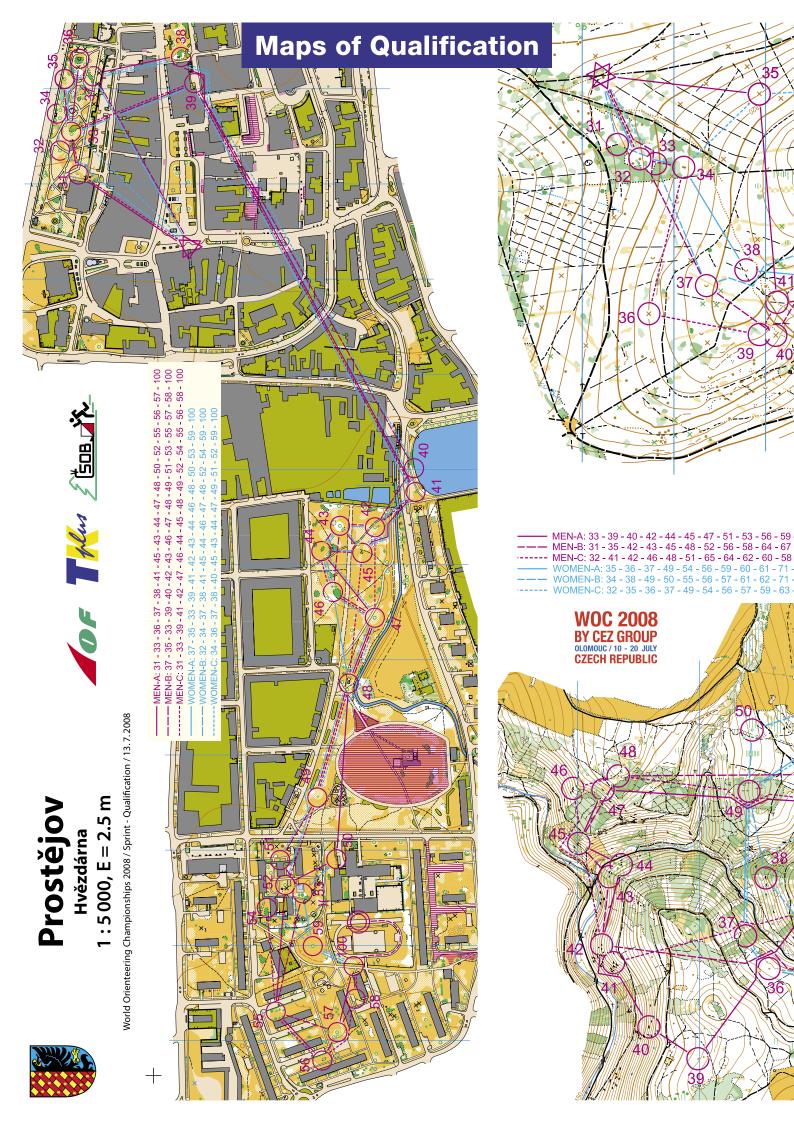
1991 World Champion Jörgen Mårtensson celebrates GOLD with previous world champions (from left down) Ari Anjala (FIN), Egil Iversen (NOR), Håvard Tveite (NOR), Mårten Berglia (NOR), Kent Olsson (SWE) Photo: Keith Samuelson

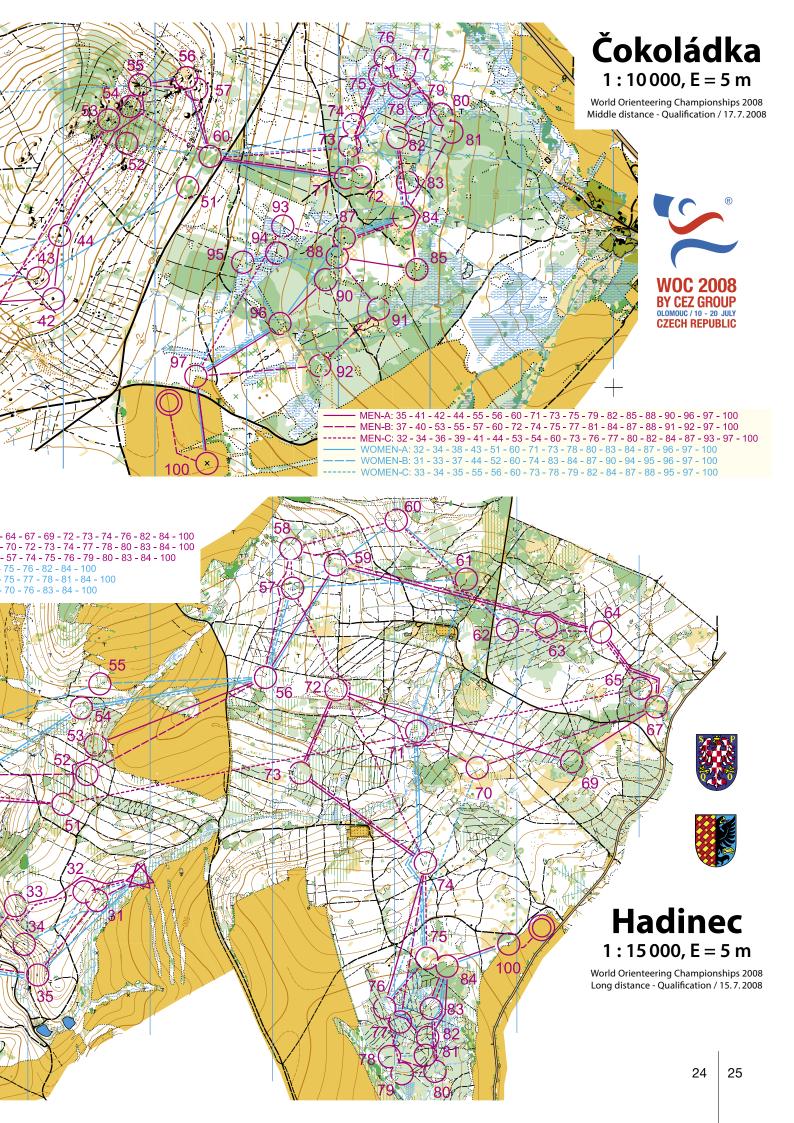






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# WOC Sprint Olomouc 2008 – Anne Margrethe Hausken Nordberg

This was the first sprint championship where I used my computer to get familiar with the terrain. Google Earth provided nice aerial photo, but I reckon Google Street View wasn't very well developed by then. Instead, I spent some time on the «Olomouc Virtual Tour» made for tourism purposes. At the same time, I watched the map from Park World Tour 1998 with a course in parts of the competition area.

