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A Season Like No Other

At the end of the last shooting in one of the most fascinating seasons in recent history, Dorothea Wierer and JT Boe clinched their respective BMW IBU World Cup Total Score titles while the unprecedented spread of COVID-19 put a halt to the world, including the world of sports, just as biathlon was experiencing a great upswing.

Wierer kept fighting even when the odds were stacked against her, as in the mass start at Annecy-Le Grand Bornand, where the Norwegians had explosive skis; in the Ruhpolding sprint, where her back pain overwhelmed her; in the individual at the IBU World Championships in Antholz-Anterselva, where she pushed her energy levels deep into the red while chasing gold; and then again in the Kontiolahti pursuit, where she was in a losing position but pushed in the fourth loop just to see what the last shooting might bring—and it brought her the smallest of opportunities, which she grabbed and brought safely over the finish line. In the most defining moment of her career, Wierer shined at her home World Championships, winning two golds and two silvers. There was one athlete who did even better: Marte Olsbu Røiseland won 7 out of 7 available medals, five of them gold, in what was the best performance ever at the IBU World Championships. Truth be told, Laura Dahlmeier didn't have a chance to reach seven in her 6/6 in Hochfilzen 2017, because the Single Mixed Relay premiered in Oestersund 2019 as the seventh discipline.

JT Boe formed and executed a plan like no one ever had before him: enjoy Trimester 1 and win as much as possible; take a paternal break and see how others seize the opportunity; come back as soon as possible in Trimester 2, after his wife and newborn son are well, to restore his authority, which he did in his indi-

vidual win in Pokljuka; use the IBU World Championships to add further medals to an already impressive collection and close his gap to the Total Score leader at the time, Martin Fourcade; and then live day by day, winning everything until the end of the season, and see whom the biathlon gods smile upon. And they did a particularly good job, the biathlon gods, in the last competition of the season, which was also the last in the absolutely outstanding career of Fourcade. The Grand Master went for broke in the yellow bib, since he needed to win with JT finishing fifth or lower in order to retain the lead. However, something more appropriate happened: Fourcade won the competition (in yellow) and his teammates Quentin Fillon-Maillet and Emilien Jacquelin finished second and third, assuring Fourcade that his legacy will be built upon, while JT found his shooting form in the last standing, shot 5/5 and finished fourth, a very worthy winner of the Total Score.

As Fourcade waved goodbye in Kontiolahti, the place where he won his first and last competitions in the BMW IBU World Cup, the home hero and wildly popular Kaisa Makarainen also called it a career. She didn't have the season she wished for, but that pales in comparison to the list of her numerous achievements.

We cannot predict the future or how long it will be before our lives return to normal after COVID-19, but we hope to overcome these challenges and deliver a fantastic and safe 2020/2021 season. Please stay informed about any potential changes for next season on our social media channels and on biathlonworld.com.

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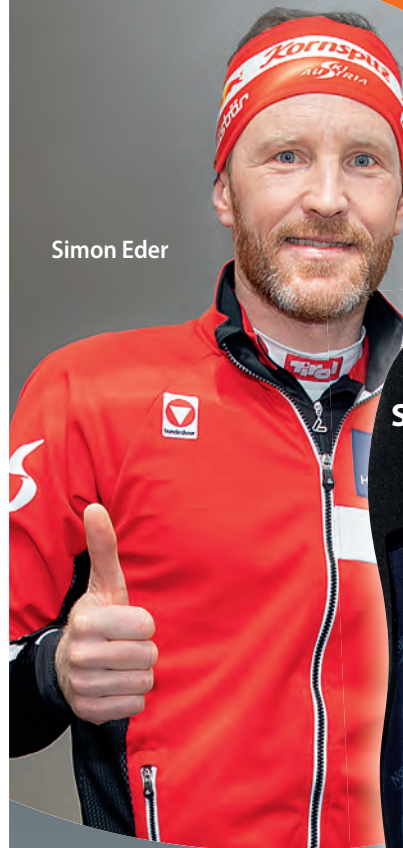
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The **BIATHLON INTEGRITY UNIT** was designed to centrally manage all integrity-related matters concerning biathlon, including anti-doping and ethical breaches, issues related to betting, and any kind of result manipulation. As well as dealing with wrongdoing when it occurs, the Unit, which is managed independently of the IBU, will also strengthen the capacity to prevent potential future wrongdoing. These are the answers of the BIU to the most frequently asked questions.

WHAT DOES THE **BIATHLON INTEGRITY UNIT** STAND FOR?

What is the mission of the newly established Biathlon Integrity Unit (BIU)?

The mission of the Integrity Unit is to maintain public confidence in the integrity of the sport of biathlon. Our aim is to ensure that biathlon is a fair and doping-free sport and that results are achieved honestly. We also work to foster a culture of fairness, accountability, responsibility, and transparency within the IBU and the Biathlon Family.

How and to what extent does the Biathlon Integrity Unit support the new IBU Constitution?

The Integrity Unit was created as a result of the new IBU rules, in particular the new Constitution and Integrity Code, which provides that the IBU will establish a Biathlon Integrity Unit. The Constitution also sets out the Integrity Unit's powers and responsibilities, which include (i) educating individuals about their obligations under the Integrity Code, (ii) obtaining relevant intelligence and information from relevant authorities and also sharing it with those authorities, and (iii) investigating and prosecuting potential violations of the Integrity Code in the areas of doping, corruption, harassment/abuse, betting, and general misconduct.

The BIU is an independent body with an independent budget approved by the IBU Executive Board. Where do you draw the independence line here?

The Integrity Unit is operationally independent. This means that while we are a unit of the IBU, our day-to-day operations are run independently and without any



BIATHLON INTEGRITY UNIT

instructions or supervision from the IBU Executive Board. The Board of the Integrity Unit is made up of three independent members who have voting rights: Louise Reilly (Chair), Alex Marshall, and Markus Hauptmann. The other two members, Dr Franz Steinle (member of the IBU Executive Board) and the Head of the Integrity Unit, do not have voting rights. Similarly, while the Integrity Unit determines its budget with the IBU at the beginning of each financial year, we have complete independence as to how we spend our budget and in what areas we use our resources.

How would you describe a person with integrity in general terms?

A person with integrity is one who is true to his word, who acts in an honest, consistent, and transparent way. A sportsman or woman of integrity plays true and rejects doping. He or she achieves their results through natural talent, grit, hard work, and quite often a pinch of luck. The beauty of sport is its unpredictability and the drama that creates. Integrity is essential to protecting that notion of chance and keeping the beauty of sport alive.

What does integrity represent in sports on the administrative level and on the sporting level?

On an administrative level, integrity represents good governance, oversight, checks and balances, and transparency so that power is applied unselfishly through the right channels for the benefit of the Biathlon family. While people often refer to the "pyramid structure" of sports, no person atop that apex should operate with unfettered power, without controls. Integrity ensures that international federations are operated in a structured and trusted way according to defined rules and practices.

On a sporting level, integrity represents fair play and results that athletes and fans can believe in.

What are the long-term implications of the BIU for the appeal of biathlon to its fans and also for its commercial strength in the future?

The Integrity Unit will work to ensure that fans and sponsors can believe in the honesty of the sport they are watching and supporting. Biathlon is a sport of great skill, but also chance. Results can come down to random natural events such as fluctuating wind, an uphill climb to the shooting range, and snowfall halfway through a competition. The Integrity Unit stands for preventing manipulation and a loss of credibility in biathlon.

Could you point to some successfully implemented examples from the world of sport and also other industries?

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) was at the heart of the World Athletics integrity reforms and has been operational since April 2017. The AIU is responsible for ensuring that athletes respect the rules and for upholding the principles of fair play and equality across the global athletics community.

The International Cricket Council plays a significant role in protecting the spirit and integrity of the game through the efforts of its Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU). Set up in 2000, the ACU is widely recognized as being an international leader in the fight against corruption in sports, and has developed a strategy based on prevention, investigation, disruption, and prosecution.

Companies that apply the core principles of good corporate governance—fairness, accountability, responsibility, and transparency—are shown to outperform other companies and will be able to attract investors whose support helps to finance further growth.

How will you present the knowledge needed and the processes applied by the BIU to athletes who are laser-focused on the sport and normally tend to block out any 'distractions'?

As part of its set-up phase, the Integrity Unit will develop an educational program for athletes. We will rely on innovative methods to communicate our message to athletes. We also encourage athletes to engage with us and to let their voices be heard in the effort to maintain, protect, and promote the integrity of our great sport. **I**

 Jaka Lucu



Christian Manzoni



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SEASON 2019-2020

DOROTHEA WIERER ITA

BMW IBU WORLD CUP POINTS 793

POINTS PER COMPETITION 41.7

BMW IBU WORLD CUP WINS

SPRINT	ÖSTERSUND - SWE
SPRINT	HOCHFILZEN - AUT
PURSUIT	ANTHOLZ-ANTERSELVA - ITA (WCH)
INDIVIDUAL	ANTHOLZ-ANTERSELVA - ITA (WCH)

STATISTICS

SHOOTING 82% (prone 87% / standing 78%)

SKIING - 4%

SHOOTING 10/10 Sprint Ruhpolding

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1 SEASON 2019-2020
JT BOE NOR

BMW IBU WORLD CUP POINTS 913

POINTS PER COMPETITION 53.7

BMW IBU WORLD CUP WINS

SPRINT	ÖSTERSUND - SWE
SPRINT	HOCHFILZEN - AUT
PURSUIT	HOCHFILZEN - AUT
PURSUIT	ANNECY LGB - FRA
MASS START	ANNECY LGB - FRA
INDIVIDUAL	POKLJUKA - SLO
MASS START	ANTHOLZ-ANTERSELVA - ITA (WCH)
SPRINT	NOVE MESTO NM - CZE
MASS START	NOVE MESTO NM - CZE
SPRINT	KONTIOLAHTI - FIN

STATISTICS

SHOOTING 89% (prone 89% / standing 89%)

SKIING - 6%

SHOOTING 10/10 Sprint NMNM, Sprint Kontiolahti

SHOOTING 20/20 Pursuit Hochfilzen, Individual Pokljuka, Mass Start Antholz-Anterselva



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2 SEASON 2019-2020
TIRIL ECKHOFF NOR

BMW IBU WORLD CUP POINTS 786
POINTS PER COMPETITION 41.3

BMW IBU WORLD CUP WINS

PURSUIT	HOCHFILZEN - AUT
SPRINT	ANNECY LGB - FRA
PURSUIT	ANNECY LGB - FRA
MASS START	ANNECY LGB - FRA
SPRINT	RUHPOLDING - GER
PURSUIT	RUHPOLDING - GER
MASS START	NOVE MESTO NM - CZE

STATISTICS

SHOOTING 81% (prone 86% / standing 76%)

SKIING - 6%

SHOOTING 10/10 Sprint Ruhpolding

SHOOTING 20/20 Pursuit Hochfilzen

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2 SEASON 2019-2020
MARTIN FOURCADE FRA

BMW IBU WORLD CUP POINTS 911
POINTS PER COMPETITION 47.9

BMW IBU WORLD CUP WINS

INDIVIDUAL	ÖSTERSUND - SWE
SPRINT	OBERHOF - GER
MASS START	OBERHOF - GER
SPRINT	RUHPOLDING - GER
PURSUIT	RUHPOLDING - GER
INDIVIDUAL	ANTHOLZ - ANTERSELVA - ITA (WCH)
PURSUIT	KONTIOLAHTI - FIN

STATISTICS

SHOOTING 86% (prone 90% / standing 82%)

SKIING - 4%

SHOOTING 10/10 Sprint Oberhof, Sprint Ruhpolding, Sprint Antholz-Anterselva

SHOOTING 20/20 Pursuit Ruhpolding, Individual Pokljuka

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3 SEASON 2019-2020
DENISE HERRMANN GER

BMW IBU WORLD CUP POINTS 745

POINTS PER COMPETITION 39,2

BMW IBU WORLD CUP WINS

MASS START POKLJUKA - SLO

SPRINT NOVE MESTO NM - CZE

SPRINT KONTIOLAHTI - FIN

STATISTICS

SHOOTING 77% (prone 82% / standing 72%)

SKIING - 6%

SHOOTING 10/10 Sprint Nove Mesto NM

SHOOTING 20/20 Mass Start Pokljuka



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3 SEASON 2019-2020
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BMW IBU WORLD CUP POINTS 843
POINTS PER COMPETITION 44.4

BMW IBU WORLD CUP WINS
MASS START POKLJUKA - SLO

STATISTICS

SHOOTING 86% (prone 87% / standing 85%)

SKIING - 5%

SHOOTING 10/10 Sprint Anney LGB, Sprint Ruhpolding, Sprint Nove Mesto NM

SHOOTING 20/20 Pursuit Anney LGB

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TRIMESTER 1 STARTING THE SEASON IN YELLOW

Wearing the Yellow Bib, Wierer got the season off to a fast start, flying out of the start house, taking the lead in the Oestersund sprint at the first split and carrying it to an unchallenged victory. She had no idea that the World Cup Total Score winner from the previous season starts the season in Yellow. "I was surprised to wear the Yellow Bib. I thought, 'Oh my God, pressure'... I did not feel so fast on the first loop, and then the standing penalty... You normally have to shoot clean; still, it was pretty good."



