



CANOEING AT OLYMPIC GAMES

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CANOEING AT THE 1952 SUMMER OLYMPICS

The 1952 Summer Olympics officially known as the Games of the XV Olympiad. The Games were held July 19 to August 3, 1952 in Helsinki, Finland. Helsinki had been earlier given the 1940 Summer Olympics, which were cancelled due to World War II. It is famous for being the Olympic Games at which the most number of world records were broken.

Helsinki was chosen as the host city over bids from Amsterdam and five American cities: Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Philadelphia, at the 40th IOC Session on June 21st, 1947, in Stockholm, Sweden.

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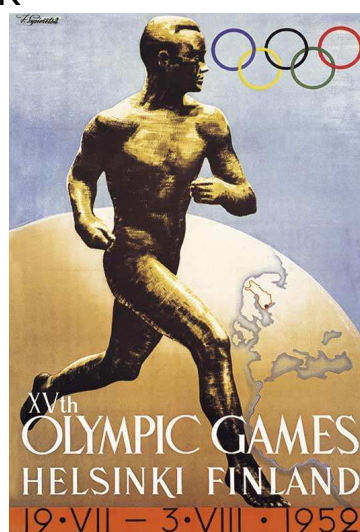
69 NOC's; 4 955 athletes (519 women and 4436 men); 149 events in 17 sports.

LOGO



It was composed of the tower of the stadium with the Olympic rings at the top. It was worn as a badge by the dignitaries and VIP guests at the Games.

POSTER



It was the Paavo Nurmi poster, created for the 1940 Games, which were never held because of the Second World War. It was just updated with the dates and the lines around the countries, drawn in red on a globe in the background. 82,000 large format copies were made in nine languages and 33,000 small format copies in 20 languages.

MEDAL



On the obverse, the traditional goddess of victory, holding a palm in her left hand and a winner's crown in her right. A design used since the 1928 Games in Amsterdam, created by Florentine artist Giuseppe Cassioli (ITA, 1865-1942) and chosen after a competition organised by the International Olympic Committee. For these Games, the picture of victory is accompanied by the specific inscription: "XV OLYMPIA HELSINKI 1952". On the reverse, an Olympic champion carried in triumph by the crowd, with the Olympic stadium in the background.

N.B: From 1928 to 1968, the medals for the Summer Games were identical. The Organising Committee for the Games in Munich in 1972 broke new ground by having a different reverse which was designed by a Bauhaus representative, Gerhard Marcks.

TAIVALLAHTI

For the 1940 Games the City of Helsinki built a rowing stadium at Taivallahti, a kilometre away from the Olympic Stadium, as a venue for the rowing and canoeing events. As the FISA, however, disapproved of the Taivallahti course for the rowing events in the 1952 Games, on the ground that it was exposed to sea-breezes, it was used solely for the canoeing events.

The roofed Grand Stand at Taivallahti was enlarged by building an open concrete stand in front of it. Dressing rooms were located in the Grand Stand basement. In the near vicinity were an office building and canoe sheds.



The view from the stand at Taivallahti.



Air photo of the Taivallahti Canoeing Stadium.

CANOEING

The number of competitors on the Taivallahti canoeing course on **July 27th-28th** set a new record: 146 men and 13 women from 21 countries. Interest was heightened by the re-appearance in the canoeing events of the Germans, who did so well in Berlin in 1936, and the debut on an Olympic course of the USSR.

As in London four years earlier, in all the Kayak events the victories went to the Northern Countries. The only difference was that whereas in 1948 Sweden won four events and Denmark one, in 1952 Finland won four and Sweden one. In the Canadian events Czechoslovakia succeeded in repeating only one of her three victories in London, the USA, France and Denmark sharing the rest between them.

The weather, rainy during the first week of the Games, turned fine and sunny just in time for the canoeing events. Nor did wind cause any trouble on this sea-course.