The reason for the computer preparations was that the whole competition area was totally embargoed. I find that most fair and a lot more fun compared to when we were allowed (and sort of forced) to stroll around in cities to prepare for WOC sprints.

In the end I don't know if computer preparations are magic, even nowadays. There is a risk that athletes dig into irrelevant details and prepare route choices on wrong premises because they don't have the real competition map: A small passage not visible on the computer can be a game changer, as well as artificial fences. Perhaps the computer is most valuable for sprint preparations because it gives you the opportunity to study many courses from all over the world and make multiple route choices in short time, thus raising your experience level and increasing the quality of your intuitive choices?

I think the biggest advantage from my theoretical preparations was that when I entered the start ramp at the Olomouc Town Centre, maximum nervous, the place felt familiar. For instance, I recognized the pillars on the white town hall on my right-hand side. The course planner then surprised me with a long leg to the first control, tempting us to start the race too fast as the route was easy to execute once the choice was made. Luckily, I kept calm and sticked to my usual sprint strategy: The last 3–4 minutes are supposed to be run faster than the 3–4 first.

At the price giving ceremony I jumped of joy from my first WOC gold medal. Then my medal loosened from the ribbon... Accompanied by some laughter by Minna Kauppi and Helena Jansson, I picked it up and put it in my mouth – without the ribbon – for the classic "taste of gold" pictures.

The race reached the front page of the sports section of Norway's biggest newspaper. The title "Can't remember where I ran" – referred to extensive preparations leading to me trusting intuitive choices all through the course.



Photo: Petr Kadeřávek





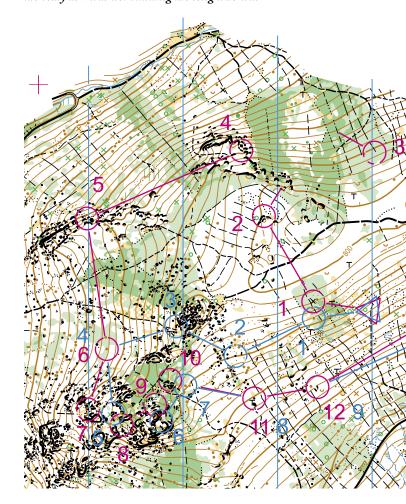
## Thierry Gueorgiou

Here is my story of WOC, use it as you want: This 2008 World Championships for sure recall a lot of memories as I doubt I have ever faced such a rollercoaster of emotions during a WOC week. In those years (I was 29 year's old by then), my biggest focus was the middle distance, but I often combined it with sprint races as it was a perfect fitting usually in the WOC schedule.

My week in Czech republic was starting with the sprint, and I had not the best qualification ever and was among the first starters of the final, but actually it could have been a key factor, as I ran my race in "dry" conditio, n and was for a long period of time second a few seconds after the Swedes Martin Johansson. But basically, when we crossed the finish line, a mini storm destroyed the possibilities of many runners. The rain was so intense that it was barely impossible to run that race. I remember telling Martin we would end 1st and 2nd, as it was obvious in those conditions, no one could match our times. But that was really intense just for a couple of minutes, and the last starters didn't got affected much by the condition, and I ended 5th finally, pretty far from Andrey Khramov and Daniel Hubmann anyway. But that was a good start of my WOC week, and I was very much looking forward to those terrains in mountains picked for the middle distance. And actually we had no real idea of what to expect as the old map covering the area was way too old to give any proper information, and those few words in the terrain description of the bulletin were kind of mysterious: "[...]in some parts multiple rock and stone elements including a little "city of rocks"." No one had a single idea of what could potentially be this "city of rocks", and that alone made this race very special I must say. This uncertainty was one

of the coolest feeling I got during my WOC career, and sadly the races are often so well prepared, that you barely never get suprises. I still remember those 5 seconds when I turned the map at the start, and saw this almost unreadable patch of black features in the first half of the race, and got so excited cause I thought it would favoured me. But even if this terrain was suiting me well as the other parts of the forest where pretty similar to the place I grow up, I was probably too defensive, and may be unconsciously thought I would win it "easy" as those were the best years of my career in middle distance. I had a good flow, but when I was passing the arena and heard my coach Petter Thoresen yelling at me I was in a tight battle with Novikov and Smola (we were all three tight in 2 seconds there), it was a wake-up call, and realized I still had much to give in that course, and run the last 6 minutes of that race in fury ending with 34 seconds lead over Michal. Even though, the qualification was the same day as the final, I always wanted to end up on top there to be able to be in position to get that kind of information when I was passing the arenas. Can't say what would have been the result of that race without an arena passage for example, and really got a punch in my face, and a good recall that win never comes without a fight.

Then, I had a perfect program to prepare for the relay as I was not running the long who was

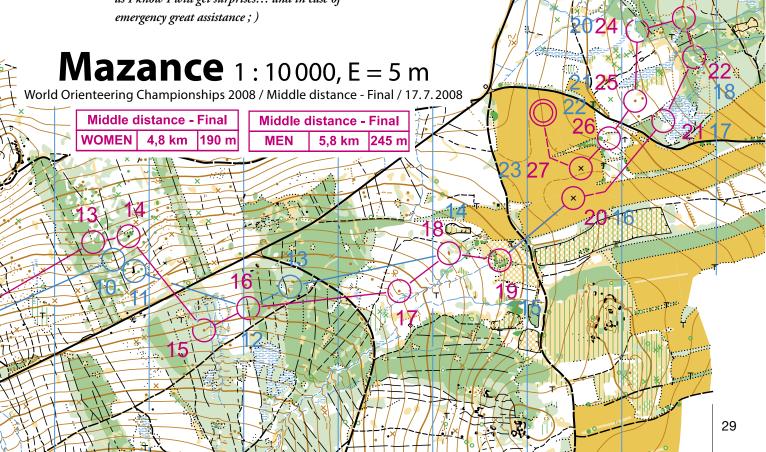


scheduled the day before. And my teammates, Francois Gonon and Damien Renard, offered me a perfect starting position, just a few seconds behind the brit Jamie Stevenson in 2nd position. Then, my strategy was pretty easy as I was the one having the fresher legs, and decided to run it basically as a middle distance, and not care much about what was happening around. Got pretty quickly a solid lead, and when passing the arena, I felt I had it well in my hands. But two controls after the arena, in just a fraction of seconds, a lot got fuzzy as I swallow a bee, and started an allergic reaction. It is as quick as you can go from having the dream to meet your childwood friend and also the two guys you have been training most with to celebrate the first WOC relay win for France, from just trying to reach the finish to get some assistance. I tried to stay as calm as possible even though it felt like walking thru the flames of hell (as I recall it, it was a pretty warm day and I remember sweating a LOT), but the Czech organizers were in all points perfect, and I reached the hospital by helicopter to spend the banquet there... This WOC is definitively one of my best memory