SPRINT WIN NUMBER TWO

The Hochfilzen victory padded Wierer's lead in the World Cup Total Score; it was a less-than-perfect effort, with a missed prone shot that spurred her to clean the standing stage and claim her second sprint win. She left for France in Yellow, but the "Tiril Tornado" was just revving up, after the Norwegian shot clean to take the Hochfilzen pursuit.

ECKHOFF, TANDREVOLD CHALLENGE

Wierer's trip to Anney Le Grand Bornand started with a disastrous 22nd place in the sprint, where she had two prone penalties and faded badly in the slushy, wet last loop with the 37th fastest loop time; Eckhoff won again. Wierer bounced back with 4th in the pursuit, but Eckhoff won her third consecutive competition. Ingrid Landmark Tandrevold finished second, snatching the Yellow Bib from her Italian rival with 253 points to 250 points. Wierer's rebound continued with second place in the mass start, but she had to battle past Sweden's Lin Persson in the last 50 meters to get the second step on the podium. That was just enough to regain the Yellow Bib as December came to a close.



STEPS TO THE CRYSTAL GLOBE



HOW DID
DORO
WIERER
DO IT
(AGAIN)?

 Jerry Kokesh
 IBU Photo pool

TRIMESTER 2

RUHPOLDING SPRINT: LAST DAY IN YELLOW; ECKHOFF STEPS UP

Wierer started the New Year in Yellow, finishing 4th in both Oberhof competitions with less than stellar shooting, including five penalties in the mass start. Eckhoff's winning streak ended with a 5th in the Oberhof sprint, but she finished second in the mass start to get within 9 points of Yellow. The tide turned in Ruhpolding. Eckhoff and Wierer both shot clean in the sprint, the lady in Yellow having to shoot at a slower cadence than normal to close all 10 targets. It was her last day in Yellow for a while, after Eckhoff, flying around the tracks, took the win and the Golden jersey, later reinforcing her lead with a pursuit win. Wierer had a dismal late January spell with 20th in the Ruhpolding pursuit, 23rd in the Pokljuka 15 km individual and 9th in the Pokljuka mass start. The penalties continued to pile up while her back screamed. On social media, she commented, "My back is getting old; will try to fix it...". The saving grace was Eckhoff's absence in the Pokljuka mass start; she was sick.



IBU WCH ANTHOLZ-ANTERSELVA 2020

Sometimes, it just takes a little "home cooking" to turn things around. Seventh place in the IBU WCH sprint with two penalties is normally nothing to cheer about, but it put the local hero back atop the World Cup Total Score, while Eckhoff finished 59th.

That move back to Yellow started an amazing home Championships for Wierer. Locked in a last-standing-stage pursuit battle with sprint champion Marte Olsbu Røiseland, Wierer picked up a penalty, but the Norwegian had two; Gold for the Italian!

On a brilliant, sunny day just up the valley from her family home, Doro went from 24th to 17th to 9th to IBU 15 km Individual World Champion in the span of just 43:07.7 for Gold medal number two and more breathing room in the Total Score battle. "I did not see this (coming) because I had one, one and I was not sure if I could

make some zeroes, because I was shaking a lot, especially in the standing shooting. The last loop was really hard. One moment I was thinking, 'Silver—it would be great for me.' And then I was thinking, 'You have to fight; you have to win.'"



TRIMESTER 3 HANGING ON...

Wierer's shooting struggles persisted in the final four competitions. Her season average was 82%, and in her final 60 shots of the season, she was at 76%; standing was the real issue, with nine of 30 shots off target. 24th in the Nove Mesto sprint ended up be-



ing a write-off. Fifth in the mass start helped, but Eckhoff won. Suddenly the margin was 69 points with no deductions; Eckhoff's total was truer because she had missed one competition. Everything was up in the air in Kontiolahti. Fatigue showed in a lethargic 19th in the sprint where Eckhoff was third. Wierer called it "my worst race."

WINNER-TAKE-ALL PURSUIT

The season came down to one last winner-take-all pursuit, an exercise in mental strength, a characteristic Wierer exhibited at the end of the 2018/19 season. Starting 1:19 behind, she battled her way back to 11th, despite five penalties, crossing the finish line 0.6 seconds and one place behind her Norwegian rival. That gritty finish was just enough to win her second consecutive big Crystal Globe in a roller coaster season. "I was sure today that I could not do it because I was really a lot of seconds behind, and I had a not really great shooting today, so it is just amazing."



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TRIMESTER 1 OESTERSUND SPRINT STARTS THE BALL ROLLING

One prone penalty was not enough to stop JT Boe from getting his first win of the new season in the Oestersund sprint. After the victory, he predicted what the new season would look like: "The field is much closer this year than last year. We saw it with the track times today...shooting will be more crucial than ever."

HOCHFILZEN SPRINT/PURSUIT DOUBLE: FIRST CLEAN SHOOTING

JT cruised in the lead from start to finish without missing a target to win the Hochfilzen pursuit. He again led from start to finish as he did in the previous day's sprint.



FIVE WINS IN DECEMBER; GOOD-BYE FOR NOW

Two penalties in the Anney Le Grand Bornand sprint stopped Johannes' win streak at three, but he came back to win the next day's pursuit with a devastatingly fast last loop, leaving Quentin Fillon Maillet 22 seconds back. The Yellow Bib closed out December with a masterful, unchallenged mass start win. Good skis were crucial in his fifth individual win in seven competitions. "My skis today were probably the best on the team ... In these tough conditions, when you have the best equipment—skis—you save a lot of power."



STEPS TO THE CRYSTAL GLOBE

TRIMESTER 2 BABY BREAK DURING OBERHOF AND RHPOLDING WEEKS

He dedicated the next four and a half weeks to his family; his wife Hedda gave birth to the couple's first child Gustav on January 13, 2020. Being a new father refocused his life. It took time, energy and sleep, but also gave him some time to train, and most importantly, to fully recover from a hard December.



VICTORIOUS RETURN IN POKLJUKA; A NEW FATHER'S JOURNEY

When he returned the day before the Pokljuka 20 km, Martin Fourcade was in Yellow after four consecutive victories, with 507 points. JT (belatedly) started 2020 exactly where he ended 2019, with a clean-shooting victory in the Pokljuka men's 20 km individual, leaving Fourcade 11.4 seconds behind. The new father detailed his journey from his son's birth to that day's victory. "The 13th of January, I became a father... there was not much training. I needed to stay at home and help as best as I could... I came here to Pokljuka yesterday evening and will do three races here before I get back home."

IBU WCH ANTHOLZ-ANTERSELVA 2020 ANTHOLZ MASS START: MOMENTUM SWINGS IN JT'S DIRECTION ONCE MORE

JT shot clean to win the IBU World Championships mass start, his first individual Gold medal and his sixth of Antholz 2020. He cleaned the first prone, leaving behind Fourcade, who had a penalty and eventually finished in (a very costly) seventh place. Clean shooting and fast skis triggered the victory. "I think I could have won with one in the last standing. But winning with a perfect race today is quite emotional." He crossed the finish line as if he were cradling his son: "I was sending a message home. I am going there tomorrow. I am going to reset. And (re)think how to win the Total Score."



TRIMESTER 3 FOCUSING ON SMALL STEPS IN NOVE MESTO NA MORAVE

Two weeks off did nothing to lessen his sharpened focus. JT used his patented lead-from-the-start formula to win the NMNM men's sprint, shooting clean while further closing the gap in his quest for his second Total Score title. "I have to take small steps because my competitors don't do any favours, they're always top six. For me it is all about trying to win each race. That is the only chance I have to maybe grab it in the end."

The sprint win, followed by a mass start victory that witnessed a French ski disaster, suddenly put the big Crystal Globe into JT's hands. Heading to Kontiolahti, he needed to stay alert, as the smallest mistake would have been too much.

KONTIOLAHTI: "DAY BY DAY"

JT carbon-copied his NMNM sprint in Kontiolahti, shooting clean in a perfect win over his great French rival. There was no room for mistakes in what was turning into a nail-biting finish to the season. Going into the pursuit, he knew that it would take a 4th place finish or better to win the big Crystal Globe. "It was too exciting, a big fight; the final fight with Martin for today's victory, but also the Total Score," said JT. "Crossing the finish line in fourth place and winning by two points is way beyond what I could handle for pressure."



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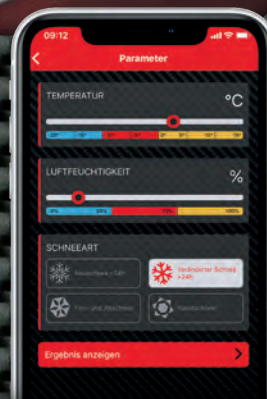
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So now it was there, at “my” second IBU World Championship, where I was able to participate as an announcer on the front lines. I had prepared myself carefully, collected data, and conducted interviews, and my annual visits to the IBU Youth/Junior World Championships also meant that I was quite familiar with the “greenhorns”. High up from the “Eagle’s Nest” (that’s what Martin Böckle once named our high-altitude announcer booth), I would narrate, describe and commend the feats of JT Boe, Martin Fourcade, but also of Rene Zakhna or Martin Ponsiluoma, of Dorothea Wierer and Anais Bescond, but also of Milena Todorova or Gabrielle Lescinskaite. I would have a truly wonderful team at my side, eloquent and witty commentators, a fantastic fe-

male disc jockey, an attentive producer and many technicians who would ensure that we have the right sound and volume.

TENSION WAS PALPABLE

There was a crackling tension when I first entered the vast area of the South Tyrol Arena in Antholz. The women were training, and I was able to greet Synnøve Solemdal and Anais Bescond right away, and journalists were also waiting at the exit for short interviews, with Kamila Zuk or Emma Lunder. We also made a detour to the wax technicians to be completely immersed in the experience. When Maria Theresa Wurzer handed me the first start list in the racing office, the anticipation and tension grew.

It started with the mixed relay, and the crowd in Antholz went wild right away,

because the home team from Italy won silver. Lisa Vittozzi, Dorothea Wierer, a sensational Lukas Hofer and Dominik Windisch only had to admit defeat to the high-flyers from Norway. I was also happy that the Czech Republic surprisingly won bronze behind them, and I was especially pleased for Ondrej Moravec, with whom I had had extensive conversations in the summer and later again in Obertilliach. There was also a Czech celebration the following day when Lucie Charvatova took bronze in the sprint. The same Lucie I had seen the evening before over a nice cup of cappuccino. In the meantime, Marte Olsbu Roiseland had already won her second gold...

Alexander Loginov won the men’s sprint. The Russian is not popular with every commentator, but as official announcers, my colleagues Stefan, Martin,

Günther and I gave credit where it's due and commended the excellent performance of the world champion. We are reporters, not judges, and I felt sorry for "Sasha" afterwards when he had to face several allegations at the press conference.

WHEN THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Then came Sunday. Did my family have a sixth sense in coming to the World Cup exactly on that day? Because at 1:29 p.m., the biathlon world in Antholz turned upside down. Dorothea Wierer, the once so shy athlete from Niederrasen, crowned herself IBU World Champion in the pursuit competition. "Doro" triumphed on the course where she had practiced her first cross-country skiing steps, where she had shot many thousands of times - this despite all the external pressure, and she was celebrated exuberantly. I also lost my voice, I have to admit honestly, for I had known Doro as a young whippersnapper.



And now this...

The men's title for Emilien Jacquelin almost got lost in the excitement, even though the Frenchman's final round, where he even beat Johannes Boe, falls into the category of sporting highlights.

The second week started again with gold for Italy. And once again, it was Dorothea Wierer who was able to put on the most sought-after precious metal. With a powerful effort in a class of its own, the home biathlete secured a 2.2-second lead in the individual competition over Vanessa Hinz from Germany, who was cheered on just as frenetically by the large crowd - just as there was also applause for Ariuntungalag Enkhbayar from distant Mongolia. This enthusiastic support is characteristic of the biathlon fan base.

Martin Fourcade was the winner of the men's individual, in which Dominik Landertinger of Austria gave additional proof of his tremendous level with third place - and my announcer colleague Stefan Steinacher (also Austrian) was unstoppable up in the Eagle's Nest. As I said, we not only commentate on biathlon, we also live it...

WE LIVE BIATHLON

I take away three things above all from the single mixed relay: the fifth medal for Marte Olsbu, the "resurrection" of Germany's Franziska Preuss and Erik Lesser, and the warm hug with Anais Bescond, who had won bronze with Emilien Jacquelin and therefore brushed up the otherwise meager yield of the "French girls" a little.

Then came the day of the "half gold medal". In the women's relay, Lisa Vittozzi and Dorothea Wierer had raced - and shot - to a lead of almost a minute at half-time. But then it started to go wrong for the "Squadra Azzurra", and in the end, there was only a tenth place to show for their effort. Norway again secured gold at the front, ahead of Germany and Ukraine.

On the men's side, the otherwise out-

standing Norwegians met their match. It was the French who wiped out a 19-year World Cup losing streak and stormed to the title in a fascinating competition that saw the Germans in the lead for a long time, but then experienced the fantastic comeback of Quentin Fillon Maillet and Johannes Thingnes Boe. And the "Marseillaise" reverberated through the South Tyrol Arena.