The programme for July 27th included all the 10,000 m events on a course that was rounded three times. The series was inaugurated by 18 Kayak Pairs. They paddled to the accompaniment of a storm of applause from the Olympic Stadium a kilometer away, where a public of 70 000 was acclaiming the victor of the Marathon Race. Seated in the canoeing stadium was a small but all the more faithful band of enthusiasts spurring on their countrymen.

The winning crew in the London Games, Åkerlund-Wetterström (Sweden), and the Silver Medallists Mathisen-Östby (Norway) were defending their placings. The race went, however, to the Finnish pair Wires-Hietanen, who led from start to finish. The Swedes did not give in without a fight. The Finns crossed the line a mere half-meter in front, and that too only after a desperate effort. The Hungarian and Austrian crews were still challenging the leaders 600 m from the line, when Finland and Sweden began their final fierce duel. The Norwegians had to be satisfied with fifth place in Helsinki.

This race over, the Canadian Pairs were sent off, followed five minutes later by the Canadian Singles.

In the Pairs, Canada appropriately led the way, but only until the spurt began in the last lap. Then France forged victoriously ahead. The winners Turlier-Laudet had rightly calculated to the last ounce their reserves of energy. The race as a whole was much closer than in 1948. In London the margin between the winners and the last crew (the sixth) was 7 min 39 sec. Now a mere 2 min 20 sec separated the first and the ninth crew.

Out for the Canadian Singles Gold Medal were the Silver and Bronze Medallists in London, Havens (USA) and Lane (Canada), and the 1950 world title-holder Boutigny (France). This time Havens won, Lane finished fifth and Boutigny no higher than eighth. The Czech Jindra led most of the way, and only on the home straight in the last lap was he overtaken by Havens and the Hungarian Novák. This closely-matched trio were a class above the rest.

Twenty-year-old Thorvald Strömberg, a Finnish fisherman, fulfilled the hopes of his countrymen by winning the last race of the evening, the 10,000 m Kayak Singles.



The medal-winners in the 10,000 m Kayak Pairs. On the left the Swedes Åkerlund and Wetterström, in the middle the Finns Wires and Hietanen, on the right the Hungarians Varga and Gurovits.



The Grand Stand of the Taivallahti Canoeing Stadium.

Gert Fredriksson of Sweden, Gold Medal defender and several times world title-holder, hung on to Strömberg right to the last kilometer. As the Swede is famous for his powerful spurt, it began to look as though he had the race well in hand. But the pace set by the Finn had told. When Strömberg broke into a vigorous spurt Fredriksson was in no condition to challenge him. The German Scheuer surprisingly drove a wedge into the Northern Countries' front by taking third place.

The fine successes of the Finns on the first day led to a crowded stand on the second. With only the short-distance events left on the programme (women's 500 m and four men's 1,000 m), there were exciting sprints in abundance to watch. Preliminary heats (in all 13) were held in the morning, the finals (5) in the evening.

The first to be decided was the women's Gold Medal. Sylvi Saimo of Finland, 1950 World Champion, set up in the first heat, hard pressed by the Austrian Gertrude Liebhart, the fastest time and consequently started favourite in the final. The best in the second and third heats, Nina Savina (USSR) and Alida van de Anker-Doedens (Netherlands), had however not been forced to go all out in the morning. In London four years earlier the Dutchwoman had finished second and Saimo only sixth. As it happened, the order of the four best in the evening was that shown by their times in the preliminary heats. Saimo and Liebhart had drawn the outer lanes and thus paddled far apart from each other. They were again as closely matched as in the morning, Saimo winning by 0.4 sec. Savina was the only USSR medal-winner in the canoeing events, and van de Anker-Doedens took fourth place only after a stiff fight with three other competitors.

The men's finals began with the Canadian Singles 1,000 m. Holecek of Czechoslovakia got away at once on his outer lane from the field and went on to increase his lead in convincing fashion. His lead was never threatened. The struggle for the other medals, however, was thrilling. Thanks to an effective sprint the Hungarian Parti finished second.

Ojanperä of Finland surprised everyone by beating Andersson of Sweden and Havens, winner of the 10,000 m. Another surprise was the Frenchman Molle's low placing in the final, last but not one; after clocking the fastest time in the race in the first heat he was now almost half a minute slower.