This WOC is definitively one of my best memory as an orienteer with the surprise the organizers managed to create at the middle distance, but also one of my worst with the relay's happening, as I felt I destroyed the dream of two great friends. But the Czech had shown once again they belong to the best to offer challenges for elite orienteers, and I will always be happy when I visit Czech republic as I know I will get surprises... and in case of



Minna Kauppi (FIN), World Champion / Photo: P. Kadeřávek



# **Boudy**

1:15000, E = 5 m

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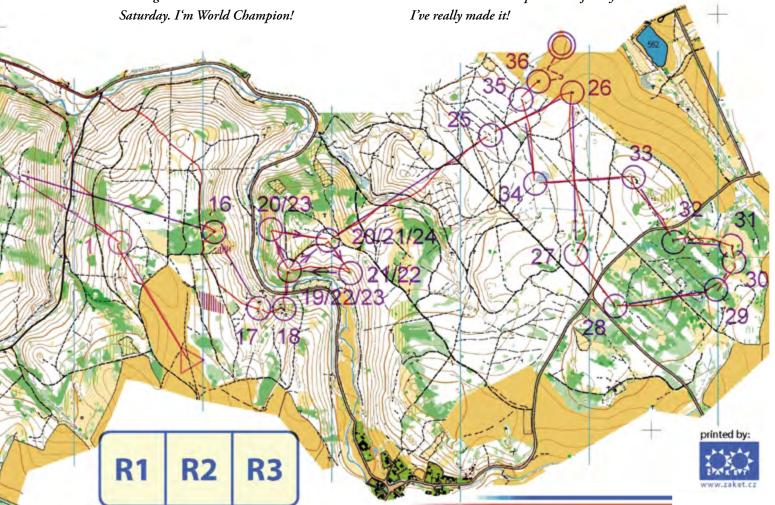


Daniel Hubmann (SUI), Anders Nordberg (NOR), François Gonon (FRA) Photo: P. Kadeřávek

# Daniel Hubmann (SUI)

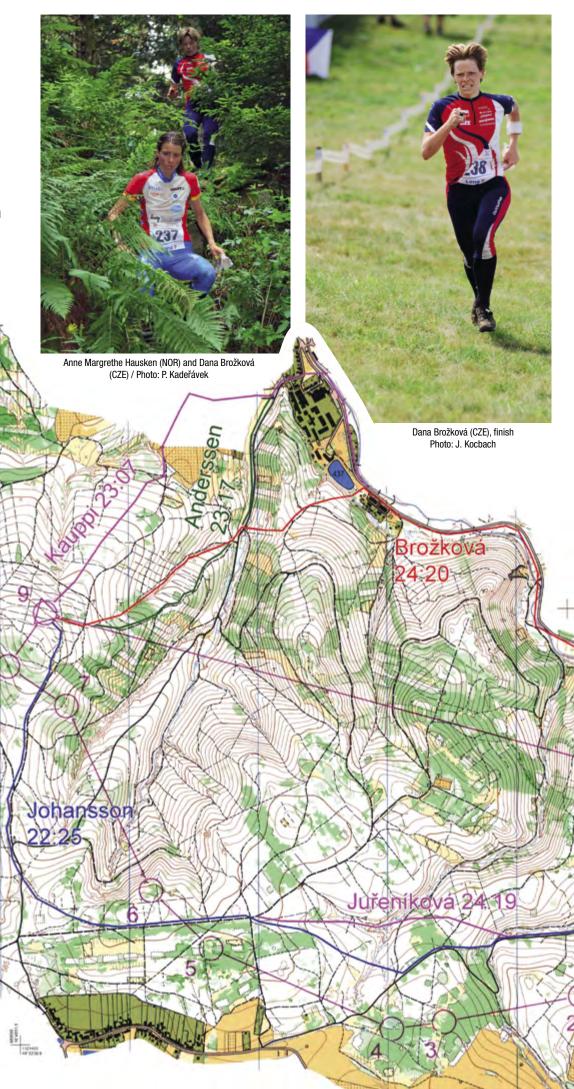
A childhood's dream came true! On the day of the Long Distance at the World Orienteering Championships in Olomouc, the time had come. After 6 silver medals at WOC and EOC, I was finally on top of the podium. It was an indescribable feeling when the Swiss national anthem was played for me at the award ceremony that evening. A childhood's dream came true on that Saturday. I'm World Champion!

As soon as I crossed the finish line, I got goosebumps when the speaker announced me as "the new world champion". I almost didn't dare to believe him. Because at the spectator passage he had talked something of "30 seconds behind the lead". For me it was somehow like in a movie or in a dream. I have often dreamed that I would become a world champion. And finally



# **Boudy** 1:15000, E = 5 m

**World Orienteering** Championships 2008 Long distance - Final 19.7.2008



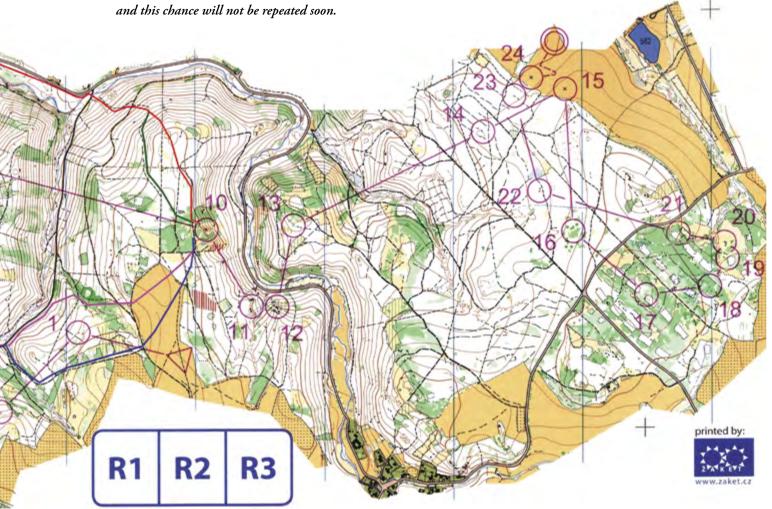
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# Dana Šafka Brožková