FANTASTIC ENDING

On the final day, like 20,000 other enthusiastic sports fans, I was completely wound up again when Dorothea Wierer was the first to leave the stadium after the last shooting in the women's mass start competition. "That's gold," some commentators shouted, but Doro was running out of gas in the tank. Behind her, Marte Olsbu Roiseland launched an attack again, snatched "Doro" up and crowned herself the absolute queen of this fantastic World Championship in Antholz: seven starts, seven medals! There was a silver again for Wierer, and the lovely Hanna Oeberg of Sweden was finally able to celebrate precious metal in third, after having previously finished fourth several times. No wonder there were many tears flowing there too...

At the very end, the secret "biathlon king" Johannes Boe also secured his individual gold medal. Behind him, two Frenchmen dashed across the finish line to the medals: Quentin Fillon Maillet and Emilien Jacquelin, whom I afterwards rightly called the "fox" because of his tactical cleverness.

Then it grew quiet, the sun disappeared on the horizon, the lights went out, and the technicians switched off the system - but not before Liz Puschan let Eros Ramazzotti play again: "Un'emozione per sempre". That was Antholz 2020. In every sense. |

 Luis Mahlknecht

 Petr Slavik

"THE SKY IS THE LIMIT" FOR MARTE

After prioritising the IBU World Championships Antholz-Anterselva 2020 this season, **MARTE OLSBU ROEISELAND** aims for the IBU World Cup Total Score next winter





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Antholz 2020 provided plenty of narratives to highlight the 2019/2020 biathlon season, but Marte Olsbu Roeiseland's seven medals in as many competitions was definitely among the most impressive ones. The Norwegian had never won an individual medal at the IBU World Championships before this year, changing that rapidly on the Italian biathlon temple of Anterselva: after seizing gold in the opening mixed relay, she took the women's sprint, won bronze in the pursuit and in the individual, and claimed gold in the single mixed and women's relays as well as in the final mass start.

It was a dream-like fortnight for the Olympic silver medalist from the Olympic Winter Games Pyeongchang 2018, who had to battle past criticism to find her best form in February. But for someone who built her career step by step, this was not a problem. These successes cannot but motivate her to set even higher goals for the seasons to come.

BIATHLONWORLD The first question is the most obvious one: a few weeks later, have you realized what you achieved in Antholz-Anterselva?

MARTE OLSBU ROEISELAND Antholz was just crazy. Never in my dreams did I imagine that I could win 7 medals, of which 5 were golds! It was just unbelievable, and even though it has already been a few weeks – I still cannot believe what actually happened. Everything is just so surreal.

So much has happened in these few weeks. On one hand, I'm very grateful that I got to experience this amazing World Championships in Antholz. It is such a beautiful place, and it was just a perfect World Championship. But then, on the other hand, you know what kind of situation Italy is facing today with the COVID-19 virus. It is just devastating and sad. My thoughts and prayers are with

the Italian people, and everyone else suffering from the virus. I hope the biathlon family and their loved ones stay healthy during these uncertain times. Sports become nothing when facing a pandemic, and we all have to work together to end it, but we will come out stronger than before.

BW Five gold and two bronze medals – it is probably hard to pick one or two moments, but which one stands out the most for you?

MOR Yes, it is hard to choose which moment stands out, as they all were incredible for me – but winning the sprint was an amazing feeling. To win an individual gold medal in the World Championships was my main goal this season. So, when I managed to achieve my big goal in the first individual race, it was just unbelievable. I have worked so hard and sacrificed so much to be able to fight for that gold... so when I realized that I was the winner – oh wow, the best feeling ever! And after that, I felt like the rest of the Championship was just a bonus, so I just decided to enjoy every moment and have fun (which I did). But I also have to say that the relay with my girls was a highlight. We came into the relay as the big favourites after winning all the relays in the World Cup, and then we managed to defend the gold from last year. That was a great win, not only for us, but for the whole team: coaches, waxers and the whole support team around us. It's always a great feeling to win with your team. And then the mass start – what actually happened there? I don't remember all the



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“Always taking small steps along the way, always being challenged – but also feeling a sense of achievement. It’s been a nice journey.”

details from the last lap (I was SO tired). But when I suddenly saw Doro [Dorothea Wierer A/N] on the hill and my coaches kept screaming I could take her—it was just crazy. Doro and I had been fighting for the whole Championships, and there we were: so close to the end of the event and both so tired. I found some powers I didn’t know I had, and crossing that finish line – with medal number seven – oh, that felt good. But what a good fight (and hopefully good entertainment for the people in the stadium). Those are very good memories to look back on.

BW Your season started well in Oestersund. When did you feel that you needed to take an extra week off to prioritize the IBU World Championships? How did you come to that decision?

MOR This was always a part of the plan that I made together with my coach at the beginning of the season. I had to make tough priorities and do what was

best for me if I wanted to fight for an individual gold medal in Antholz. I learned a lot from last year’s Championship in Oestersund, where I felt I didn’t have the necessary surplus to give the little extra you need to be fighting at the very top. So, I skipped some races to be better prepared and give myself a better chance to achieve my big dream: to become an individual World Champion.

But I must admit – after the good season start, it was hard to go home instead of going on with the World Cup circuit with the others. But I knew I had to trust my plan and stay confident that I did everything I could to be prepared in the best possible way for the IBU World Championship.

I did actually receive quite a few criticisms from the Norwegian media for skipping the stage in Anney Le Grand Bornand, so when I got the individual gold (and one just amazing Championship), I gave

all the critics who doubted me a good answer. It was definitely worth all the criticism and comments I received if the result was achieving what I did.

BW This year we interviewed your teammate Ingrid, and she said she struggled a lot by being sent straight to the World Cup instead of going through the IBU Cup. Your journey was the opposite, as it really went step by step. Looking at it now, do you think it helped you?

MOR Every athlete is different and rarely has the same journey, so there is not really a solution that is the best way. That being said, I’m very happy for the experience and the step-by-step journey I had (and that is still going on). By going through the system, first the National Cup, then the IBU Cup before the World Cup, step by step, you are more likely to be able to feel a sense of achievement on the way – that again motivates you to keep improving. At least this is what happened to

me. Always taking small steps along the way, always being challenged – but also feeling a sense of achievement. It's been a nice journey.

BW Looking at the past again, the IBU World Championships in Oslo were a key moment of your career. You told us in an interview with IBU TV that anchoring the team to gold made you believe in yourself more. Do you think that relays can be a great support in the career of an athlete?

MOR Yes, the IBU World Championships in Oslo were definitely a turning point in my career. This was the first time I ever anchored, and we were all so nervous. No one, and I really mean no one, really believed we had a chance – but look

what happened! This is biathlon, and one of the reasons why we love it so much. You never know the outcome.

After that relay, the whole Norwegian team became more confident. We knew we were good enough, we just had to believe it. We really worked together as one team. Even though biathlon is mostly an individual sport, you are also so dependent on having a good team and support system around you. That makes the relays so special and always something the team prioritises. So yes, I definitely think relays can be a great support in the career of an athlete – at least it has been for me.

BW This step-by-step improvement got you to your first BMW IBU World Cup win last season and these fantastic World Championships this winter. What's next for you?

MOR The sky is the limit! But I don't think I will continue as a biathlete until I reach the sky! [laughs]

But I'm hoping to continue with my improvement and taking some more steps along the way. Next season I will put more focus on the Total Score, and not go all-in for the World Championship like

I did this season – but I'm already starting to plan ahead for the Olympic Games in 2022.

BW It was quite a memorable season for the Norwegian ladies, with the relay being undefeated, your successes in Antholz, and Tiril so close to the overall. What do you think was the key for these results?

MOR I think the key is hard work over the years. After Tora Berger retired in 2014, we had to build a team step by step, and every year the team got a bit better (and wiser); and then suddenly in 2019/2020, we are undefeated. It has been a great journey for the team as well.

BW Also, you, Tiril and Doro left a mark on this season like no one else. What's with 1990 girls?

MOR What's not with 1990 girls? The best year, obviously! No, I think maybe that's a bit of a coincidence that we all are born in 1990. But yeah – a good season for the three of us. Age and experience have probably been a good help along the way (but it's a bit scary to know that we are all turning 30 this year...)! **I**

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NORWAY WINS TIGHT FIGHT FOR GOLD Norwegian anchor JT Boe started his leg with a 0.3 second lead over Italy and stretched it to 15.6 seconds by the finish to give Norway the IBU World Championships Mixed Relay gold medal in 1:02:27.7. The winning team with Marte Olsbu Røiseland, Tiril Eckhoff, and brothers Tarjei and JT Boe used seven spare rounds. The silver medal went to the Italian home team with six spares, 15.6 seconds back. The Czech Republic won the bronze medal using just two spare rounds, 30.8 seconds back.

DAY 1 13.02.2020
MIXED RELAY

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EXTRA SHOT With the festive atmosphere reaching its climax after Italy won silver at the mixed relay competition, Lisa Vittozzi, Dorothea Wierer, Lukas Hofer and Dominik Windisch must have felt like rock stars walking among adoring fans congratulating them for an historic achievement. The mixed relay silver was namely the first-ever medal won by Italians on home ground after six editions of the IBU World Championships in Italy; Antholz-Anterselva 2020 is the seventh.

THE DAY IN SOCIAL MEDIA



DAY 1 13.02.2020
MIXED RELAY



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I indeed competed at the IBU World Championships in Antholz-Anterselva in 2007 and I remember cheering on Michal Slesinger, who won two individual medals. It is amazing to still be here, to win this bronze medal at the stage of the career I am at. I would like to thank my teammates for putting us in this position." Ondrej Moravec, who competed in the third leg for the Czech mixed relay team.



FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

26
NATIONS

WEATHER CONDITIONS


TEMPERATURE
0.3 °C

SNOW CONDITIONS

HARD PACKED
VARIABLE
TEMPERATURE
-2.3 °C

MIXED RELAY 4 X 6 KM (W+M)

1. NORWAY	NOR	0+7	1:02:27.7	
ROEISELAND Marte Olsbu, ECKHOFF Tiril, BOE Tarjei, BOE Johannes Thingnes				
2. ITALY	ITA	0+6	1:02:43.3	+15.6
VITTOZZI Lisa, WIERER Dorothea, HOFER Lukas, WINDISCH Dominik				
3. CZECH REPUBLIC	CZE	0+2	1:02:58.5	+30.8
KRISTEJN PUS. Eva, DAVIDOVA Marketa, MORAVEC Ondrej, KRČMAR Michal				
4. GERMANY	GER	1+11	1:03:16.9	+49.2
PREUSS Franziska, HERRMANN Denise, PEIFFER Arnd, DOLL Benedikt				
5. UKRAINE	UKR	1+7	1:03:23.8	+56.1
MERKUSHYNA Anastasiya, DZHIMA Yuliia, PRYMA Artem, PIDRUCHNYI Dmytro				

ROEISELAND CROWNED AT LAST Norway's Marte Olsbu Roeiseland, despite one standing penalty, skied her way to victory in the women's sprint at the IBU World Championships in Antholz-Anterselva in 21:13.1. The Norwegian's medal was her first-ever individual IBU World Championships medal. Susan Dunklee of the USA, one of only four women to shoot clean, won the silver medal, 6.8 seconds back, after heading into the last loop with the best time after the second shooting. Lucie Charvatova of Czech Republic, with one penalty, had her first-ever individual podium and won her first-ever IBU World Championships medal, picking up the bronze medal, 21.3 seconds back.



DAY 2 14.02.2020
SPRINT WOMEN



EXTRA SHOT The Biathlon Family celebrated Valentine's Day on a large scale, all thanks to Clare Egan and her idea. Anybody was able to buy a flower for three euros and write a note attached to that flower. As the Biathlon Family is relatively big, Clare's Valentine's Day turned out to be a big success.



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FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

102
ATHLETES

WEATHER CONDITIONS


TEMPERATURE
3.3 °C

SNOW CONDITIONS

HARD PACKED
VARIABLE
TEMPERATURE
-1.2 °C

SPRINT WOMEN 7.5 KM

1.	ROEISELAND Marte Olsbu	NOR	0+1	1	21:13.1	
2.	DUNKLEE Susan	USA	0+0	0	21:19.9	+6.8
3.	CHARVATOVA Lucie	CZE	1+0	1	21:34.4	+21.3
4.	PIDHRUSHNA Olena	UKR	1+0	1	21:38.7	+25.6
5.	HERRMANN Denise	GER	2+1	3	21:43.6	+30.5
6.	VITTOZZI Lisa	ITA	2+0	2	21:50.7	+37.6
7.	WIERER Dorothea	ITA	1+1	2	21:52.1	+39.0
8.	PREUSS Franziska	GER	1+1	2	21:53.9	+40.8
9.	FIALKOVA Ivona	SVK	0+1	1	21:57.3	+44.2
10.	GASPARIN Aita	SUI	0+0	0	21:57.5	+44.4



QUOTE OF THE DAY

„I didn't feel so good today on the track, but it is really nice that I can start in Yellow on Sunday, in front of my home crowd. There was so much adrenaline after yesterday; we went to bed after 1 am this morning, but it is good like this, medals should be celebrated.“ Italian Superstar Dorothea Wierer after finishing 'just' seventh in the sprint.



THE DAY IN SOCIAL MEDIA



DAY 2 14.02.2020
SPRINT WOMEN



DAY 3 15.02.2020
SPRINT MEN



LOGINOV WINS SPRINT Russia's Alexander Loginov shot clean to win the men's sprint and his first-ever IBU World Championship gold medal in 22:48.1. France's Quentin Fillon Maillet, the fastest athlete on skis, had one penalty and won the silver medal, 6.5 seconds back. His teammate Martin Fourcade, shooting clean, took the bronze medal, 19.5 seconds back.