The Canadian Pairs was a dramatic race. The French crew Dransart-Loreau were quick to gain the lead in the final, only to lose their timing and be passed by the Danes Rasch-Haunstoft. Recovering their rhythm the Frenchmen set off in furious pursuit, but again got their timing mixed. Their canoe turned sideways and glided off the lane.

Czechoslovakia and Germany, too, overtook them. The tears this mishap evoked are understandable.

In the Kayak Singles Fredriksson had his revenge on Strömberg for his defeat the previous evening. At the half-way mark Fredriksson started a long gruelling spurt to which Strömberg surrendered. The other competitors were left far behind. Nikitin of the USSR, whose excellent performance in his heat had marked him out as a probable medallist, could no longer repeat it in the final and finished eighth. Third place was taken by Gantois of France, a shade in front of van der Kroft of Netherlands. When Fredriksson won the 1,000 m in London in 1948, van der Kroft was fifth.

The last race of the evening, the Kayak Pairs, was a nerve-wracking spectacle. Four crews fought abreast for victory all the way to the finishing line. Only after the photofinish camera had been consulted could it be announced who had won. Between the first and the fourth crew was a mere 0.7 seconds. At 300 metres Sweden led, Finland lay second and Germany third. At 400 m the order was Sweden, Germany, Finland, Austria; at 500 m Sweden, Austria, Germany, Finland; at 600 m Sweden, Austria, Finland, Germany. Then, hotly urged on by the public, Finland's winning crew in the 10,000 m, Wires-Hietanen, overtook Austria and drew level with Sweden. The last few seconds were intense. The judges proclaimed Finland the victor and Sweden the runner-up. Their times were the same, that of Austria 0.3 sec and that of Germany 0.7 sec slower.

The canoeing regatta in the XV Olympic Games could hardly have ended more stirringly.

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K.POCAKNIK (Yugoslavia)

10,000 m – KAYAK SINGLES (July 27th, 19:30 hrs)

Previous Olympic Winners:

1936 E.KREBS Germany 46:01.6
1948 G.FREDRIKSSON Sweden 50:47.7

There were 35 entries from 19 nations and 17 participants from 17 nations

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Finland	STROMBERG, TH.	47:22.8
2	Sweden	FREDRIKSSON, G.	47:34.1
3	West Germany	SCHEUER, M.	47:54.5
4	Denmark	Hansen, E.	47:58.8
5	Norway	Gulbrandsen, H	48:12.9
6	Czechoslovakia	Pech, M.	48:25.8
7	USSR	Sotnikov, I.	48:36.8
8	Netherlands	Bobeldijk, J.	49:36.2
9	Austria	Schmidtberger, A.	49:45.6
10	France	Derivery, P.	49:48.5
11	Belgium	Deprez, H.	50:20.6
12	Great Britain	Colyer, G.	50:55.3
13	Yugoslavia	Lipokatic, J.	51:01.3
14	USA	Schuette, W.	52:44.6
15	Italy	Albera, A.	53:49.2
16	Switzerland	Kamber, R.	54:57.3
17	Luxemburg	Roth, L.	56:02.9



Thorvald STRÖMBERG (Finland), champion in the 10,000 m Kayak Single event.

1,000 m – KAYAK SINGLES

Previous Olympic Winners:

1936 G.H.HRADETZKY Austria 4:22.9
1948 G.FREDRIKSSON Sweden 4:33.2

There were 39 entries from 21 nations and 20 participants from 20 nations

FIRST ROUND (July 28th) – the first three from each heat qualified for the Final
HEAT 1

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Belgium	Verbrugghe, H.	4:27.7
2	Czechoslovakia	Vambera, L.	4:30.1
3	Canada	Oldershaw, B.	4:30.7
4	Italy	Piccinelli, G.	4:38.5
5	USA	Budrock, M.	4:39.5
6	Switzerland	Engler, H.	4:39.7
7	Great Britain	Colyer, G.	4:39.9

