

Results / Résultats - Junior Men - XC

distance: 32 km, 4 laps - average speed: 19.935km/h

By the end of the first lap the European champion had taken control of the race and was on his way to a world championship win. In fact **Julien Absalon (FRA)** had little doubt that he would be anywhere else at this point in the race. *"I wanted to win... and after winning the European championships I was confident that I could do it,"* he said at the finish.

An attack on the third lap took him clear of three other riders: (SWE), **Ryder**

Hesjedal (CAN), and **Patrick Bower (USA)**. This move determined the top four, although it took some time to establish the final order.



Modin made the best attempt to stay with him, and may well have done so had he not been suffering from the after effects of a protracted ear and nose infection during the summer. Yet it might have been quite different. His main rival, Frederik Modin (SWE) was off form following a protracted infection of his ear and nasal passages during the summer, and although having looked quite comfortable with Absalon's pace on the first and second laps, found himself short of endurance in the second half of the race.

Modin tried to follow when Absalon attacked, and went clear of Hesjedal until the final lap. But in the end the steady pace of the Canadian took him past the tiring Swede and into the silver medal position. Hesjedal's sustained fourth lap power had Absalon worried for a while, as the Canadian closed from 40 seconds down to 20 behind the lead. But a crash in the single track settled any question about an assault on the leader.

Modin suffered, but still was good enough to take third, and so added to the bronze medal he had won at the European championships in '97.

JUNIORS HOMMES

bib	place	name/nom	nat	t	t+
83	1	ABSALON Julien	FRA	1:36:18	
67	2	HESJEDAL Ryder	CAN	1:37:39	1:21
42	3	MODIN Fredrik	SWE	1:38:15	1:57
22	4	BOWER Patrick	USA	1:38:50	2:32
73	5	BARRIGA Rodrigo	MEX	1:39:06	2:47
47	6	NŽF Ralph	SUI	1:39:32	3:13

63	7	STEINER Manfred	ITA	1:40:23	4:04
85	8	GROSDIDIER Remy	FRA	1:40:43	4:24
43	9	TRUNSCHKA Tomas	CZE	1:40:47	4:28
84	10	FILIPPI Nicolas	FRA	1:41:15	4:57
1	11	KEHL Franz	SUI	1:41:33	5:15
24	12	SCHERRER Ben	USA	1:41:40	5:21
46	13	DEL CORRAL Victor	ESP	1:41:47	5:28
82	14	SOUKUP Christoph	AUT	1:42:24	6:05
40	15	LARSSON Gustav	SWE	1:42:27	6:09
52	16	RIIS-ANDERSEN Peter	DEN	1:42:39	6:20
56	17	AL Thijs	NED	1:42:55	6:37
11	18	PHILLIPS SCHOFIE Richard	GBR	1:42:59	6:40
25	19	CRAIG Adam	USA	1:43:02	6:43
2	20	STORMO Lar	NOR	1:43:08	6:49
49	21	MANETSCH Reto	SUI	1:43:38	7:19
33	22	KŽSS Jochen	GER	1:43:39	7:20
32	23	MURDZA Krzysztof	POL	1:44:03	7:44
68	24	LAROCHE Jean-Francois	CAN	1:44:16	7:57
88	25	GONZALEZ Rolando	CRC	1:44:21	8:02
48	26	NĚSCH Samuel	SUI	1:44:32	8:13
69	27	DEY Ryan	CAN	1:44:33	8:14
45	28	VAVRA Jiri	CZE	1:45:05	8:46
21	29	SWIGGERS Jess	USA	1:45:10	8:51
3	30	B TM HLER Joachim	NOR	1:45:12	8:53
54	31	SOLAR Rok	SLO	1:45:32	9:14
72	32	FEDERAU Ricky	CAN	1:45:33	9:14
34	33	SCHMUDE Friedema	GER	1:45:58	9:39
64	34	KIRCHLER Matthias	ITA	1:45:59	9:40
18	35	CLARKE Nick	AUS	1:46:22	10:03
50	36	STUDER Christian	SUI	1:46:57	10:38
59	37	JUNIOR Albert	BRA	1:47:27	11:08
58	38	O'CARROLL James	IRL	1:47:34	11:15
74	39	MARTINEZ Fernando	MEX	1:47:39	11:21
66	40	PAOLI Marco	ITA	1:47:40	11:21
35	41	RUGEL Joachim	GER	1:48:32	12:14
13	42	RYSENKO Sergiv	UKR	1:48:42	12:23
62	43	IROKAWA Hiroki	JPN	1:48:49	12:30
77	44	THYSSEN Sheldon	RSA	1:49:00	12:41
17	45	MOLAN Andrew	AUS	1:49:02	12:44
44	46	TVRDIK Daniel	CZE	1:49:06	12:48
9	47	BAJAK Robert	SVK	1:49:10	12:51
70	48	KARASINSKI Phil	CAN	1:49:39	13:21

27	49	CASWELL Cole	USA	1:49:50	13:31
8	50	PAVLIK Martin	SVK	1:50:10	13:52
76	51	CHAVEZ Javier	MEX	1:50:42	14:24
71	52	COOPER Lane	CAN	1:50:50	14:31
16	53	POLLOCK Rhys	AUS	1:50:56	14:37
12	54	MORLEY Tim	GBR	1:51:20	15:01
41	55	KESSIAKOFF Fredik	SWE	1:51:24	15:05
14	56	BOGDAN Igor	UKR	1:51:41	15:22
81	57	VARLEY Gareth	NZL	1:52:01	15:42
15	58	COLLINS Seth	AUS	1:52:51	16:32
26	59	KOERBER Sam	USA	1:52:58	16:40
36	60	HENRICH Gerrit	GER	1:53:45	17:27
75	61	FARIAS Javier	MEX	1:54:08	17:50
53	62	RODMAN Tadej	SLO	1:54:34	18:16
60	63	OLA Jhony	BRA	1:54:51	18:33
80	64	PALMER Duncan	NZL	1:55:24	19:05
19	65	MILLER Brent	AUS	1:55:33	19:15
79	66	PEARTON Anthony	RSA	2:04:59	28:40
78	67	BESWICK Richard	RSA	0	0
20	68	THOMAS Ashley	AUS	0	0
23	69	KELLY Matthew	USA	0	0
28	69	COENEN Davy	BEL	0	0
29	69	MOTTART Raf	BEL	0	0
51	69	FORNALLAZ Pascal	SUI	0	0
57	69	SLATTERY Matthew	IRL	0	0