EXTRA SHOT

The Big 2 discussing the competition.



DAY 3 15.02.2020 SPRINT MEN

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am very, very happy to be back on the podium, and with a medal from the IBU World Championships after last year's disappointment at the IBU World Championships in Oestersund. It is also very special to share this medal podium with Quentin." Martin Fourcade

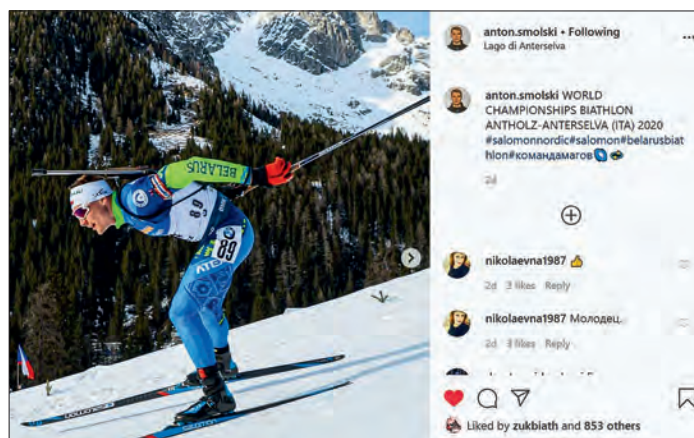
FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES 107 ATHLETES	WEATHER CONDITIONS TEMPERATURE 5.5 °C	SNOW CONDITIONS COMPACT TEMPERATURE 0 °C
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SPRINT MEN 10 KM

1. LOGINOV Alexander	RUS	0+0	0	22:48.1	
2. FILLON MAILLET Quentin	FRA	1+0	1	22:54.6	+6.5
3. FOURCADE Martin	FRA	0+0	0	23:07.6	+19.5
4. BOE Tarjei	NOR	0+0	0	23:10.6	+22.5
5. BOE Johannes Thingnes	NOR	1+0	1	23:12.0	+23.9
6. JACQUELIN Emilien	FRA	0+1	1	23:17.9	+29.8
7. PEIFFER Arnd	GER	0+0	0	23:27.8	+39.7
8. HORN Philipp	GER	1+1	2	23:32.5	+44.4
9. LEITNER Felix	AUT	0+0	0	23:40.2	+52.1
10. PIDRUCHNYI Dmytro	UKR	0+1	1	23:44.5	+56.4

THE DAY IN SOCIAL MEDIA





WIERER BECOMES A LEGEND Italy's Dorothea Wierer locked in a gold medal after a long battle with Sprint World Champion Marte Olsbu Røiseland of Norway. Wierer came away with a single penalty in the last standing stage while her rival had two, sealing the IBU World Championships Pursuit gold medal in her home stadium, the first female biathlete ever to do so. Germany's Denise Herrmann, with three penalties, out-skied Olsbu Røiseland in the last loop to win the silver medal, 9.5 seconds behind Wierer. Olsbu Røiseland finished in the bronze spot, also with three penalties, 13.8 seconds back.



DAY 4 16.02.2020
PURSUIT WOMEN



EXTRA SHOT Ivona Fialkova of Slovakia had the week of her career (so far) as she finished ninth in the sprint and sixth in the pursuit, shooting 27/30, or 90%, for the two days. Her average shooting accuracy before the IBU World Championships in Antholz-Anterselva was 76% for the 2019/2020 season, but she has shown glimpses of greater potential over a few competitions in December and January.



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FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

60
ATHLETES

WEATHER CONDITIONS


TEMPERATURE
6.8 °C

SNOW CONDITIONS

COMPACT
TEMPERATURE
0.1 °C

PURSUIT WOMEN 10 KM

1. WIERER Dorothea	ITA	0+0+0+1	1	29:22.0
2. HERRMANN Denise	GER	1+0+1+1	3	+9.5
3. ROEISELAND Marte Olsbu	NOR	1+0+0+2	3	+13.8
4. OEBERG Hanna	SWE	0+0+2+0	2	+22.3
5. HINZ Vanessa	GER	0+1+0+0	1	+26.8
6. FIALKOVA Ivona	SVK	2+0+0+0	2	+35.7
7. PREUSS Franziska	GER	0+1+0+1	2	+40.6
8. HAUSER Lisa Theresa	AUT	0+0+0+1	1	+51.4
9. BENDIKA Baiba	LAT	2+0+0+0	2	+1:03.2
10. GASPARIN Aita	SUI	0+1+0+0	1	+1:07.4



QUOTE OF THE DAY

Dorothea Wierer was going for the win from the start after a slightly disappointing 7th place in the sprint, where the consolation prize was regaining the coveted Yellow Bib. "I was really happy to race today because I had much better feelings than in the sprint. I felt from the start that today I was in really good shape. So I attacked from the first meters and I was really confident on the shooting even if my zeroing was really bad. I was just trying to enjoy it (wearing Yellow and the win)." Dorothea Wierer



THE DAY IN SOCIAL MEDIA



DAY 4 16.02.2020
PURSUIT WOMEN



DAY 4 16.02.2020
PURSUIT MEN



EMILIEN JACQUELIN'S VICTORIOUS POKER SPRINT

France's Emilien Jacquelin sprinted up the final hill into the Südtirol Arena and held his edge over Norway's JT Boe through the finish line to win the IBU World Championships Men's Pursuit in 31:15.2. The 24-year-old shot clean on his way to his first-ever IBU World Championships medal; prior to winning in Antholz-Anterselva, Jacquelin finished second in the mass start in Anancy-Le Grand Bornand and the sprint in Oberhof. JT, with two penalties, won the silver medal, 0.4 seconds back. Russia's Alexander Loginov, with one penalty, won the bronze medal, 23.9 seconds back.



THE DAY IN SOCIAL MEDIA



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I thought about it. I knew I was about to give a great performance, but to win was more than I expected, it is incredible. I was taking a photo with Johannes after the race; he told me, 'you have to cry and be happy.' I told him I am shy and do not know what to do. It is incredible; it is perfect, a lot of things together!" Emilien Jacquelin

DAY 4 16.02.2020
PURSUIT MEN



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EXTRA SHOT The Champion was fourth, but still as happy for his teammate as if it were his own gold: this is how Martin Fourcade congratulated Emilien Jacquelin. The two are great friends and often train together.



FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

60
ATHLETES

WEATHER CONDITIONS

TEMPERATURE **6.8 °C**

SNOW CONDITIONS

COMPACT
TEMPERATURE **0.1 °C**

PURSUIT MEN 12.5 KM

1. JACQUELIN Emilien	FRA	0+0+0+0	0	31:15.2
2. BOE Johannes Thingnes	NOR	1+1+0+0	2	+0.4
3. LOGINOV Alexander	RUS	0+0+0+1	1	+23.9
4. FOURCADE Martin	FRA	0+ 0+1+1	2	+46.3
5. PEIFFER Arnd	GER	1+0+0+0	1	+53.9
6. BOE Tarjei	NOR	1+0+0+1	2	+1:12.5
7. FILLON MAILLET Quentin	FRA	4+0+1+1	6	+1:25.9
8. DESTHIEUX Simon	FRA	1+0+0+0	1	+1:26.9
9. LEITNER Felix	AUT	0+0+1+1	2	+1:33.0
10. CHRISTIANSEN Vette Sjaastad	NOR	0+0+1+0	1	+1:58.4

DORO D'ORO AGAIN Italy's Dorothea Wierer went from 24th to 17th to 9th to the IBU 15 km Individual World Championships title in the span of just 43:07.7, taking her second gold medal in Antholz-Anterselva. Wierer had two penalties in the first two stages on her way to becoming the first Italian woman to win this title. Vanessa Hinz of Germany won her first-ever individual IBU World Championships medal, taking silver with one penalty, a mere 2.2 seconds back. Marte Olsbu Røiseland won the bronze, her fourth medal in these Championships, with two penalties, 15.8 seconds back.





DAY 5 18.02.2020
INDIVIDUAL WOMEN



EXTRA SHOT Galina Vishnevskaya of Kazakhstan was the only athlete who shot 20/20 on a day where wind didn't play a major role, but the expectations on the big occasion did. Vishnevskaya finished seventh, 59.9 seconds behind the winner, Dorothea Wierer of Italy.



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FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

100
ATHLETES

WEATHER CONDITIONS


TEMPERATURE
4.7 °C

SNOW CONDITIONS

COMPACT
TEMPERATURE
0.1 °C

INDIVIDUAL WOMEN 15 KM

1. WIERER Dorothea	ITA	1+1+0+0	2	43:07.7	
2. HINZ Vanessa	GER	0+0+0+1	1	43:09.9	+2.2
3. ROEISELAND Marte Olsbu	NOR	0+1+0+1	2	43:23.5	+15.8
4. OEBERG Hanna	SWE	1+0+0+1	2	43:46.4	+38.7
5. PREUSS Franziska	GER	2+0+0+0	2	44:11.1	+1:03.4
6. HOJNISZ-STAREGA Monika	POL	0+0+0+2	2	44:17.8	+1:10.1
7. RIEDER Christina	AUT	0+0+0+1	1	44:28.3	+1:20.6
8. DAVIDOVA Marketa	CZE	1+1+1+0	3	44:38.4	+1:30.7
9. VISHNEVSKAYA Galina	KAZ	0+0+0+0	0	44:39.1	+1:31.4
10. KRISTEJN PUSKARCIKOVA Eva	CZE	0+0+1+0	1	44:40.3	+1:32.6



QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It is really great for me. I did not see this (coming) because I had one, one and I was not sure if I could make some zeroes, because I was shaking a lot, especially in the standing shooting. The last loop was really hard. One moment I was thinking, ‘Silver—it would be great for me.’ And then I was thinking, ‘You have to fight; you have to win.’”
Dorothea Wierer, usually full of chatter, seemed almost speechless for a moment.



THE DAY IN SOCIAL MEDIA



DAY 5 18.02.2020
INDIVIDUAL WOMEN



DAY 6 19.02.2020
INDIVIDUAL MEN



FOURCADE TIES BJOERNDALLEN WITH 11TH GOLD France's Martin Fourcade took control after the first standing stage, then dominated the rest of the men's 20 km individual competition to win the IBU World Championship gold medal for the fourth time in this discipline. The Yellow Bib finished in 49:43.1 after missing only one shot, his last one of the day. Norway's JT Boe, with two penalties, won the silver medal, 57 seconds back. Dominik Landertinger of Austria won the bronze medal with one penalty, 1:22.1 back.



EXTRA SHOT Leif Nordgren of the USA shot his first-ever 20/20 for eighth place, by far his biggest achievement (so far). He was the only athlete out of 103 that finished the highly entertaining competition without a missed shot.



DAY 6 19.02.2020
INDIVIDUAL MEN



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FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

105
ATHLETES

WEATHER CONDITIONS


TEMPERATURE
1.6 °C

SNOW CONDITIONS
COMPACT

TEMPERATURE
0.0 °C

INDIVIDUAL MEN 20 KM

1. FOURCADE Martin	FRA	0+0+0+1	1	49:43.1	
2. BOE Johannes Thingnes	NOR	1+0+0+1	2	50:40.1	+57.0
3. LANDERTINGER Dominik	AUT	0+0+0+1	1	51:05.2	+1:22.1
4. FAK Jakov	SLO	0+1+0+0	1	51:13.3	+1:30.2
5. WEGER Benjamin	SUI	0+1+1+0	2	52:08.6	+2:25.5
6. BOE Tarjei	NOR	0+1+0+2	3	52:16.7	+2:33.6
7. FILLON MAILLET Quentin	FRA	1+1+2+0	4	52:17.7	+2:34.6
8. NORDGREN Leif	USA	0+0+0+0	0	52:47.4	+3:04.3
9. DALE Johannes	NOR	1+2+0+1	4	53:03.2	+3:20.1
10. SAMUELSSON Sebastian	SWE	0+1+1+0	2	53:18.4	+3:35.3

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I actually wanted to finish my career after the competitions in Annecy-Le Grand Bornand, for I felt my body simply doesn't respond as it should. I did a very thorough medical examination during the Christmas break and the doctors found out that part of my small abdominal muscles and gluteus muscles are not functioning as they should, as a consequence of my back operation from three years ago. I started with intense and very targeted physiotherapy and it gradually got better. This medal is overwhelming for me. It is way beyond anything I was expecting here!" Dominik Landertinger





ROEISELAND AND JT BOE WIN Norway's JT Boe and Marte Olsbu Røiseland teamed up to win the gold medal in the IBU World Championships Single Mixed Relay. The winning duo used just six spare rounds in their 43:19.9 victory. The German team with Franziska Preuss and Erik Lesser won the silver medal with five spare rounds, 17.6 seconds back. Emilien Jacquelin came back in the last standing stage to win the bronze medal for France, Anais Bescond and himself, with four spare rounds, 29.8 seconds back.