HEAT 2

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Netherlands	v.d. Kroft, W.	4:20.3
2	West Germany	Miltenberger, M.	4:21.2
3	France	Gantois, L.	4:22.2
4	Denmark	Albjerg, K.	4:24.2
5	Norway	Johnsen, P.	4:25.2
6	Yugoslavia	Lipokatic, J.	4:35.2
7	Luxemburg	Licker, R.	4:48.1

HEAT 3

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Finland	Strömberg, Th.	4:15.5
2	USSR	Nikitin, L.	4:17.1
3	Sweden	Fredriksson, G.	4:17.6
4	Hungary	Urányi, J.	4:20.9
5	Austria	Schreiner, H.	4:22.9
6	Romania	Anastasescu, M.	4:32.9

FINAL (July 28th, 18:00 hrs)

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Sweden	FREDRIKSSON, G.	4:07.9
2	Finland	STROMBERG, TH.	4:09.7
3	France	GANTOIS, L.	4:20.1
4	Netherlands	v.d. Kroft, W.	4:20.8
5	West Germany	Miltenberger, M.	4:21.6
6	Czechoslovakia	Vambera, L.	4:24.0
7	Belgium	Verbrugghe, H.	4:25.0
8	USSR	Nikitin, L.	4:26.2
9	Canada	Oldershaw, B.	4:26.5



Gert FREDRIKSSON (Sweden), champion for the second time in the 1,000 m Kayak Single event.

10,000 m – KAYAK PAIRS (July 27th, 17:00 hrs)

Previous Olympic Winners:

1936 P.WEVERS and L.LANDEN Germany 41:45.0

1948 E.ÅKERLUND and H.WETTERSTRÖM Sweden 46:09.4

There were 69 entries from 19 nations and 36 participants from 18 nations

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Finland	WIRES, K. and HIETANEN, Y.	44:21.3
2	Sweden	ÅKERLUND E. and WETTERSTROM, H.	44:21.7
3	Hungary	VARGA, F. and GUROVITS, J.	44:26.6
4	Austria	Raub, M. and Wiedermann, H.	44:29.1
5	Norway	Mathisen, I. and Ostby, K.	45:04.7
6	West Germany	Schaefer, K.H. and Miltenberger, M.	45:15.2
7	Czechoslovakia	Klabouch, R. and Dvorák, B.	45:39.6
8	Denmark	Norregaard, I. and Fromming, S.	45:59.6
9	Netherlands	Koch, C. and Klingers, A. J.	46:09.6
10	USSR	Feoktistov, I. and Teterkin, N.	47:00.9
11	Canada	Bridgen, W. and Nickel, J.	47:53.2
12	Saar	Hess, H. and Zimmer, K.	48:05.6
13	France	Koelsch, J. and Kunz, G.	48:23.2
14	USA	Anderson, J. and Bochnewich, P.	48:30.7
15	Great Britain	Palmer, G. and Parker, R.	48:32.6
16	Switzerland	Müller, W. and Bieri, W.	49:21.2
17	Italy	Bastoni, R. and Agostini, D.	49:21.8
18	Luxemburg	Hanck, E. and Licker, R.	50:08.4



The struggle ended. The champions in the 10,000 m Kayak Pairs, K.WIRES and Y.HIETANEN (Finland, No. 135), at the landing stage. Beside them the Hungarian pair F.Varga (Hungary, No. 175) and J.Gurovits which finished third.

1,000 m – KAYAK PAIRS

Previous Olympic Winners:

1936 A.KAINZ AND A. DORFNER Austria 4:03.8
 1948 H.BERGLUND AND L. KLINGSTRÖM Sweden 4:07.3

There were 69 entries from 19 nations and 38 participants from 19 nations

FIRST ROUND (July 28th, 11:15 hrs) – the first three from each heat qualified for the Final
 HEAT 1

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Sweden	Glassér, L. and Hedberg, I.	3:51.7
2	Finland	Wires, K. and Hietanen, Y.	3:53.0
3	Denmark	Dyg, E. and Lind, A.	3:53.3
4	USSR	Troshenkov, A. and Kuznetsov, I.	3:54.0
5	Czechoslovakia	Matocha, J. and Kroutil, O.	3:56.3
6	Italy	Valentino, E. and Vennettilli, P.	4:03.8
7	Great Britain	Prout, Fr. and Prout R.	4:07.6

