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UIPM 2021 PENTATHLON JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS : ELGENDY (EGY) LIVES UP TO HIS BILLING



- Tokyo Olympics-bound senior world medallist repeats 2018 junior success
- Hard-earned silver for Gromadskii (RUS) in Alexandria (EGY)
- Laser Run pace propels Bohm (HUN) from 9th to bronze

Ahmed Elgendy of **Egypt** warmed up for his Olympic Games debut in the perfect manner by becoming world junior champion for the second time in his home country.

Elgendy (EGY) was 18 when he first won this title in 2018, the year of a remarkable clean sweep that also saw him claim gold at the Youth Olympic Games and the UIPM Youth World Championships (U19).

Three years on, he is 21 and on the brink of competing on the ultimate stage – and with no cause to fear the opposition. Last month Elgendy (EGY) won bronze at the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Championships to secure his place at the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

On paper, he was the gold-medal favourite today and nothing happened on day six of the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon Junior World Championships to give his rivals any real hope of upsetting the odds.

Behind him, an impressive silver was won by **Egor Gromadskii** of **Russia**, while **Csaba Bohm** of **Hungary** took home the bronze medal. **Pele Uibel** of **Germany** took 4th place.

More than 250 athletes aged 21 and under are taking part in the last global competition before the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.



Medallists' reaction

Elgendy (EGY) said: "I'm very proud to win this medal. It's in my home country and it's my second medal of the season after the bronze medal I won at the senior championships in Cairo. It's good preparation for Tokyo 2020 and I hope I can do it in Tokyo.

"Everything was good across the disciplines today, I can't complain about anything and I made it to the Laser Run in the lead. I will not say I was totally relaxed, but it was enough.

"All the Olympic preparation is going well, I'm training very hard. Two weeks until we travel to Tokyo and less than 20 days until we compete. We have to practise some things in Riding and Fencing, and then everything will be ready to go."

Bohm (HUN) said: "I feel exhausted, but it's unbelievable because I started the Laser Run in 9th place and I was able to make the podium. I'm unbelievably happy.

"I had some struggles with my Fencing, but I did my PB in the Swimming pool and I nearly had a clear round in Riding, and then my Laser Run – especially the running – was incredible.



Swimming

Quickest off the blocks in the first global junior men's final in two years was **Minseo Lee** of **Korea**, who timed 1:56.30 to narrowly outpace **Mathis Rochat** of **France** (1:56.85) and **Giorgio Malan** of **Italy** (1:57.40), with Elgendy (EGY) only a fraction of a second slower.



Fencing

He has a name recognisable to many sports fans around the world, and Uibel (GER) could be a major star in Modern Pentathlon if he continues to perform like he did in the Fencing Ranking Round in Alexandria (EGY).

Scoring 28V/7D, he took the overall lead and kept at bay the challenge of **Belarus**, who had two athletes locked on 26 victories – **Alexei Khurs** and **Maksim Maruk**. Khurs (BLR) was the last man standing in the Bonus Round.

The host nations' medal hopes were maintained by Elgendy (EGY) and **Mohanad Shaban** (EGY), each of whom scored 25 wins in the Ranking Round with Shaban (EGY) winning their Bonus Round duel.



Riding

As in the Women's Final yesterday, there was a high level of competence on horseback with seven athletes achieving the maximum score of 300 points. Maruk (BLR) was among them and Elgendy (EGY) dropped only two points in time penalties, ensuring he would start the Laser Run in pole position.

Malan (ITA) and Bohm (HUN) also scored an impressive 298, while Gromadskii (RUS) and Uibel (GER) dropped points but remained in overall contention.



Laser Run

With a healthy starting lead and the proven pedigree of a global champion, Elgendy (EGY) knew the junior world title was his to lose.

For the first half of the race he kept a safe distance between himself and his closest pursuers, Uibel (GER) and Maruk (BLR), with Gromadskii (RUS) just behind the podium positions.

The third circuit saw the leader stretch his lead, leaving all the intrigue behind him as the rest jostled for those precious medals. It was Gromadskii (RUS) who made the key move, advancing past Maruk (BLR) and then Pele (GER) on the third lap.

With Bohm (HUN) and Shaban (EGY) in hot pursuit, Uibel (GER) was unable to cling on to his bronze medal and it was Bohm (HUN) who reined him in before stretching his legs to finish closer to 2nd than 4th. Bohm (HUN) was the top Laser Run performer with a time of 11:50.00.

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Rank	Name	Nation	MP Points
1	ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY	1432
2	GROMADSKII Egor	RUS	1420
3	BOHM Csaba	HUN	1414
4	UIBEL Pele	GER	1401
5	TAMAS Jozsef	HUN	1395
6	MALAN Giorgio	ITA	1387
7	ROCHAT Mathis	FRA	1378
8	SHABAN Mohanad	EGY	1375
9	MARUK Maksim	BLR	1374
10	ZABOLOTSKIKH Vladimir	RUS	1359
11	PERRIER Melvin	FRA	1358
12	FREZZA Stefano	ITA	1355
13	BERAZAVIK Uladzislau	BLR	1350
14	BORSHCHEV Petr	RUS	1345
15	TUMA Matous	CZE	1340
16	HOUSKA Filip	CZE	1333
17	KOVALCHUK Yuriy	UKR	1329
18	KOLESZAR Mihaly	HUN	1326
19	NESTSERAU Uladzislau	BLR	1324
20	KHURS Alexei	BLR	1323
21	TOMAN Jan	CZE	1318
22	CHEKAN Vladyslav	UKR	1312
23	KARIM Noureldin	EGY	1312
24	VAZQUEZ Alexis	MEX	1307
25	GYURKA Mark Mano	HUN	1304
26	NUSRETOGLU Dora	TUR	1303
27	KLIMEK Maciej	POL	1297
28	KHIMICH Taras	UKR	1291
29	NOBRE Matheus	BRA	1291
30	SPLETZER Marc	GER	1281
31	BORIES Leo	FRA	1244
32	STROMSOE Axel	SWE	1232
33	KASPERCZAK Kamil	POL	1211
34	LEE Minseo	KOR	1206
35	PURONAS Titas	LTU	991
36	AHARUSHEV Maksym	UKR	810