DAY 7 20.02.2020
SINGLE MIXED RELAY



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FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

30
NATIONS

WEATHER CONDITIONS


TEMPERATURE
1.4 °C

SNOW CONDITIONS

COMPACT

TEMPERATURE
0.0 °C

SINGLE MIXED RELAY

1. NORWAY	NOR	0+6	34:19.9	
ROEISELAND Marte Olsbu, BOE Johannes Thingnes				
2. GERMANY	GER	0+5	34:37.5	+17.6
PREUSS Franziska, LESSER Erik				
3. FRANCE	FRA	0+4	34:49.7	+29.8
BESCOND Anais, JACQUELIN Emilien				
4. SWEDEN	SWE	0+7	34:55.1	+35.2
OEBERG Hanna, SAMUELSSON Sebastian				
5. SWITZERLAND	SUI	0+9	35:00.5	+40.6
HAECKI Lena, WEGER Benjamin				



QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It is really special for me. It is just in my heart; that is how I am. I really like the teamwork and the possibility to share the podium together.” Anais Bescond, after her seventh IBU World Championships relay medal

THE DAY IN SOCIAL MEDIA



DAY 7 20.02.2020
SINGLE MIXED RELAY



DAY 8 22.02.2020
RELAY WOMEN



MARTE FLIES NORWEGIAN FLAG TO (ANOTHER) GOLD Marte Olsbu Røiseland shot clean in the last standing stage to secure the gold medal for Norway in the IBU World Championships Women's 4 X 6 km Relay in Antholz. Olsbu Røiseland, Synnøve Solemdal, Ingrid Landmark Tandrevold and Tiril Eckhoff, with one penalty and nine spare rounds, took the top spot in 1:07:05.7. Germany, with Denise Herrmann's strong anchor leg, won the silver medal with nine spares, 10.7 seconds back. Ukraine, with eight spare rounds, won the bronze medal, 18.4 seconds back.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I was so glad when I hit that last shot in the standing and took the lead. I was so happy for the team...Hanna and I were first and second and we knew Denise was chasing us. I had to go with all I had. When I hit the last target, I actually thought it was a mistake. So I was going to use the extra and then saw, 'Oh, it was a hit.' I was just super happy." Marte Olsbu Røiseland



EXTRA SHOT Braute, biathlon's most famous moose, did not attend the official IBU press conference after the Norwegian women remained unbeaten in the 2019/2020 season after winning gold. He was watching carefully as his caretaker Ingrid Landmark Tandrevold prepared for the competition.



DAY 8 22.02.2020
RELAY WOMEN

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FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

24
NATIONS

WEATHER CONDITIONS

TEMPERATURE 5.6 °C

SNOW CONDITIONS

COMPACT
TEMPERATURE -0.5 °C

RELAY WOMEN 4 X 6 KM

1. NORWAY	NOR	1+9	1:07:05.7	
SOLEMDAL Synnøve, TANDREVOLD Ingrid L., ECKHOFF Tiril, ROEISELAND Marte O.				
2. GERMANY	GER	0+9	1:07:16.4	+10.7
HORCHLER Karolin, HINZ Vanessa, PREUSS Franziska, HERRMANN Denise				
3. UKRAINE	UKR	0+8	1:07:24.1	+18.4
MERKUSHYNA Anastasiya, DZHIMA Yuliia, SEMERENKO Vita, PIDHRUSHNA Olena				
4. CZECH REPUBLIC	CZE	0+10	1:07:36.8	+31.1
JISLOVA Jessica, DAVIDOVA Marketa, CHARVATOVA Lucie, KRISTEJN P. Eva				
5. SWEDEN	SWE	1+11	1:07:50.6	+44.9
OEBERG Elvira, BRORSSON Mona, PERSSON Linn, OEBERG Hanna				



FRANCE WINS MEN'S RELAY GOLD AFTER 19 YEARS OF WAITING French anchor Quentin Fillon Maillet used two spare rounds in his standing stage but left in the lead and brought France the IBU World Championships Men's Relay gold medal, finishing in 1:12:35.9. Fillon Maillet and his teammates Emilien Jacquelin, Martin Fourcade and Simon Desthieux used just four spare rounds to claim the win, the first IBU WCH Relay title for France since 2001. Norway, the pre-competition favourite, won the silver medal, with one penalty and twelve spare rounds, 2.5 seconds back. Germany won the bronze medal with one penalty and eight spare rounds, 36.2 seconds back.



DAY 8 22.02.2020
RELAY MEN



EXTRA SHOT Miha Dovžan, Jakov Fak, Klemen Bauer and Rok Tršan of Slovenia repeated their great competition from last year's IBU World Championships in Oestersund, finishing fifth in the men's relay, just after the winner France, silver medalist Norway, bronze medalist Germany and fourth-place Russia.



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FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

27
NATIONS

WEATHER CONDITIONS


TEMPERATURE
8.2 °C

SNOW CONDITIONS

COMPACT

TEMPERATURE
0.1 °C

RELAY MEN 4 X 7.5 KM

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|---|-----|------|-----------|---------|
| 1. FRANCE | FRA | 0+4 | 1:12:35. | |
| JACQUELIN Emilien, FOURCADE Martin, DESTHIEUX Simon, FILLON M. Quentin | | | | |
| 2. NORWAY | NOR | 1+12 | 1:12:57.4 | +21.5 |
| CHRISTIANSEN Vetle Sjaastad, DALE Johannes, BOE Tarjei, BOE Johannes Thingnes | | | | |
| 3. GERMANY | GER | 1+8 | 1:13:12.1 | +36.2 |
| LESSER Erik, HORN Philipp, PEIFFER Arnd, DOLL Benedikt | | | | |
| 4. RUSSIA | RUS | 0+9 | 1:14:20.6 | +1:44.7 |
| GARANICHEV Evgeniy, ELISEEV Matvey, PORSHNEV Nikita, LOGINOV Alexander | | | | |
| 5. SLOVENIA | SLO | 0+8 | 1:14:21.7 | +1:45.8 |
| DOVZAN Miha, FAK Jakov, BAUER Klemen, TRSAN Rok | | | | |



THE DAY IN SOCIAL MEDIA




QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It is not about me, it is about the whole French biathlon team and family who waited 19 years for this title. It is really emotional for me. I can remember when the French team won in Pokljuka. I was 12 and you could only hear on the French TV news programme what had happened...It makes me think about the journey since then. It is not about the last title I was missing; it is about the generation before: Jean Guillaume Beatrix, my brother...all the athletes who tried to get that title. We got it with our strongest team. We did not deserve this title; you do not deserve anything in sport. You have to take it! I am proud of my team, my nation, and I am proud that I was one of them.” Martin Fourcade

DAY 8 22.02.2020
RELAY MEN



DAY 9 23.02.2020
MASS START WOMEN



MARTE DOES 7/7 WITH FIFTH GOLD! Norway's Marte Olsbu Røiseland, known for her brilliantly fast last loops, pulled off the biggest one of her career, hunting down Italy's Dorothea Wierer to win the IBU World Championship Women's Mass Start gold medal. The Norwegian, in 22nd position and over a minute behind after two penalties in the prone stages, cleaned both standing stages to win her fifth gold medal in 39:14. Wierer, with three penalties, won the silver medal, 20.7 seconds back. Sweden's Hanna Oeberg, after two 4th and one 5th places in these Championships, won the bronze medal with three penalties, 26.1 seconds back.



EXTRA SHOT Hanna Oeberg, the day after she was crushed after she let the Swedish women's relay slip away at the last shooting.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am so happy; at the start of the competition I was so tired and I was falling behind (22nd). I said, 'Okay, be happy, you had a good Championships; just keep going.' Then I started hitting in standing. Suddenly I was up there chasing the Gold. If anyone had told me that before the start, I would not have believed them." Marte Olsbu Roiseland



DAY 9 23.02.2020
MASS START WOMEN

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FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

30
ATHLETES

WEATHER CONDITIONS


TEMPERATURE **8.6 °C**

SNOW CONDITIONS

COMPACT
TEMPERATURE **0.0 °C**

MASS START WOMEN 12.5 KM

1. ROEISELAND Marte Olsbu	NOR	1+1+0+0	2	39:14.0
2. WIERER Dorothea	ITA	1+0+1+1	3	+20.7
3. OEBERG Hanna	SWE	1+0+0+2	3	+26.1
4. HOJNISZ-STAREGA Monika	POL	0+0+1+1	2	+29.1
5. SIMON Julia	FRA	0+0+0+2	2	+45.1
6. YURLOVA-PERCHT Ekaterina	RUS	0+0+1+1	2	+52.0
7. ECKHOFF Tiril	NOR	0+1+1+2	4	+1:00.2
8. PREUSS Franziska	GER	0+0+2+1	3	+1:00.3
9. HAUSER Lisa Theresa	AUT	0+1+1+0	2	+1:02.5
10. BESCOND Anaïs	FRA	0+0+1+2	3	+1:21.3



JT BOE WINS MASS START IN GREAT STYLE Shooting 20/20 and controlling the competition as only the greatest of champions can, Norway's JT Boe won the IBU World Championship Men's Mass Start gold medal in 38:09.5. Quentin Fillon Maillet of France won the Silver medal with three penalties and the fastest skiing time, 42 seconds back. His teammate, Pursuit World Champion Emilien Jacquelin, won the Bronze medal with two penalties, 55 seconds back.

DAY 9 23.02.2020
MASS START MEN



EXTRA SHOT Quentin Fillon Maillet was the fastest skier among the men at the IBU World Championships in Antholz-Anterselva, setting the best times in the sprint, individual and mass start.



FACTS & STATS

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

30
ATHLETES

WEATHER CONDITIONS


TEMPERATURE
6.2 °C

SNOW CONDITIONS

COMPACT
TEMPERATURE
0.0 °C

MASS START MEN 15 KM

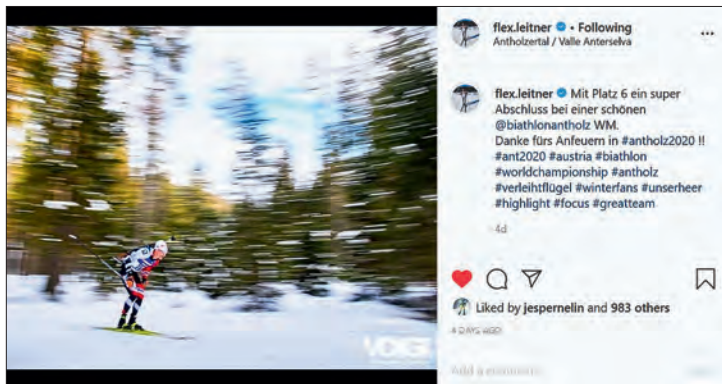
1. BOE Johannes Thingnes	NOR	0+0+0+0	0	38:09.5
2. FILLON MAILLET Quentin	FRA	1+0+1+1	3	+42.0
3. JACQUELIN Emilien	FRA	1+0+1+0	2	+55.0
4. BOE Tarjei	NOR	0+0+1+1	2	+55.6
5. DESTHIEUX Simon	FRA	0+0+0+1	1	+1:03.7
6. LEITNER Felix	AUT	1+1+1+0	3	+1:06.7
7. FOURCADE Martin	FRA	1+1+0+1	3	+1:13.1
8. DALE Johannes	NOR	0+0+2+1	3	+1:17.1
9. EBERHARD Julian	AUT	0+2+2+0	4	+1:19.6
10. KUEHN Johannes	GER	1+0+2+1	4	+1:25.2



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think I could have won with one in the last standing. But winning with a perfect race today is quite emotional. Our skis today...I was so impressed by the wax techs for the whole Championships, but today I felt really strong and also had good skis...I felt good all the way." JT Boe

THE DAY IN SOCIAL MEDIA



DAY 7 20.02.2020
MASS START MEN

A TRUE CHAMP



EMILIEN JACQUELIN went from the nice kid nobody at the top feared to the nice kid who can beat them all

CHAMPION IN THE MAKING

Emilien Jacquelin of France changed his approach to world-class biathlon at the end of last season and put all his motivation behind his vast potential. A year later, he is IBU World Champion in the pursuit, winner of the Small Globe in pursuit and one of the few athletes who dares to take on JT Boe on any given day. In the last competition of the season, he wore the red bib as the leader in the pursuit standings and Martin Fourcade, his idol, friend and teacher, yellow. He says this is the greatest souvenir he will ever take from biathlon.

BIATHLONWORLD This was a breakthrough season for you. How would you summarise it?

EMILIEN JACQUELIN Yes, for sure, it's a real breakthrough. I don't know if

a lot of biathlete followers expected this, but for me, this year, I knew I was able to give a great performance. I worked really hard, I changed a lot of things, I even ate differently. But in fact, I felt really good all summer and winter. Mentally, I just felt great, with less stress and just pleasure. Pleasure to do what I love, with no doubt and no fear. Just being myself.

BW You were Rookie of the Year in the 2017/2018 Olympic season, and then last season, you had your first full-time season at the BMW IBU World Cup level. How do things change when you join the BMW IBU World Cup full-time, both physically and psychologically?

EJ *The first thing is that two years ago, I was not able to do a full-time season with great performance. My shape and my mentality were moving up and down way too often. I didn't train enough to be able to be as strong as the best guy. Last year,*

our team changed coaches, with Vincent Vittoz and Patrick Favre, and I understood what "high level" is. I worked harder than ever; I remember in September I felt really tired, I trained too much and I didn't recover enough to continue the training. I went to Vincent's room, and we talked about my preparation, and I asked him if I could train less than the other guys because I was empty. He just told me, "Emilien, the high level is not for everybody, maybe you just can't do it." For me, it was a terrible speech from a coach to his athlete. But it was the truth. So, I asked myself if I really want to continue this way, if I believe in my chances. The answer was YES. Since that day, I tried to change. Work harder and believe in myself.