HEAT 2

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Austria	Raub, M. and Wiedermann, H.	3:55.2
2	West Germany	Schmidt, G. and Noller, H.	3:55.7
3	Norway	Mathisen, I. and Ostby, K.	3:58.2
4	Saar	Hess, H. and Zimmer, K.	4:01.4
5	Switzerland	Kuster, A. and Straub, H.	4:14.9
6	Luxemburg	Lucas, J. and Roth, L.	4:21.6

HEAT 3

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Netherlands	Koch, C. and Klingers, A.J.	3:54.3
2	Hungary	Granek, I. and Kulcsár, J.	3:54.5
3	France	Graffen, M. and Renaud, M.	3:54.8
4	Belgium	van den Berghen, Fr. and van de Vliet, A.	3:59.2
5	USA	Horton, Th. and Eiseman, J.	4:02.9
6	Canada	Cordner, R. and Ward, G.	4:27.5

FINAL (July 28th, 18:20 hrs)

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Finland	WIRES, K. and HIETANEN, Y.	3:51.1
2	Sweden	GLASSER, L. and HEDBERG, I.	3:51.1
3	Austria	RAUB, M. and WIEDERMANN, H.	3:51.4
4	West Germany	Schmidt, G. and Noller, H.	3:51.8
5	Norway	Mathisen, I. and Ostby, K.	3:54.7
6	France	Graffen, M. and Renaud, M.	3:55.1
7	Hungary	Granek, I. and Kulcsár, J.	3:55.1
8	Netherlands	Koch, C. and Klingers, A.J.	3:55.8
9	Denmark	Dyg, E. and Lind, A.	3:59.3



*The finish of the 1,000 m Kayak Pairs.
Farthest on the right the winners K.WIRES and Y.HIETANEN (Finland).*

10,000 m – CANADIAN SINGLES (July 27th, 18:10 hrs)

Previous Olympic Winner:

1948 F.CAPEK Czechoslovakia 1:02:05.2

There were 19 entries from 10 nations and 10 participants from 10 nations

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	USA	HAVENS, FR.	57:41.1
2	Hungary	NOVAK, G.	57:49.2
3	Czechoslovakia	JINDRA, A.	57:53.1
4	Sweden	Backlund, B.	59:02.8
5	Canada	Lane, N.	59:26.4
6	Finland	Fagerström, J.	59:45.9
7	West Germany	Johannsen, Fr.	1:00:26.5
8	France	Boutigny, R.	1:01:15.2
9	Great Britain	Marchand, G.	1:02:21.7
10	USSR	Harin, P.	1:03:03.2



Frank HAVENS (USA), champion in the 10,000 m Canadian Singles event.

1,000 m – KAYAK CANADIAN SINGLES

Previous Olympic Winners:

1936 A.AMYOT Canada 5:32.1
 1948 J.HOLECEK Czechoslovakia 5:42.0

There were 19 entries from 10 nations and 10 participants from 10 nations

FIRST ROUND (July 28th, 12:30 hrs) – the first four from each heat qualified for the Final
 HEAT 1

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	France	Molle, J.	4:56.1
2	Hungary	Parti, J.	4:58.5
3	USA	Havens, Fr.	5:09.3
4	Sweden	Andersson, I.	5:11.9
5	Canada	Bossy, G.	5:25.8

HEAT 2

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Czechoslovakia	Holecek, J.	5:06.0
2	Finland	Ojanperä, O.	5:09.8
3	West Germany	Berckhan, R.	5:17.3
4	USSR	Kotyrev, V.	5:21.2
5	Great Britain	Marchand, G.	5:28.8

FINAL (July 28th, 17:20 hrs)

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Czechoslovakia	HOLECEK, J.	4.56.3
2	Hungary	PARTI, J.	5.03.6
3	Finland	OJANPERA, O.	5.08.5
4	USA	Havens, Fr.	5.13.7
5	Sweden	Andersson, I.	5.15.0
6	West Germany	Berckhan, R.	5.22.8
7	France	Molle, J.	5.24.1
8	USSR	Kotyrev, V.	5.24.5



J.HOLECEK (Czechoslovakia), champion in the 1,000 m Canadian Singles event.



