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UIPM 2025 BIATHLE-TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: DALLENBACH (SUI) AND FERNANDEZ (FRA) SLOW HOSTS' RUN



South Africa's stunning Western Cape got a little flicker of Olympic star power as the second day of the UIPM Biathle-Triathlon World Championships saw things taken up a notch.

A huge cohort of new champions joined the roll of honour and there were some big names amongst them as Olympian **Alexandre Dallenbach** of **Switzerland** raced across the sun-kissed sands of Mossel Bay (RSA) to claim gold on a hectic day of individual Biathle Finals.

The veteran, who finished 14th at the Paris 2024 Games, came out on top in the Senior Men's decider while **Lea Fernandez** of **France** was crowned Senior Women's champion with an impressive victory.

Those gold medals helped stem the flow of gold on another prolific day for the host nation, as 12

titles came **South Africa's** way and another four going to fellow African powerhouse, **Egypt**.

But with almost 800 participants across the Biathle and Triathle portion of this week's proceedings alone, there was of course room for a rainbow of nations on the podium. There were also gold medals for **Portugal**, **Great Britain** and **India** with **Austria**, **Greece**, **Spain** and **Germany** also ending the second day with hardware to show for their efforts.



The performance of **Bhumi Agrawal** (IND) in claiming the Junior Women's title was a fitting reward for the South Asian nation, who brought an impressive team across the ocean to South Africa. **Martha Warner** (GBR) had earlier broken a relentless run of victories for home challengers when she won the U17 Girls race.

From **Blake Fischer** (RSA), who sprinted to glory in the Boys U11 early on Tuesday morning, to ageless wonder **Mary Collett** (GBR), one of two 77-year-olds in the field, who triumphed in the Women's Masters 70+ category, it was another joyous day for all ages.

Wednesday's third day of action will see attention pivot to Triathle, and a schedule stacked with Mixed Relay deciders and individual finals for the youngest competitors.