For sure, living a full-time season at the BMW IBU World Cup level teaches you how to manage a season with all these ups and downs. You have to be, every



day, at every race, at your best. Last year was tough for me. I knew that I was a better athlete, but I didn't have too much confidence that I was good enough. So, since the 1st of May, 2019 and my comeback to training, I told myself: "OK, let's do this; no fear, just work, and it will pay off. So I'm really glad that I was right."

BW What did you learn at the end of the last season (2018/2019)?

EJ After this amazing season for the French team, with 4 guys in the top 11, I wanted to be one of them. Many people told me, "24th in the Total Score? Congrats! You are strong! Don't worry, you are young." It was not the thing I wanted to listen to, and I didn't believe it. I wanted more. I was just really frustrated about my season.

BW How did you approach the 2019/2020 season? With what mindset? And what technical changes or advances did you apply?

EJ My mindset was really easy

as a slogan: "Work, believe, and dare." The work is the most important thing, to believe in yourself and your goals. To dare is my way to believe and reach my goals. I was more focused on what I ate, on my stretching. In shooting, I had more certainty about myself and how I have to shoot, to shoot well and fast. In fact, I just tried to be myself and be ok with that. I

didn't want to try to shoot like somebody else or slower than I did. I think that being in congruence with myself helped me a lot. On skis, the goal was to be more powerful and ski longer than I had before. I lost 4kg and gained some power, thanks to strength training. It was really easier for me to be good on roller skis, in climbing, and at the end of the day, to increase my

speed. But I always have a lot of work to do to be faster.

BW How challenging is it to qualify for the French team?

EJ It's great, really great! Without the high level in the French team, I couldn't be at this level!! It's great for everybody!

BW When did you start to feel that you are getting close to the best in the world, and how did that affect your confidence?

EJ Since Ostersund, I felt it. For me, it's the hardest track. Two years ago in the Individual, I finished 37th with 19/20. After a good sprint and an amazing Individual, I knew I was getting

I worked harder than ever; I remember in September I felt really tired, I trained too much and I didn't recover enough to continue the training. I went to Vincent's room, and we talked about my preparation, and I asked him if I could train less than the other guys because I was empty. He just told me, "Emilien, the high level is not for everybody, maybe you just can't do it."

closer. But at the Mass Start in Le Grand Bornand, I felt it. I was surprised to be as fast as Quentin or Martin in horrible conditions – maybe for them it was luck, but for me it wasn't.

BW You became a World Champion at the IBU World Championships in Antholz, beating JT Boe with a very smart finish. Can you take us through the competition? When did you decide you will use your cycling experience?

EJ The last lap was the craziest I've done. My head was full of things. Between dreams, reality, pain and courage, fear and daring. During this last lap, maybe two times, I told myself, "Being second, that's enough, I will be proud." But when Johannes let me pass, something changed in my head; I understood that I can be active and even dictate the last lap, I can believe in myself, with no fear. So my reaction was to tighten my shoes, as a sprinter does, like, "Ok, I'm ready for

the fight." So I watched him, looked back to see if he wanted to attack; I decided to attack one time, he took more speed than me at the tunnel but almost fell; I saw I am still 1st—at the corner, I knew I will win. It was not my legs or my head that decided it, but the child I was. For sure, I used cycling track experience. It was emotional for me, because my older trainer in cycling track died a few months ago... For sure, these tactics didn't help me to be a good cyclist, but to win a title in the World Championships...

For the story, at the Giro [d'Italia] in May, it was a friend, Nans Peter, who won the stage at Antholz. Both children who realized dreams.

BW Martin Fourcade was almost as proud as you after you won a gold medal. What is his role in your development/progress?

EJ So much. To tell the truth, Martin is not someone who gives a lot of advice. I

think, for him, young guys like me need to improve themselves alone, not with help. But we've trained together for 6 years now, I'm like his best fan since my teenage years! So you can imagine how it feels to train with him.

He taught me the rigour you need at every training to be good. One day he told me, "In races, I set aside my pleasure; the important thing is performance." It was the opposite of how I was thinking. But after this year, I understand what he wanted to tell me.

So, I can't count all the days we trained together, the hard training, the good training, all the days I told myself, "He is crazy", but he is the greatest biathlete. I'm really proud to have raced with him. This last race, together with the yellow and red bib, is the biggest souvenir of my career.

BW Biathlon is an individual sport, but teams travel together, and the friendship seems real. Where do you draw the



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line between friendship and competitiveness?

EJ I think it's really tight. But we all know what we want. We all know how this sport is difficult, and if one day you are strong, the following day can be the worst. Nobody is arrogant, so there is a lot of respect for each other. We are very lucky to have this friendship.

BW How do you expect the dynamics within the French team to change without Fourcade?

EJ I don't know; I asked myself a few times and I don't have answers. We have one of the greatest French teams ever, that's a fact, but we lost our leader. How will we manage that? We are all intelligent boys, so I don't think there will be tension to be the new leader or whatever. But as always, if you want a team to work well and progress, you need a leader. I'm sure that the "older" guys like Quentin, Simon, Antonin will do it. With Fabien, we just have to follow them :).

There is no problem in the French team because we ac-



Martin Fourcade taught me the rigour you need at every training to be good. One day he told me, "In races, I set aside my pleasure; the important thing is performance." It was the opposite of how I was thinking. But after this year, I understand what he wanted to tell me.


cept each other as we are. We want the best from all of us, but for sure, we prefer if it's another French guy who is in front of you rather than somebody else.

BW Where do you feel you can improve the most for next season?

EJ I can be faster, ski easier and with more regularity. I can improve a lot in my standing shooting, which was not good enough to fight for the podium every time. My biggest challenge is now to train without Martin, alone in Villard De Lans. Two years ago, Jean Guillaume Beatrix, Simon Fourcade and friends were there. Now I'm alone. It will be weird. But I accepted the challenge. It will help me to know myself better. |



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DENISE FINDS HER **SPRINTING** **FORM**

HERRMANN GOES 10/10 FOR THE FIRST TIME AND WINS Germany's Denise Herrmann shot 10/10 for the first time in her career to capture the women's 7.5 km sprint in 18:51 in Nove Mesto na Morave. Herrmann's victory was her second of the season; she won the Pokljuka 15 km individual in January, shooting 20/20 for the first time in her career. Anais Bescond of France matched the German on the shooting range but finished second, 27.2 seconds back. Marketa Davidova of the Czech Republic had a memorable day in her home stadium, finishing third with one penalty, 49.7 seconds back.



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JT BOE'S BEST SPRINT OF THE SEASON

Clean-shooting Johannes Thingnes Boe of Norway led from the moment he left the starting gate until he crossed the finish line, winning the men's 10 km sprint at Nove Mesto na Morave in 24:56.8. France's Quentin Fillon Maillet also shot clean but finished second, 22.8 seconds back. Tarjei Boe of Norway, in third place, matched the top two on the shooting range, 1:01.1 back. Yellow bib Martin Fourcade finished sixth with one miss after he broke two poles and had to adapt his standing shoot to a faster style than usual.





NORWEGIAN WOMEN UNBEATEN IN 2019/2020, MEN IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

(AGAIN) The Norwegian team of Karoline Knotten, Ida Lien, Ingrid Landmark Tandrevold and Tiril Eckhoff capped an undefeated relay season, winning the Nove Mesto women's relay with eight spare rounds in 1:09:14.8. France, with one penalty and ten spares, finished second, 28.7 seconds back. Germany finished third, with one penalty and fourteen spares, 57 seconds back. JT Boe used just 10 shots to close his ten targets in this evening's Nove Mesto men's 4 X 7.5 km relay, sealing the victory for Norway in 1:10:02.3. Johannes and teammates Vetle Sjaastad Christiansen, Johannes Dale and Tarjei Boe used just five spare rounds in their wining effort. Ukraine, with their first men's relay podium in 9 years, finished second, also with five spares, 38.2 seconds back. Sweden, with a penalty and eight spares, finished third, 43.3 seconds back.



TIRIL AND JT REPEAT ANNECY - LE GRAND BORNAND, WINNING THE MASS START ON THE SAME DAY

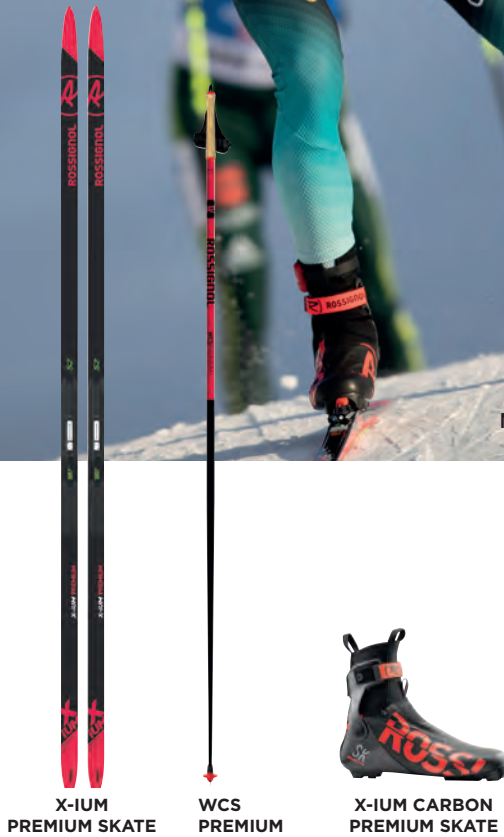
Tiril Eckhoff missed just one of her twenty shots in the NMNM women's 12.5 km mass start for a nearly perfect victory in 34:00.8. The victory was her seventh this season and her second mass start win. Sweden's Hanna Oeberg, also with a single penalty, finished second, 25.3 seconds back. Franziska Preuss of Germany, with one penalty, finished third, 32.4 seconds back. Later that day, JT Boe completed a NMNM hat trick, taking the men's 15 km mass start. The Norwegian star powered his way to victory in the last loop after three penalties, finishing in 39:32.7. France's Emilien Jacquelin shot clean and finished second, 15.1 seconds back, unable to keep up with the Norwegian in that last loop. Arnd Peiffer of Germany, with one penalty, finished third, 25 seconds back.





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JT BOE'S ANOTHER HAT-TRICK

DENISE HERRMANN'S WIN IN THE SPRINT WAS THE ONLY NON - NORWEGIAN IN NMNM.

JT Boe won all three competitions, Tiril Eckhoff found her form again, Dorothea Wierer and Hanna Oeberg fought hard, the French men had a very bad day on the skis in the NMNM mass start, the IBU Cup Total Score winners are known and IBU Junior Cup Total Score are (almost) known.

THE GAME OF MARGINS PLAYED INTO JT BOE'S HAND

Travelling to NMNM JT Boe knew he has not much room. if any for mistakes until the end of the season if he was to have a realistic chance to win the Men's IBU World Cup Total Score title. His laser sharp focus helped him win the sprint with the best 10/10 performance of the season while in the same competition the yellow bib Martin Fourcade broke two poles, skied without a proper pole for quite a bit of loop 3 and then tried to make up

for that with faster standing shooting than usually, missing one shot and with that, a podium. In the mass start (and all four

days in NMNM) the Norwegians had the bombs of the skis whereas French waxing team had the unluckiest decision making



Quentin Fillon Maillet - FRA

day of the season. The great champions he is, JT Boe used his great form and all other circumstances playing into his hands and added 120 points to his World Cup Total Score standings before the last five competitions. That biathlon at the very top is a sport of very small margins said his brother Tarjei after finishing third in the sprint and how true the words of the 2010/2011 Total Score winner turned out to be!

TIRIL ECKHOFF'S FINE - TUNED FEEL FOR BIATHLON IS BACK

True to her emotional nature and the momentum-riding style in biathlon, Tiril Eckhoff found the winning form in NMNM after Antholz disappointments and reconnected with Dorothea Wierer and Hanna Oeberg in the big battle for the Women's World Cup Total Score title. Eckhoff's win in the mass start was her seventh for the



Hanna Oeberg - SWE, Tiril Eckhoff - NOR and Franziska Preuss - GER



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season, together with fifth place in the sprint her shooting percentage was back to pre-IBU World Championships accuracy of 90%. "Tiril is a very emotional person. She arrived at the IBU World Championships after a short illness, in the yellow bib, with big expectations on her shoulders. Although her posture on the shooting range looked absolutely fine from purely technical perspective, her inner feel for shooting was not there. We worked hard to get that feel back," said Norwegian Women's Coach Patrick Oberegger.