To have an opportunity to participate on the WOC in your home country is a dream for every competitor. Well, not only a dream, but also a nightmare. I had these feelings throughout 2008, when the WOC was held in the Czech Republic. I was really sure in the WOC type of terrain, it was so familiar for me, because I had done most of my competitions in the Czech terrains. But, it was also stressful for me. I knew, that this is the chance to achieve something huge,

Looking back now, I know that we, I mean the whole Czech team, really grabbed this chance strongly. The Czech team won three individual medals at WOC 2008. And I am proud, that I have one of them, the gold on the long distance. The day before the start I was really nervous because I knew that the Czech team had already reached two medals, and that it is really possible to achieve it. I could not sleep well, and I was dreaming about the route choice on the longest leg. Of course I did not know the course before the start. But we did a preparation for the race, and we knew, that there should be a long route choice. My dreams that night were that I am standing in the forest with a map and I do not know which route choice to choose. Luckily, on the day I chose well, but anyway, in the end all the route choices had similar times. Rushing to the finish line in front of so many fans was a great feeling that I will always remember. And to be honest, this gold medal was not only mine, but also the others, who supported and influenced me, so that I could achieve it.





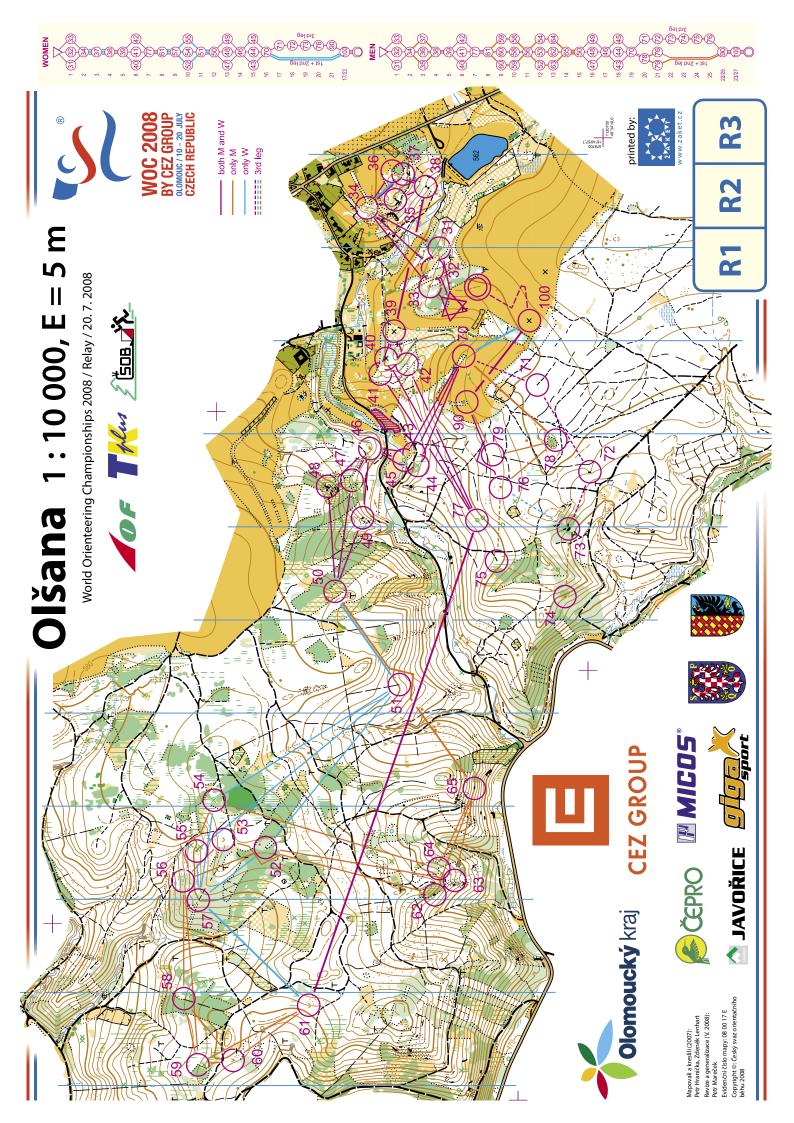
#### Graham Gristwood

My memories:

It was my second time in the GB relay team at WOC, having also run the year before in Hungary where we came 7th. We knew that we had a really good team, with Jamie (Stevenson) being one of the best runners in the world at the time, and Jon (Duncan) being one of the most reliable international 2nd leg runners. The week hadn't really gone to plan for us, and going in to the relay none of us felt like we had managed to perform to the level that we were capable of. As always, there were many strong teams in the race, and we were definitely not the favourites probably one of the teams that people thought would do well, but perhaps not win a medal. I ran the first leg, which was my job in the GB team at that time - having run it fairly well for a couple of years at Nordic Champs and World Cups, and having done well at the European Champs in Latvia earlier in the year (where we came 7th). I don't remember being particularly nervous, and was quite happy in the Czech terrain having spent a lot of time preparing for the championships. There was a very short first loop which didn't split the runners up very much, then a longer loop through mostly very runnable steep 'typical' Czech terrain. I chose good route choices, found all my controls and generally did a 'good job' on the first leg, coming in 4th - just behind 2nd and 3rd, and about 30 seconds down on the leading French team.

Jon then ran well on 2nd leg, keeping us in contention for a medal. Jamie went out in a good position, and I think it became clear about half way round the course that he might be in the fight for a medal. Then, with not much of the race left, it looked like there was going to be a clear victory for France, with Russia and Great Britain fighting for the silver – already this was wildly exciting!