The champions in the 10,000 m Canadian Pairs event, G.TURLIER and J.LAUDET (France).

10,000 m – CANADIAN PAIRS (July 27th, 18:05 hrs)

Previous Olympic Winners:

1936	V.MOTTL and Z.SKRDLANT	Czechoslovakia	50:33.5
1948	S.LYSAK and S.MACKNOWSKI	USA	55:55.4

There were 35 entries from 9 nations and 18 participants from 9 nations

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	France	TURLIER, G. and LAUDET, J.	54:08.3
2	Canada	LANE, K. and HAWGOOD, D.	54:09.9
3	West Germany	DREWS, E. and SOLTAU, W.	54:28.1
4	USSR	Orishenko, V. and Perevoztshikov, N.	54:34.6
5	USA	Haas, T. and Krick, Fr.	54:42.5
6	Czechoslovakia	Karlík, B. and Lomecký, O.	55:10.9
7	Hungary	Söptei, E. and Söptei, R.	55:35.3
8	Sweden	Blomqvist, R. and Lindbeck, H.	55:41.3
9	Finland	Kulo, J. and Salmisaari, T.	56:28.2

1,000 m – CANADIAN PAIRS

Previous Olympic Winners:

1936 V.SYROVÁTKA and J.BRZÁK Czechoslovakia 4:50.1

1948 J.BRZÁK and B.KUDRNA Czechoslovakia 5:07.1

There were 40 entries from 11 nations and 22 participants from 11 nations

FIRST ROUND (July 28th, 12:00 hrs) – the first four from each heat qualified for the Final

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Denmark	Rasch, B.P. and Haunstoft, F.	4:32.9
2	Czechoslovakia	Brzák, J. and Kudrna, B.	4:43.3
3	Canada	Johnson, A. and Hodgson, Th.	4:44.9
4	Hungary	Bodor, I. and Tuza, J.	4:51.5
5	Finland	Tuormaa, T. and Havulinna, M.	4:54.0
6	USSR	Krasavin, A. and Tshumakov, S.	4:54.9

HEAT 2

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	France	Dransart, G. and Loreau, A.	4:38.8
2	Austria	Liebhart, K. and Lulla, E.	4:40.2
3	USA	Haas, J. and Krick, Fr.	4:43.3
4	West Germany	Drews, E. and Soltau, W.	4:48.4
5	Sweden	Blomqvist, R. and Lindbeck, H.	4:50.2

FINAL (July 28th, 17:40 hrs)

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Denmark	RASCH, B.P. and HAUNSTOFT, F.	4:38.3
2	Czechoslovakia	BRZAK, J. and KUDRNA, B.	4:42.9
3	West Germany	DREWS, E. and SOLTAU, W.	4:48.3
4	France	Dransart, G. and Loreau, A.	4:48.6
5	Hungary	Bodor, I. and Tuza, J.	4:51.9
6	Austria	Liebhart, K. and Lulla, E.	4:55.8
7	USA	Haas, J. and Krick, Fr.	4:59.0
8	Canada	Johnson, A. and Hodgson, Th.	5:01.4



B.P.RASCH and F.HAUNSTOFT (Denmark) after finish.

