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UIPM 2019 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (U19 & U17): MOHAMED (EGY) CROWNED WORLD CHAMPION AGED 14



- Youngster shows 16-year-old rivals the way in U17 Men's Final
- Sweden return to podium thanks to silver medallist Rasmuson
- Manuilo (RUS) claims bronze as U19 women qualify for final

There was a glimpse of the past and a blast of the future on a memorable day for **Egypt** and **Sweden** at the UIPM 2019 Youth World Championships (U19 & U17).



Aged just 14, **Moultaz Mohamed** (EGY) showed

a batch of 16-year-old rivals the fast track to success as he convincingly won individual gold in the U17 Men's Final.

Mohamed (EGY) said: "I feel amazing that I won this competition. I prepared so strongly, I trained every day, and the other competitors were so strong."

Behind him, there was a moment to cherish for Pentathlon historians as **Jakob Rasmuson** (SWE) claimed the silver medal.

Sweden won 19 individual Pentathlon medals at the Olympic Games between 1912 and 1986, including eight of the first nine golds, with Svante Rasmuson the last to stand on the podium with his silver medal in Los Angeles in 1984.

Russia claimed the team gold medal thanks in part to an individual bronze medal won by **Kirill Manuilov**. Team silver went to **Belarus** and bronze to Egypt, providing the fresh-faced champion Mohamed (EGY) with a second medal to celebrate.

U17 MEN'S FINAL



Rasmuson (SWE), who became European U17

champion in Kaunas (LTU) in June, put himself in contention with a strong performance in Swimming, where he timed 02:05.81. Only one athlete went faster – **Maksim Gorkovenko** (RUS) with 02:04.07.

The prodigious Mohamed (EGY) had to overcome a starting handicap of 10sec in the Laser Run, but he took to the challenge with relish and ended up winning by 16sec after the best time of the day (08:10.20).

Knowing gold was out of reach, Rasmuson (SWE) kept all other challengers at bay and held on to silver with a 5sec margin from Manuilo (RUS), who had started 28sec off the pace and timed an excellent 08:13.10.

Fourth place went to **Ivan Prytkou** (BLR), with **Michal Jablonski** of **Poland** in 5th and **Andras Gall** of **Hungary** completing the top six.

For full results click [here](#).



U19 UPDATE

Eighty athletes took part in qualification for the U19 Women's Individual Final, with team-mates **Katsiaryna Etsina** (BLR) and **Kseniya Klimiankova** (BLR) crossing the line together with the highest score of the day (989). **Candice Ortega** of **France** was the next-best performer (987).

The 36 successful qualifiers for the final on Tuesday, July 23 are listed [here](#).

UIPM REACTION

Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, said: "It was an exciting Laser Run. We saw a big pack with 30+ athletes starting together, and the Russian athlete came from 13th position to 3rd.

"It was also nice to see a great performance by Sweden, which has such a famous heritage in Pentathlon. Sweden is coming back, and today they were on the podium.

"Again I would like congratulate everybody involved in this historic UIPM Youth World Championships in Sofia."

WATCH AND FOLLOW

The UIPM 2019 Youth World Championships (U19 & U17) in Sofia (BUL) runs from July 18-24 and continues on Monday, July 21 with the U17 Women's Relay and qualification for the U19 Men's Final.

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results throughout the championships.