Then there was strange news – Thierry seemed to 'stop' in the forest, and nobody really knew what was going on. Suddenly France were out of the race, and Jamie and Valentin Novikov were battling for the Gold! I seem to remember that Valentin was a little ahead as far as we knew, but there was a long gradual climb up to the last control through the open, and as they appeared, it was clear that Valentin had no chance to compete with Jamie over the last meters of the course. Jon and I had been anxiously waiting and watching, but at that point we sprinted down to the last control to run with Jamie into the finish - somebody handed me and Jon flags, and I was in my board-shorts and sandals! Dave Peel, our coach, met us on the finish line - the culmination of a long time for Jamie and Dave working together. The next few hours were a bit of a blur - Thierry got taken away in a helicopter, having had an allergic reaction in the forest, there was the prize-giving, and then a dash home for a muted WOC Banquet - as almost all the athletes were getting up early the next day to fly to Sweden for Oringen / World Cup. As it turned out (so far at least), that day was the highlight of my orienteering career. I have been very close to a WOC medal again - 4th individually in the sprint in 2011, and 4th in the relay in 2010 (with Jon again, and Scott Fraser) and 2015 (with Scott and Ralph Street). I have had a fantastic career – experiencing more than I ever dreamed possible, and making so many fantastic friends - but I think a lot of people remember me most for that day, and that gold medal.



#### **RESULTS**

#### **SPRINT: 13 JULY 2008**

#### WOMEN (Length: 2.5 km, Climb: 45 m, 17 Controls)

1	Anne Margrethe Hausken	 12:42,2
2	Minna Kauppi	12:51,5
3	Helena Jansson	13:01,1
4	Galina Vinogradova	13:06,8
5	Heli Jukkola	13:13,1
6	Dana Brožková	13:13,2

7) Signe Søes DEN 13:26,6, 8) Emma Engstrand SWE 13:28,4, 9) Eva Juřeníková CZE 13:32,3, 10) Elise Egseth NOR 13:42,4, 11) Katri Lindeqvist FIN 13:52,7, 12) Seline Stalder SUI 13:53,1 13) Sarah Rollins GBR 13:56,4, 14) Lea Mueller SUI 13:58,2, 15) Linnea Gustafsson SWE 14:04,7, 16) Céline Dodin FRA 14:06,6, 17) Radka Brožková CZE 14:07,0, 18) Mingyue Zhu CHN 14:13,1, 19) Rahel Friedrich SUI 14:17,2, 20) Martina Rákayová SVK 14:24,6, 21) Pippa Whitehouse GBR 14:25,3, 22) Ingunn Hultgreen Weltzien NOR 14:31,1, 23) Inga Kazlauskaite LTU 14:33,9, 24) Bernadett Kelemen HUN 14:42,9, 25) Iliana Shandurkova BUL 14:51.2, 26) Michela Guizzardi ITA 14:53,3, 27) Kathryn Ewels AUS 14:54,8, 28) Aija Skrastina LAT 14:55,2, 29) Natalia Korzhova RUS 14:57,5, 30) Sandra Pauzaite LTU 15:04,6, 31) Éva Makrai HUN 15:06,5, 32) Grace Elson AUS 15:07,5, 33) Inga Dambe LAT 15:12,0, 34) Rachael Elder GBR 15:20,1, 35) Ildikó Szerencsi HUN 15:22,5, 36) Yoko Bamba JPN 15:30,2, 37) Natalaya Dimitrova BUL 15:30,3, 38) Liis Johanson EST 15:47,4, 39) Nadiya Volynska UKR 15:57,2, 40) Amélie Chataing FRA 15:58,7, 41) Capucine Vercellotti FRA 16:21,9, 42) Jasmine Neve AUS 16:28,2; Ji Li CHN DSQ, Shuangyan Hao CHN DSQ, Larysa Stanchenko RUS DSQ.

#### MEN (Length: 3.0 km, Climb: 45 m, 17 Controls)

1 Andrey Khramov		13:36,9
2 Daniel Hubmann	•	13:39,3
3 Martin Johansson		14:13,7
4 Lukáš Barták	#	14:17,1
5 Thierry Gueorgiou		14:19,3
6 Tomáš Dlabaja		14:23,1

7) Jan Procházka CZE 14:23,4, 8) Mats Haldin FIN 14:30,7, 9) Gernot Kerschbaumer AUT 14:38,1, 10) Simonas Krepsta LTU 14:39,2, 11) Pavlo Ushkvarok UKR 14:40,8, 12) Jamie Stevenson GBR 14:43,7, 13) Valentin Novikov RUS 14:44,6, 14) Matthias Mueller SUI 14:46,7, 15) Yuri Omelchenko UKR 14:47,4, 16) Pavol Bukovac SVK 14:52,8, 17) Tero Föhr FIN 14:53,2, 18) Jan Mrázek CZE 14:54,3, 19) Alexander Lubina GER 14:54,5, 20) Mikkel Lund DEN 14:55,4, 21) Ionut Alin Zinca ROU 14:55,9, 22) Graham Gristwood GBR 14:57,8, 23) Matthias Merz SUI 14:58,2, 24) Damien Renard FRA 15:00,8, 25) Christian Teich GER 15:02,5, 26) Wojciech Kowalski POL 15:02,9, 27) Vilius Aleliunas LTU 15:03,5, 28) Øystein Kvaal Østerbø NOR 15:09,0, 29) Marius Bjugan NOR 15:09,4, 30) Ádám Kovács HUN 15:10,6, 31) Kiril Nikolov BUL 15:10,9, 32) Mikhail Mamleev ITA 15:12,2, 33) Marco Seppi ITA 15:23,4, 34) Sander Vaher EST 15:29,2, 35) István Zsebeházy HUN 15:33,8, 36) Chris Forne NZL 15:37,2, 37) Martins Sirmais LAT 15:44,9, 38) Erik Öhlund SWE 15:53,4, 39) Christian Nielsen DEN 15:55,6, 40) Ross Morrison NZL 15:58,6, 41) Rasmus Soes DEN 16:03,3, 42) Julian Dent AUS 16:18,3, 43) Simon Uppill AUS 16:23,4, 44) Patrick Goeres CAN 16:37,8; Emil Wingstedt SWE DSQ, Lars Skjeset NOR DSQ.