500 m – KAYAK SINGLES (Women)

Previous Olympic Winner:

1948 KAREN HOFF

Denmark

2:31.9

There were 17 entries from 13 nations and 13 participants from 13 nations

FIRST ROUND (July 28th, 10:00 hrs) – the first three from each heat qualified for the Final

HEAT 1

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Finland	Saimo, Sylvi	2:20.1
2	Austria	Liebhart, Gertrude	2:20.6
3	Hungary	Hartmann, Cecilia	2:23.8
4	France	Marion, Eva	2:24.2
5	Sweden	Ohlsson, Anna-Lisa	2:28.3

HEAT 2

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	USSR	Savina, Nina	2:22.1
2	Denmark	Svendsen, Bodil	2:24.9
3	Czechoslovakia	Kroutilová, Marta	2:27.1
4	Great Britain	Ascott, Shirley	2:34.4

HEAT 3

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Netherlands	v.d. Anker-Doedens, Alida	2:24.4
2	West Germany	Koester, Josefa	2:26.2
3	Saar	Zenz, Therese	2:26.9
4	Switzerland	Sidler, Elsa	2:43.1

FINAL (July 28th, 17:00 hrs)

Place	Country	Name	Time
1	Finland	SAIMO, SYLVI	2:18.4
2	Austria	LIEBHART, GERTRUDE	2:18.8
3	USSR	SAVINA, NINA	2:21.6
4	Netherlands	v.d. Anker-Doedens, Alida	2:22.3
5	Denmark	Svendsen, Bodil	2:22.7
6	Hungary	Hartmann, Cecilia	2:23.0
7	Czechoslovakia	Kroutilová, Marta	2:23.8
8	West Germany	Koester, Josefa	2:25.9
9	Saar	Zenz, Therese	2:27.9





*The leading paddlers in the women's 500 m cross the line.
Nearest the camera G.Liebhart (Austria), in the middle the champion S.SAIMO (Finland),
behind her N.Savina (USSR).*



*The medal-winners in the women's event.
Left to right: Gertrude LIEBHART (Silver), Sylvi SAIMO (Gold) and Nina SAVINA (Bronze).*

MEDAL SUMMARY

Men's events

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
C-1 1000 m	Josef Holeček Czechoslovakia (TCH)	János Parti Hungary (HUN)	Olavi Ojanperä Finland (FIN)
C-1 10 000 m	Frank Havens United States (USA)	Gábor Novák Hungary (HUN)	Alfréd Jindra Czechoslovakia (TCH)
C-2 1000 m	Bent Peder Rasch Finn Haunstoft Denmark (DEN)	Jan Brzák-Felix Bohumil Kudrna Czechoslovakia (TCH)	Egon Drews Wilfried Soltau West Germany (FRG)
C-2 10 000 m	Georges Turlier Jean Laudet France (FRA)	Kenneth Lane Donald Hawgood Canada (CAN)	Egon Drews Wilfried Soltau West Germany (FRG)
K-1 1000 m	Gert Fredriksson Sweden (SWE)	Thorvald Strömberg Finland (FIN)	Louis Gantois France (FRA)
K-1 10 000 m	Thorvald Strömberg Finland (FIN)	Gert Fredriksson Sweden (SWE)	Michael Scheuer West Germany (FRG)
K-2 1000 m	Kurt Wires Yrjö Hietanen Finland (FIN)	Lars Glasser Ingemar Hedberg Sweden (SWE)	Max Raub Herbert Wiedermann Austria (AUT)
K-2 10 000 m	Kurt Wires Yrjö Hietanen Finland (FIN)	Gunnar Åkerlund Hans Wetterström Sweden (SWE)	Ferenc Varga József Gurovits Hungary (HUN)

Women's events

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
K-1 500 m	Sylvi Saimo Finland (FIN)	Gertrude Liebhart Austria (AUT)	Nina Savina Soviet Union (USSR)

MEDAL TABLE

Rank	Nations	Medals			Total
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	
1	Finland (FIN)	4	1	1	6
2	Sweden (SWE)	1	3	0	4
3	Czechoslovakia (TCH)	1	1	1	3
4	France (FRA)	1	0	1	2
5	Denmark (DEN)	1	0	0	1
	United States (USA)	1	0	0	1
7	Hungary (HUN)	0	2	1	3
8	Austria (AUT)	0	1	1	2
9	Canada (CAN)	0	1	0	1
10	West Germany (FRG)	0	0	3	3
11	Soviet Union (USSR)	0	0	1	1
Overall:		9	9	9	27