WOMEN RELAY'S TEAM NORWAY UNDEFEATED IN 2019/2020

The Norwegian women completed a first ever undefeated sweep without their golden anchor Marte Olsbu Røiseland, home in Norway with illness. They added a new interchangeable part to secure the win, 22-year-old Ida Lien, who went 5-for-5 in prone, used two spares in standing and moved the team up one spot before tagging Ingrid Landmark Tandrevold who set the table for the ultimate victory. Their powerful anchor leg, Tiril Eckhoff filled in admirably; shooting like she did earlier in the season and then skiing her rivals right into the soft snow. Norwegian women always found a way to win and have a lot of fun as the first leg Karoline Offigstad Knotten has put it. **I**

Jaka Lucu

Christian Manzoni

SPRINT WOMEN 7.5 KM

1. HERRMANN Denise	GER	0+0	0	18:51.0	
2. BESCOND Anais	FRA	0+0	0	19:18.2	+27.2
3. DAVIDOVA Marketa	CZE	1+0	1	19:40.7	+49.7
4. EDER Mari	FIN	1+0	1	19:50.0	+59.0
5. ECKHOFF Tiril	NOR	0+2	2	20:02.1	+1:11.1

SPRINT MEN 10 KM

1. BOE Johannes Thingnes	NOR	0+0	0	24:56.8	
2. FILLON MAILLET Quentin	FRA	0+0	0	25:19.6	+22.8
3. BOE Tarjei	NOR	0+0	0	25:57.9	+1:01.1
4. KRČMAR Michal	CZE	0+0	0	26:10.9	+1:14.1
5. FAK Jakov	SLO	0+0	0	26:13.4	+1:16.6

RELAY WOMEN 4 X 6 KM

1. NORWAY	NOR	0+8	1:09:14.8	
KNOTTEN Karoline Offigstad, LIEN Ida, TANDREVOLD Ingrid Landmark, ECKHOFF Tiril				
2. FRANCE	FRA	1+10	1:09:43.5	+28.7
SIMON Julia, BRAISAZ Justine, CHEVALIER Chloé, BESCOND Anais				
3. GERMANY	GER	1+14	1:10:11.8	+57.0
HORCHLER Karolin, HINZ Vanessa, PREUSS Franziska, HERRMANN Denise				
4. UKRAINE	UKR	1+12	1:10:13.3	+58.5
MERKUSHYNA Anastasiya, DZHIMA Yulii, SEMERENKO Valj, PIDRUSHNA Olena				
5. RUSSIA	RUS	1+12	1:10:26.5	+1:11.7
YURLOVA-PERCHT Ekaterina, STARYKH Irina, KUKLINA Larisa, REZTSOVA Kristina				

RELAY MEN 4 X 7.5 KM

1. NORWAY	NOR	0+5	1:10:25.3	
CHRISTIANSEN Vetle Sjaastad, DALE Johannes, BOE Tarjei, BOE Johannes Thingnes				
2. UKRAINE	UKR	0+5	1:11:03.5	+38.2
PRYMA Artem, SEMENOV Sergii, KALENKO Ruslan, PIDRUCHNYI Dmytro				
3. SWEDEN	SWE	1+8	1:11:08.6	+43.3
SAMUELSSON Sebastian, NELIN Jesper, FEMLING Peppe, PONSILUOMA Martin				
4. RUSSIA	RUS	0+7	1:11:12.2	+46.9
ELISEEV Matvey, GARANICHEV Evgeniy, LATYPOV Eduard, KHALILI Said Karimulla				
5. GERMANY	GER	1+10	1:11:22.5	+57.2
SCHEMPP Simon, HORN Philipp, PEIFFER Arnd, DOLL Benedikt				

STARTERS

139 MEN

129 WOMEN

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MASS START WOMEN 12.5 KM

1. ECKHOFF Tiril	NOR	0+0+0+1	1	34:00.8
2. OEBERG Hanna	SWE	1+0+0+0	1	+25.3
3. PREUSS Franziska	GER	1+0+0+0	1	+32.4
4. BRAISAZ Justine	FRA	0+1+0+2	3	+41.3
5. WIERER Dorothea	ITA	0+1+2+0	3	+43.2

MASS START MEN 15 KM

1. BOE Johannes Thingnes	NOR	1+1+1+0	3	39:32.7
2. JACQUELIN Emilien	FRA	0+0+0+0	0	+15.1
3. PEIFFER Arnd	GER	0+0+0+1	1	+25.0
4. PIDRUCHNYI Dmytro	UKR	0+1+0+1	2	+27.9
5. BJOENTEGAARD Erlend	NOR	0+1+0+1	2	+27.9



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CHAMPIONS EMBRACE Martin Fourcade ended his career with a win. He embraced his conqueror and the dominant athlete of the last two seasons JT Boe. The mutual respect of both great champions is one of many beautiful things about biathlon.



FROM KING TO KING



A VERY GERMAN DAY IN THE WOMEN'S SPRINT German teammates Denise Herrmann and Franziska Preuss, both with a single penalty, finished first and second in the snow-blown Kontiolahti women's 7.5 km sprint. Herrmann controlled the competition from the start and was unchallenged in her wire-to-wire 20:00.5 win. Preuss finished 20.1 seconds back. Norway's Tiril Eckhoff, with two penalties, finished third, 32.3 seconds back.







FOURCADE WINS AND WAVES GOODBYE The retiring French star Martin led a French podium sweep in the final competition of his storied career, leading teammates Quentin Fillon Maillet and Emilien Jacquelin across the finish line. Fourcade, with three penalties, took full control after the final standing stage in the men's pursuit, crossing the finish line in 31:25.4. Fillon Maillet finished second with two penalties, 2.9 seconds back. Jacquelin, in third place with four penalties, finished 4.5 seconds back; the third-place finish gave him the World Cup Pursuit Score title and the first small Crystal Globe of his career.



CAREER FIRST FOR JULIA SIMON France's Julia Simon cleaned the last standing in the pursuit, the last competition of the season, and skied to her first-ever BMW IBU World Cup win, waving the French flag as she finished in 30:43.5. Simon, with two penalties, was 17.3 seconds faster than Switzerland's Selina Gasparin, with four penalties, in a season-best second place. Lisa Vittozzi of Italy, also with four penalties, finished third, 20.9 seconds back.



TWO OF THE GREATS SAY GOODBYE

With the situation regarding Covid-19 related pandemic changing almost by the hour the 2019/2020 season closed with thrilling finale.

At the end of the 2019/2020 season, Martin Fourcade and Kaisa Makarainen, two of the greats of biathlon, said goodbye to their sporting careers. Dorothea Wierer and JT Boe won their second consecutive World Cup overall title and Emilien Jacquelin consolidated his status as the breakthrough athlete of the year. Norway prevailed in the relays, biathlon showed a considerable depth beyond the greatest names and consistency as always brought the most glory.

THE LAST JT BOE VS MARTIN FOURCADE EVER

After Martin Fourcade's retirement announcement we now know that we have witnessed the last season of one of the grandest rivalries in biathlon's history. The great Frenchman and his five years younger challenger JT Boe pushed each other to the ever new heights, their styles and personalities different, their quest to be the best biathlete they could possibly be perpetual. Fourcade called their fight for the BMW IBU World Cup Total

Score title (his seventh consecutive) in the Olympic season 2017/2018 the most beautiful of his career. This season he used JT's two weeks of paternal absence in the Trimester 2 to the max and won all four competitions and while Boe won five in the Trimester 1, they fought point for point at the IBU World Championships and to the end of the season before the Norwegian claimed his second Total Score title in a row with just two points difference. Out of 21 competitions this season they have won 17 between them-



Martin FOURCADE - FRA and Emilien JACQUELIN - FRA



Dorothea WIERER - ITA

selves (JT 10, Fourcade 7); they won 126 times between themselves (Fourcade 79, JT 47) in the BMW IBU World Cup.

WIERER'S CONSISTENCY WON HER SECOND TOTAL SCORE

With at least five contenders before the start of the season, the battle for women's BMW IBU World Cup Total Score title proved to be highly dramatic again. Dorothea Wierer started the season in great style but once Tiril Eckhoff hit 20/20 in Hochfilzen for the first time in her career, she got a momentum which lasted through Annecy- Le Grand Borend, partly Oberhof and Ruhpolding and abruptly stopped in Antholz, exactly when Wierer's form peaked again. Eckhoff won seven competitions to Wierer's four in the course of the season, but her swings in form were too extreme to finish the season in yellow bib. Seven points



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SPRINT MEN 10 KM

1. BOE Johannes Thingnes	NOR	0+0	0	22:27.8	
2. FOURCADE Martin	FRA	0+0	0	22:48.9	+21.1
3. JACQUELIN Emilien	FRA	0+0	0	22:50.1	+22.3
4. CHRISTIANSEN Vetle Sjaastad	NOR	0+0	0	22:58.4	+30.6
5. BOE Tarjei	NOR	0+0	0	23:01.8	+34.0
6. DOLL Benedikt	GER	0+1	1	23:01.9	+34.1
7. FILLON MAILLET Quentin	FRA	0+0	0	23:07.5	+39.7
8. DESTHIEUX Simon	FRA	0+0	0	23:08.6	+40.8
9. PEIFFER Arnd	GER	0+0	0	23:16.2	+48.4
10. LAEGREID Sturla Holm	NOR	0+0	0	23:19.7	+51.9

SPRINT WOMEN 7.5 KM

1. HERRMANN Denise	GER	0+1	1	20:00.5	
2. PREUSS Franziska	GER	1+0	1	20:20.6	+20.1
3. ECKHOFF Tiril	NOR	1+1	2	20:32.8	+32.3
4. VITTOZZI Lisa	ITA	0+1	1	20:37.6	+37.1
5. DAVIDOVA Marketa	CZE	0+1	1	20:43.0	+42.5
6. HOJNISZ-STAREGA Monika	POL	0+0	0	20:47.8	+47.3
7. KUKLINA Larisa	RUS	0+0	0	20:48.4	+47.9
8. CHEVALIER Chloe	FRA	1+0	1	20:52.0	+51.5
9. TANDREVOLD Ingrid Landmark	NOR	1+0	1	20:53.1	+52.6
10. GASPARIN Selina	SUI	1+1	2	20:55.7	+55.2

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122 MEN

113 WOMEN

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PURSUIT MEN 12.5 KM

1. FOURCADE Martin	FRA	0+0+1+2	3	31:25.4	
2. FILLON MAILLET Quentin	FRA	1+0+0+1	2	+2.9	
3. JACQUELIN Emilien	FRA	0+0+1+3	4	+4.5	
4. BOE Johannes Thingnes	NOR	0+1+3+0	4	+8.3	
5. PEIFFER Arnd	GER	0+0+1+1	2	+14.1	
6. BJOENTEGAARD Erlend	NOR	0+0+0+0	0	+15.6	
7. LOGINOV Alexander	RUS	1+0+1+0	2	+24.0	
8. PONSILUOMA Martin	SWE	1+0+0+1	2	+29.8	
9. CHRISTIANSEN Vetle Sjaastad	NOR	0+3+0+0	3	+36.5	
10. HOFER Lukas	ITA	0+1+1+1	3	+42.0	

PURSUIT WOMEN 10 KM

1. SIMON Julia	FRA	0+1+1+0	2	30:43.5	
2. GASPARIN Selina	SUI	1+2+1+0	4	+17.3	
3. VITTOZZI Lisa	ITA	1+1+1+1	4	+20.9	
4. MAKARAINEN Kaisa	FIN	1+1+2+0	4	+28.2	
5. HOJNISZ-STAREGA Monika	POL	1+0+0+1	2	+39.8	
6. BRORSSON Mona	SWE	0+0+0+1	1	+42.8	
7. SKOTTHEIM Johanna	SWE	0+0+0+1	1	+44.4	
8. DAVIDOVA Marketa	CZE	1+0+3+1	5	+50.8	
9. PREUSS Franziska	GER	0+4+1+0	5	+56.7	
10. ECKHOFF Tiril	NOR	2+1+0+3	6	+57.2	

more on Wierer's account showed her relentless fight for every point and less oscillations.

JACQUELIN EMERGED AS THE NEW SUPERSTAR IN MAKING

Just like his idol and in his biathlon teacher Martin Fourcade Emilien Jacquelin used last summer to think the things through and reposition himself within powerful French team. He no longer wanted to be just a nice kid, he wanted to be a nice kid who dares to challenge everybody, including Fourcade, other teammates and JT Boe. His talent and self-confidence blossomed to the full in the pursuit at the IBU World Championships in Antholz - Anterselva where he outsmarted JT in the last meters and won gold. "I now know I belong on the podium every single competition if I do things right. Which is not always easy," said Jacquelin, also the winner of the small globe in the pursuit, at the end of the season. With Fourcade gone, him and Quentin Fillon - Maillet will chase JT Boe next season and beyond.