#### **MIDDLE DISTANCE: 17 JULY 2008**

WOMEN (Length: 4.8 km, Climb: 200 m, 23 Controls)

1 Minna Kauppi 2 Vroni König-Salmi

	32:35
+	34:37

3	Radka Brožková		34:51
4	Marianne Andersen	+-	35:11
5	Tatiana Ryabkina		35:39
6	Meria Rantanen	-	35.43

7) Helena Jansson SWE 36:20, 8) Lina Bäckström SWE 36:56, 9) Lea Mueller SUI 36:58, 10) Heli Jukkola FIN 37:15, 11) Annika Rihma EST 37:48, 12) Marianne Riddervold NOR 38:03, 13) Lina Persson SWE 38:08, 14) Irina Petrova RUS 38:23, 15) Céline Dodin FRA 39:21, 16) Grace Elson AUS 39:49, 17) Joanne Allison AUS 39:50, 18) Yulia Novikova RUS 39:52, 19) Sarah Rollins GBR 39:56, 20) Esther Gil ESP 40:10, 20) Amélie Chataing FRA 40:10, 22) Signe Søes DEN 40:16, 23) Ines Brodmann SUI 40:29, 24) Zdenka Stará CZE 41:07, 25) Anne Margrethe Hausken NOR 41:13, 26) Sandy Hott CAN 41:22, 27) Nadiya Volynska UKR 41:55, 28) Rachael Elder GBR 42:00, 29) Iveta Duchová CZE 42:09, 30) Inga Kazlauskaite LTU 42:27, 31) Jana Macinská SVK 43:11, 32) Liis Johanson EST 43:31, 33) Vanessa Round AUS 43:35, 34) Capucine Vercellotti FRA 43:42, 35) Sandra Pauzaite LTU 44:00, 36) Inga Dambe LAT 45:27, 37) Zanda Abzalone LAT 46:16, 38) Natalaya Dimitrova BUL 46:28, 39) Iliana Shandurkova BUL 46:32, 40) Esther Doetsch GER 47:52, 41) Michela Guizzardi ITA 48:19, 42) Line Søderlund DEN 49:01, 43) laroslava Trygubiak UKR 49:07, 44) Ane Linde DEN 49:56, 45) Merike Vanjuk EST 50:08.

#### MEN (Length: 5.8 km, Climb: 245 m, 27 Controls)

1	Thierry Gueorgiou		33:49
2	Michal Smola		34:23
3	Valentin Novikov		34:27
4	Daniel Hubmann	+	34:36
5	Peter Öberg		35:20
6	Anders Nordberg		35:23

7) Philippe Adamski FRA 36:32, 8) Pasi Ikonen FIN 36:36, 9) Edgars Bertuks LAT 36:39, 10) Mikhail Mamleev ITA 36:46, 11) Gernot Kerschbaumer AUT 36:48, 12) Baptiste Rollier SUI 36:50, 13) Tomáš Dlabaja CZE 37:00, 14) Erik Axelsson SWE 37:02, 14) Olle Kärner EST 37:02, 14) Simonas Krepsta LTU 37:02, 17) Roman Ryapolov RUS 37:16, 18) Damien Renard FRA 37:28, 19) Jarkko Huovila FIN 37:33, 20) Tero Föhr FIN 37:43, 21) Audun Weltzien NOR 37:58, 22) Jon Duncan GBR 37:59, 23) Hans Trøan NOR 38:56, 24) Tue Lassen DEN 38:58, 25) Pavel Gvozdev ISR 39:05, 26) Graham Gristwood GBR 39:07, 27) Marián Dávidík SVK 39:10, 27) Mikkel Lund DEN 39:10, 29) Vladimír Lucan CZE 39:58, 30) Fabian Hertner SUI 40:00, 31) Wojciech Kowalski POL 40:07, 32) Julian Dent AUS 40:08, 33) Felix Breitschädel AUT 40:40, 34) Michal Krajcík SVK 40:43, 35) Martins Sirmais LAT 40:47, 36) Jonas Vytautas Gvildys LTU 40:58, 37) Ionut Alin Zinca ROU 41:08, 38) Klaus Schgaguler ITA 41:54, 39) Wojciech Dwojak POL 43:22, 40) Christian Nielsen DEN 43:32, 41) Oleksandr Kratov UKR 44:43, 42) Zsolt Lenkei HUN 44:50, 43) Dmitriy Tsvetkov RUS 49:16, 44) Janis Krumins LAT 51:44; Ross Morrison NZL DSQ.

#### LONG DISTANCE: 19 JULY 2008

#### WOMEN (Length: 11.9 km, Climb: 440 m, 24 Controls)

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1 Dana Brožková		1:24:26
2 Marianne Andersen	#	1:25:09
3 Annika Billstam		1:25:28
4 Anne Margrethe Hausken		1:26:14
5 Signe Søes	-	1:27:24
6 Sofie Johansson		1:28:09

7) Minna Kauppi FIN 1:28:14, 8) Eva Juřeníková CZE 1:29:39, 9) Emma Engstrand SWE 1:30:12, 10) Liisa Anttila FIN 1:30:45, 11) Marianne Riddervold NOR 1:31:46, 12) Seline Stalder SUI 1:31:59,

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13) Bernadett Kelemen HUN 1:32:05, 14) Kathryn Ewels AUS 1:32:54, 15) Merja Rantanen FIN 1:33:21, 16) Sarah Rollins GBR 1:33:31, 17) Natalia Korzhova RUS 1:34:08, 18) Esther Gil ESP 1:34:09, 19) Caroline Cejka SUI 1:34:23, 20) Martina Rákayová SVK 1:34:56, 21) Jana Panchártková CZE 1:36:09, 22) Angela Wild SUI 1:36:52, 23) Fanni Gyurkó HUN 1:37:26, 24) Aija Skrastina LAT 1:37:44, 25) Joanne Allison AUS 1:38:23, 26) Sandy Hott CAN 1:40:03, 27) Zsuzsa Fey ROU 1:40:15, 28) Céline Dodin FRA 1:40:20, 29) Merike Vanjuk EST 1:41:43, 30) Sandra Pauzaite LTU 1:41:49 31) Michaela Gigon AUT 1:41:54, 32) Iliana Shandurkova BUL 1:42:05, 33) Ane Linde DEN 1:43:27, 34) Jana Macinská SVK 1:43:52, 35) Una Arama LAT 1:45:01, 36) Veronica Minoiu ROU 1:46:00, 37) Natalaya Dimitrova BUL 1:46:07, 38) Rasa Ptasekaite LTU 1:47:28, 39) Vanessa Round AUS 1:49:11, 40) Anastasiia Danylova UKR 1:49:33, 41) Louise Oram CAN 1:50:50, 42) Ji Li CHN 1:53:44; Riina Kuuselo FIN DSQ.

