

MEDIENMITTEILUNG

12. MIRABAUD BaselHead, Saturday, 19th of November 2022

Swiss eights row onto the BaselHead podium

At the 12th Mirabaud BaselHead Regatta, the two SWISS ROWING squad boats rowed their way onto the podium, taking third place in both the women's and men's 6.4-kilometre long-distance classic. The day's victory in the men's race went to the strong Dutch eight and in the women's race to A.G.S.R. Gyas from the Netherlands. The best times of the day in the 350-metre sprint event were also recorded for the Dutch elite teams of A.S.R. Nereus. But the local rowing clubs were also able to convince with podium finishes: The U19 juniors of the Basler Ruder-Club achieved 3rd place in their category and RC Rheinfelden won again in the masters men's category.

The 108 registered eight-man boats were cheered on by several thousand sport-loving spectators on the bridges and along the banks of the Rhine in Kleinbasel, transforming the Rhine into an atmospheric sports arena.

In good rowing conditions, the world's rowing elite met on the Rhine in the middle of Basel. A total of 108 teams from eight nations were registered for the two events of the day. Among them were two SWISS ROWING squad boats, which finished on the podium in both the Sprint and the Mirabaud Classic.

On the 6.4-kilometre course with a 180° turn after halfway, the day's victory went to the Dutch eight with a time of 18:35.03 minutes. Behind them, A.S.R. Nereus secured second place, only 3 seconds ahead of the Swiss eight with Roman Röögli as stroke. "The small gap to second place is annoying, but we had a cool race and the team spirit was top", Roman Röögli summed up after the race. In the women's elite category, the victory went to A.G.S.R. Gyas with a best time of the day of 20:47.36 minutes.

Behind them, the Great 8, with its top international line-up, finished 27 seconds ahead of the women's eight from SWISS ROWING. "We had expected it to be easier on the second half down the Rhine, but the headwind surprised and challenged us," Sofia Meakin commented on the race. The Swiss women's crew was again extensively documented during today's race. The second episode of "Rowing Squad" is expected at the end of next week.

Category victory and podium finish for local rowing clubs

Of the local teams, the U19 junior eight from the Basler Ruder-Club was convincing and finished in a good third place in a time of 21:15.00. In this category, the Karlsruher RV Wiking racing team secured the category victory ahead of RC Allemannia Hamburg. The Master men of RC Rheinfelden did even better and won their category in a winning time of 21:59.46.

The good weather also attracted several thousand spectators to the banks of the Rhine in Kleinbasel and created a great atmosphere.

The rankings are also available on the website www.baselhead.org.

Photo 1: The Swiss men's eight secured a good third place with a convincing race to catch up.

Photo 2: The Swiss women's eight defied the international competition and rowed to a good third place.

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