#### MEN (Length: 17.3 km, Climb: 750 m, 36 Controls)

1	Daniel Hubmann	+	1:46:08
2	Anders Nordberg	#	1:47:23
3	François Gonon		1:48:05
4	Andrey Khramov		1:49:30
5	Matthias Merz	•	1:49:47
6	Marián Dávidík		1:50:15

7) Topi Anjala FIN 1:50:17, 8) Olle Kärner EST 1:50:18, 9) Martin Johansson SWE 1:50:38, 10) Jamie Stevenson GBR 1:50:49, 11) Carl Waaler Kaas NOR 1:51:39, 12) Kiril NikolovBUL 1:51:49, 13) Michal Smola CZE 1:51:50, 14) Marc Lauenstein SUI 1:52:20, 15) Philippe Adamski FRA 1:52:39, 16) Dmitriy Tsvetkov RUS 1:52:52, 17) Mikhail Mamleev ITA 1:53:13, 18) Erik Öhlund SWE 1:53:15, 19) Audun Weltzien NOR 1:53:34, 20) Roman Efimov RUS 1:53:59, 21) Scott Fraser GBR 1:55:23, 22) Rasmus Soes DEN 1:55:28, 23) Oli Johnson GBR 1:55:36, 24) Jan Mrázek CZE 1:55:43, 25) Yuri Omelchenko UKR 1:55:53, 26) Lukáš Barták SVK 1:56:25, 26) Ruslan Glibov UKR 1:56:25, 28) Mats Troeng SWE 1:57:10, 29) Mats Haldin FIN 1:57:35, 30) Ádám Kovács HUN 1:57:43, 31) Fabien Pasquasy BEL 1:58:12, 32) Robert Banach POL 1:59:16, 33) Edgars Bertuks LAT 1:59:26, 34) Klaus Schgaguler ITA 1:59:51, 35) Christian Teich GER 1:59:57, 36) Antti Harju FIN 2:00:19, 37) David Schneider SUI 2:00:26, 38) Janis Krumins LAT 2:00:34, 39) Ionut Alin Zinca ROU 2:02:06, 40) Roger Casal ESP 2:03:13, 41) Markus Lang AUT 2:05:28, 42) Pavel Gvozdev ISR 2:05:54, 43) Jonas Vytautas Gvildys LTU 2:12:18, 44) Ross Morrison NZL 2:16:56.

#### **RELAY: 20 JULY 2008**

#### **WOMEN** (5.6-5.8+5.6-5.8+6.9-7.0)

1 **Finland** 2:13:14 (Katri Lindeqvist, Merja Rantanen, Minna Kauppi)

2 **Russia** 2:15:49

(Galina Vinogradova, Yulia Novikova, Tatiana Ryabkina)

3 **Sweden** 2:16:27 (Annika Billstam, Sofie Johansson, Helena Jansson)

4 **Switzerland** 2:17:08 (Ines Brodmann, Vroni König-Salmi, Lea Mueller)

5 **Czech Republic** 2:18:22 (Radka Brožková, Eva Juřeníková, Dana Brožková)

6 Norway 2:20:04
(Marianne Riddervold, Marianne Andersen, Anne
Margrethe Hausken)

7) China 2:29:37 (Mingyue Zhu, Shuangyan Hao, Ji Li), 8) Australia 2:30:01 (Joanne Allison, Grace Elson, Kathryn Ewels), 9) Latvia 2:30:16 (Inga Dambe, Zanda Abzalone, Aija Skrastina), 10) Hungary 2:33:59 (Fanni Gyurkó, Éva Makrai, Ildikó Szerencsi), 11) Slovakia

2:34:04 (Katarína Labašová, Jana Macinská, Martina Rákayová), 12) Great Britain 2:34:16 (Pippa Whitehouse, Rachael Elder, Sarah Rollins), 13) Estonia 2:34:53 (Annika Rihma, Merike Vanjuk, Liis Johanson), 14) France 2:35:48 (Capucine Vercellotti, Amélie Chataing, Céline Dodin), 15) Germany 2:36:54 (Elisa Dresen, Esther Doetsch, Meike Jaeger), 16) Ukraine 2:37:30 (laroslava Trygubiak, Olga Syvoronova, Nadiya Volynska), 17) Bulgaria 2:37:48 (Natalya Dimitrova, Iliana Shandurkova, Stefaniya Dimitrova), 18) 2:40:45 (Indre Valaite, Sandra Pauzaite, Inga Kazlauskaite), 19) Spain 2:42:32 (Esther Gil, Ona Rafols, Annabel Fernandez), 20) Denmark 2:47:05 (Line Soderlund, Ane Linde, Signe Søes), 21) United States 2:53:25 (Samantha Saeger, Sandra Zürcher, Hillary Saeger), 22) Austria 2:56:12 (Thea Lillehov, Anita Seeböck, Michaela Gigon), 23) Canada 3:05:33 (Victoria Smith, Heather Smith, Louise Oram), 24) Ireland 3:16:58 (Niamh O Boyle, Ciara Largey, Ailbhe Creedon), 25) Japan 3:19:03 (Yoko Bamba, Madoka Kogure, Naoko Kanoh), 26) Portugal 3:35:02 (Raquel Costa, Maria Sa, Susana Pontes).

#### MEN (7.4-7.6+7.4-7.6+8.1-8.4)

1 **Great Britain** 2:18:17 (Graham Gristwood, Jon Duncan, Jamie Stevenson)

2 Russia 2:18:58 (Dmitriy Tsvetkov, Andrey Khramov, Valentin Novikov)

3 **Switzerland** 2:21:49

(Baptiste Rollier, Matthias Merz, Daniel Hubmann)

4 Czech Republic 2:22:27 (Jan Procházka, Michal Smola, Tomáš Dlabaja)

5 **Latvia** 2:22:53 (Edgars Bertuks, Janis Krumins, Martins Sirmais)

6 **Finland** 2:23:21

(Pasi Ikonen, Jarkko Huovila, Tero Föhr)

7) Norway 2:24:03 (Lars Skjeset, Anders Nordberg, Øystein Kvaal Østerbø), 8) Sweden 2:24:13 (Erik Öhlund, Martin Johansson, Peter Öberg), 9) Slovakia 2:27:05 (Pavol Bukovac, Marián Dávidík, Lukáš Barták), 10) Hungary 2:27:39 (Ádám Kovács, Csaba Gösswein, Zsolt Lenkei), 11) Austria 2:28:03 (Gernot Kerschbaumer, Felix Breitschädel, Martin Binder), 12) Poland 2:28:36 (Wojciech Dwojak, Robert Banach, Wojciech Kowalski), 13) Italy 2:31:32 (Michele Tavernaro, Klaus Schgaguler, Mikhail Mamleev), 14) Ukraine 2:31:51 (Ruslan Glibov, Oleksandr Kratov, Pavlo Ushkvarok), 15) Australia 2:32:13 (David Shepherd, Simon Uppill, Julian Dent), 16) Germany 2:32:50 (Alexander Lubina, Christian Teich, Torben Wendler), 17) Bulgaria 2:38:50 (Nikolay Dimitrov, Ivaylo Kamenarov, Kiril Nikolov), 18) Lithuania 2:39:10 (Vilius Aleliunas, Darius Sadeckas, Simonas Krepsta), 19) Belgium 2:41:20 (Fabien Pasquase, Michel Bastin, Bart Delobel), 20) Estonia 2:41:59 (Sander Vaher, Erkki Aadli, Peeter Pihl), 21) New Zealand 2:47:59 (Michael Adams, Ross Morrison, Neil Kerrison), 22) Japan 2:52:25 (Daisuke Yamaguchi, Shigeyuki Koizumi, Koji Kashimada), 23) Spain 2:56:13 (Daniel Portal, Lluis Ferrer, Roger Casal), 24) Canada 2:56:29 (Patrick Goeres, Wil Smith, Mike Smith), 25) Slovenia 3:02:01 (Andraž Hribar, Jaka Piltaver, Janez Pretnar), 26) USA 3:02:40 (Eric Bone, Eddie Bergeron, Ross Smith), 27) Romania 3:06:17 (Ionut Alin Zinca, Tamas Bogya, Marius Anghel), 28) China 3:08:51 (Guilong Li, Bin Cao, Rui Pan), 29) Croatia 3:08:53 (Matjaž Štanfel, Damir Klobucaric, Lino Legac), 30) Portugal 3:09:25 (Joaquim Sousa, Celso Moiteiro, Pedro Nogueira), 31) Serbia 3:15:49 (Dejan Avramovic, Igor Vukovic, Cedomir Paunovic), 32) Ireland 3:27:24 (Andrew Quin, Patrick Higgins, Neil Dobbs), 33) South Africa 3:51:35 (Eugene Botha, Paul Wimberley, Nicholas Mulder); Turkey DSQ (Bekmez Mehmet, Musa Erdogan, Ilyas Avci), France DSQ (Francois Gonon, Damien Renard, Thierry Gueorgiou), Denmark DSQ (Mikkel Lund, Christian Christensen, Tue Lassen).





Surprising winners – team of Great Britain – from left John Duncan, Graham Gristwood, Jamie Stevenson / Photo: Petr Kadeřávek





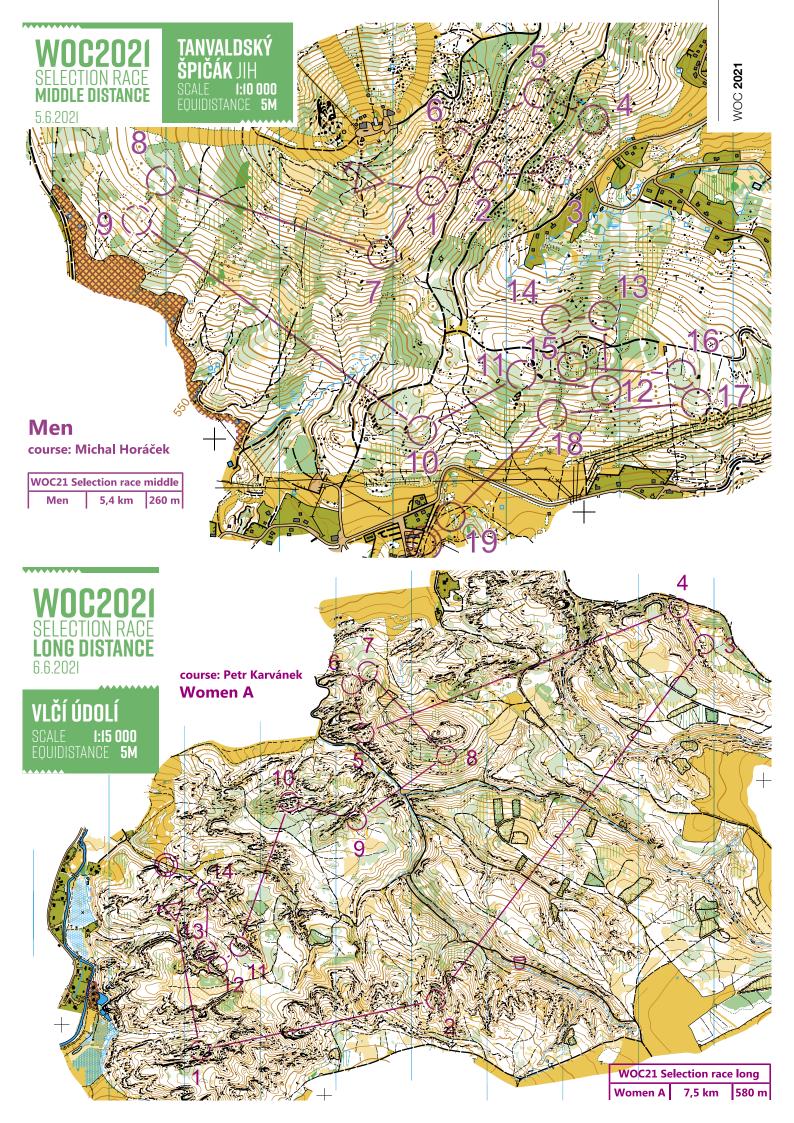
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