TWO (THREE) NATIONS DOMINATED, BUT THERE IS DEPTH TO WORLD'S BIATHLON

While Norway and France dominated the BMW IBU World Cup in men's field winning 19 out of 21 individual competitions




Emilien JACQUELIN - FRA



Yuanmeng CHU - CHN

and all relays among them and both had 4 athletes in Top 10 in the Total Score standings, there were women from five nations who finished in Top 10 at the end of the season. Germany finished third in the men's nations cup score and second in the women's nations cup score. Overall men from 27 nations and women from 26 nations won world cup points. At the IBU World Championships in Antholz 10 nations one medals. Estonia got their first ever podium in the single mixed relay, Swiss women relay scored first ever (and then more) podium and both Canada relays surprised few times during the season. US team won a medal in Antholz to showcase again that their athletes know how to strike at the biggest event of the season while young team China made big progress with relentless work ethic. **I**

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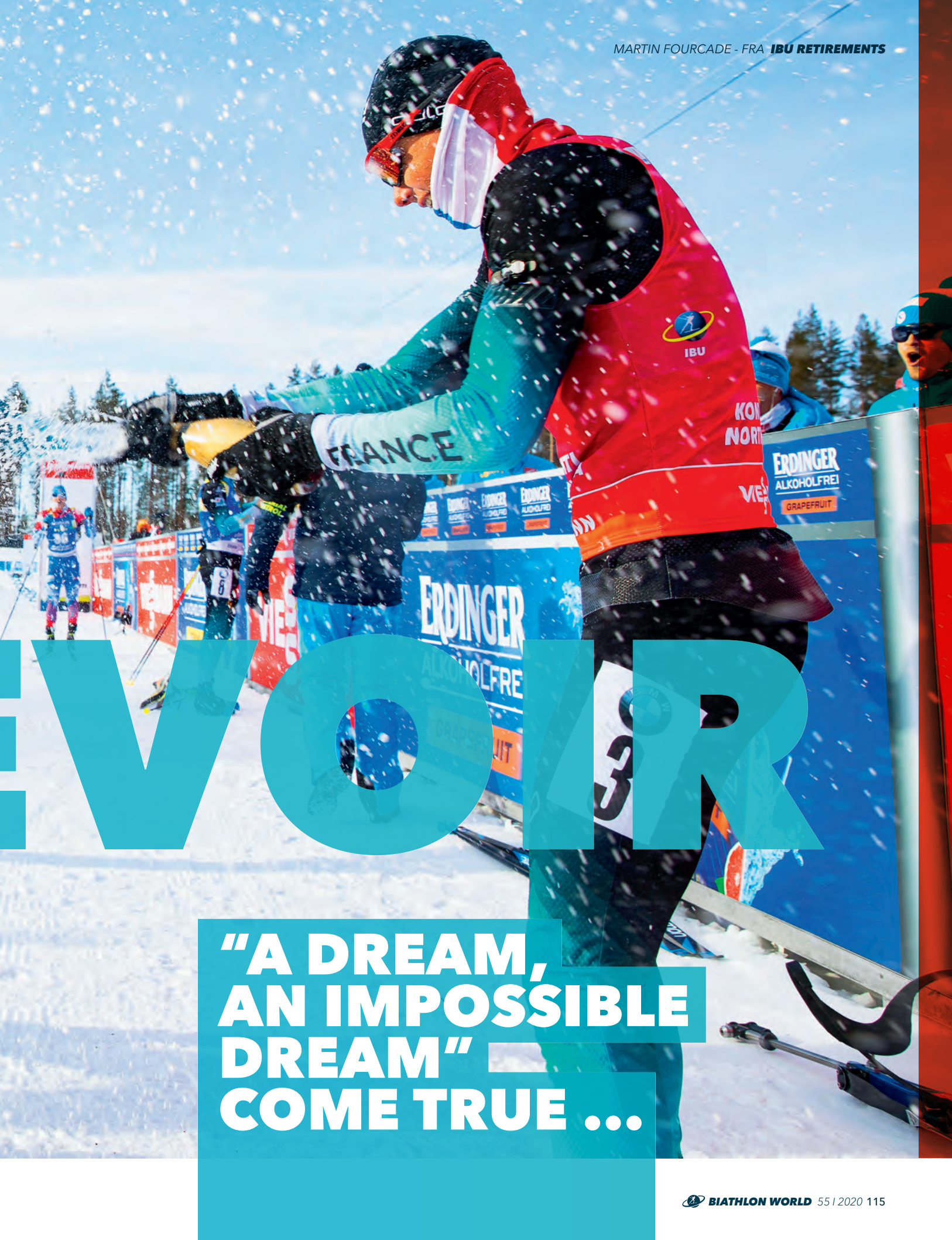
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That is just about as perfect a storybook ending to a career as you can get. Ten years to the day after his first World Cup victory, Martin Fourcade ended his career with another pursuit win in the same stadium. His teammates Emilien Jacquelin and Quentin Fillon Maillet topped that off by finishing second and third. "Ten years ago, back in Vancouver, Vincent Defrasne gave me the relay, and today I am proud I gave it to my mate Emilien; of course, Quentin was really strong. I hope they will give it to a young French biathlete in 10 years."

Fourcade's career was a storybook tale from beginning to end. He said back in 2010 that he did not know how long he would stay in the sport; surely, he was not thinking 10 more years. At that time, the younger Fourcade brother had no idea that he would become the heir apparent to Ole Einar Björndalen and win seven consecutive Men's World Cup Total Score titles, 24 World Cup Discipline small Crystal Globes, seven Olympic Winter Games medals (5 Gold, 2 Silver), 27 IBU WCH med-

als (13 Gold, 9 Silver, 5 Bronze) and have 150 individual podiums in 347 World Cup starts. There is no doubt that Martin Fourcade exceeded the dreams of a young biathlete who "was sure that one World Cup win would be enough for me, one World Championships medal would be enough, and when you win one, you realize that you want two, three, four, five."

DIGITAL AGE SPORTS STAR

Those staggering statistics are not the only things that Fourcade will be remembered for. Martin Fourcade changed the face of biathlon. He became a world-wide sports star in the digital age, expanding his influence and the popularity of biathlon via social media, while being unafraid to speak freely on controversial subjects. He planned as meticulously as Björndalen and changed the sport with his hit-the-targets, shoot-fast, shoot-slow philosophy that has become a mantra of biathlon in the second decade of the 21st century.

Since he suggested the possibility of retirement after the 2020 IBU World Championships a couple of years ago, everyone knew that the Martin Fourcade era was nearing an end. Yet, when the seven-time World Cup Total Score titlist announced that he was leaving after the Kontiolahti pursuit, it shocked the biathlon world. He followed through with one final shining victory, hands held high, a podium jump, champagne, and some well-chosen words, while holding back "tears of joy." Martin Fourcade walked away from biathlon on his terms, as a winner in biathlon and life.

"COMPETITION IS IN MY DNA"

His story is long, as it would be with any champion of his stature. Still, it began humbly with a move to the Pyrenees where his parents "wanted a more quiet atmosphere"; young Martin and older brother Simon initially played hockey but soon found another passion. Martin wanted to be like his brother Simon; "He started skiing and I followed him... My parents wanted us to be happy and that is why we started cross-country skiing. It was not

for competition. Skiing was fun for a long time, but I think competition is in my DNA. Skiing was natural for me, but I was not good at shooting in the beginning. I came to love this because I was not good...and I wanted to be good."

AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM FULFILLED

Young Martin saw his older brother become IBU Junior World Champion and dreamed of becoming a champion himself. "I only wanted to become a champion. It was my dream for years and years; an impossible dream. I only realized that I could be a champion when I was one, when I crossed the line in Vancouver [winning the Mass Start Silver medal at the OWG]." That medal and the inspiration from his brother kick-started the career filled with highlights that everyone knows.

10 YEARS: AN ENDLESS QUEST

With every win, medal, and Crystal Globe, Fourcade's confidence and biathlon skills grew. He followed up the Vancouver medal with his first-ever BMW IBU World Cup victory in the Kontiolahti pursuit. The quest for that first win came earlier, in his first World Cup start in the 2008 Oslo sprint—a very inauspicious one, 61st place with four penalties. "When you win one, you realize that you want two, three, four, five. It is an endless quest."

FASTER

Along with the quest for victories came the endless quest to be the best. Fourcade was a meticulous planner, just like one of the men he idolized, Ole Einar Bjoerndalen. The French star knew what he wanted to do every day. He knew the goals; where he wanted to go and how to get there. Upon finishing a punishing, rainy, solo 20 km up-

hill rollerski session in the Pyrenees four years ago, he made an abrupt U-turn, went a few hundred meters, stopped and hit his watch: "20 seconds faster than last time." That was pure Martin.

THE GOLD STANDARD

Although admittedly not a good shot in his early years, he became the Gold Standard on the range, emulated by and changing the attitude of many of his admiring rivals. Fourcade became the master of hitting the targets. With men like Siegfried Mazet and Franck Badiou behind the scope, Fourcade could shoot as needed in any situation. The mantra was simple: close every target; slow and steady at times and daringly fast when necessary to seal a victory or to intimidate his opponents in a pursuit or mass start. His good friend Simon Schempp explained the Fourcade mystique in a 2017 interview: "One of the secrets to Martin's success is that he has a very stable body..."



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He has a really strong mind...on the shooting range, he has become more consistent in the last two or three years...he is so stable... He really does not seem to need much luck to beat all of the others on any day."

BIG THANKS

Johannes Thingnes Boe, his greatest foe and maybe secretly one of his greatest fans, acknowledged Fourcade's influence after their final battle in Kontiolahti: "Martin pushed everyone here on the start today to be a better biathlete. He pushed me not only to be better in skiing but also the whole biathlon person, and he has given a lot to the sport. We just have to say a big thanks for everything he has taught us."

NEVER A LEGEND

While becoming a champion, Fourcade always remained grounded. He respected his peers and those who preceded him. Every record had meaning and brought out the man's humility. On the day that he hit 100 consecutive days in the Yellow Bib, he also matched his idol Raphael Poirée with 44 World Cup victories. "This is crazy, because today I also joined Raphael Poirée with 44 World Cup wins. That means a lot to

me because I grew up watching him on TV and know how good he was. To join legends, you need to be inspired, and I know how much he inspired me...I do not feel like a legend and never will. I am just happy to win; today was a beautiful competition."

BIATHLON CONNOISSEUR

"A beautiful competition" was how he described many a win. Fourcade was always a connoisseur of biathlon. Each win and every medal was unique. He savored the days when he was unstoppable, but knew when the competition was simply better, respecting his rivals. There was always a deep appreciation for the struggle and the ensuing success. After the 2018/19 season went completely south for him, Fourcade regrouped for what would become his final season. Four consecutive victories when Johannes was out on paternity leave put him back in the Yellow Bib. The resurgence came full circle when Fourcade won the IBU WCH 20 km individual Gold medal. "Last season was really difficult for me. I am so proud that I succeeded to be back and to fight against my doubts, my nightmares. Today, being World Champion means a lot for me, probably much more than any time before."

HE BECAME A WORLD-WIDE SPORTS STAR IN THE DIGITAL AGE, expanding his influence and the popularity of biathlon via social media, while being unafraid to speak freely on controversial subjects. He planned as meticulously as Björndalen and changed the sport with his hit-the-targets, shoot-fast, shoot-slow philosophy that has become a mantra of biathlon in the second decade of the 21st century.

That Gold medal was not just another ho-hum win, but something much deeper in the soul of Martin Fourcade. He savored every moment that day.

MEMORY OF A LIFETIME

Fourcade was more than just a sports champion, role model, and icon over his career. He loves the outdoors and the beauty that he had the privilege of training in every day. His social media is filled with shots of nature at its best, summer, winter, spring and fall. He dotes on his family, especially his daughters. A couple of years ago, his older daughter Manon asked why he did not bring her a medal. The next day, he won, admitting that he was taking it to her. At the same time, like many of his peers, he would pass on a medal to an adoring kid, making that child's day, giving him the memory of a lifetime.

THE ESSENCE OF MARTIN

Maybe that is the essence of Martin Fourcade. He gave us a lifetime of amazing memories. He came from a country with a proud biathlon past, but little general interest in biathlon. Yet he was the catalyst that made the BMW IBU World Cup in Annecy Le-Grand Bornand a resounding success; then he attracted 40,000 fans to his Martin Fourcade Nordic Festival, a premier event founded around his charisma. When Kaisa Mäkäräinen got a call from Fourcade, inviting her to the inaugural event, the Finn's response was simple: "It was Martin calling;



I quickly checked my schedule. How could I say no?" Ski poles held high as he crossed the finish line became his trademark along with the podium jump...and those triumphant but infrequent fist pumps, signaling a huge win. Appreciating and congratulating his teammates' and rivals' successes with heartfelt hugs was as important as the victories.

"BEAUTIFUL WAY TO FINISH"

There is so much that can be said as Martin Fourcade wraps up his career. However, he said it best: "I am proud that I achieved all that I did and proud that I discovered myself along the journey. Today is just a beautiful way to finish it...It has been a dream. I am proud and happy to leave; if there are tears, they will be from joy."

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CLOSING OUT A CAREER AT HOME

Not many athletes get the opportunity to close out their career at home, but one shining star in the biathlon world did exactly that on March 14, 2020: Kaisa Mäkäräinen. It did not happen as planned, in a stadium filled with adoring fans, but in an eerily empty one, filled only with cheering teammates and rivals. The Finnish star said that day, “I did not expect that it would happen here in my home stadium. But we cannot choose all the steps in our life and finally, I am happy that it happened here.”



ONE OF THE GREATEST

The women's pursuit on that season-ending day closed the career of one of the all-time greatest female biathletes. The numbers alone speak for themselves: 431 World Cup starts over a 15-year career, 3-time Women's World Cup Total Score winner, 6 Women's World Cup Discipline Crystal Globes, 85 World Cup podiums, 27 victories, 5 IBU WCH medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze). However, when Mäkäräinen's dogged competitiveness, charm and personality that endeared her to fans everywhere are added to the

equation, it is obvious that one of the greatest of all time left the sport that day.

In recent years, the BMW IBU World Cup season would end, and the word on retirement from Mäkäräinen would be, "I will decide in a few weeks." Then as her fans, rivals and teammates waited with bated breath, she would post a photo message of her first ride or taking out her skis. There would be a huge sigh of relief: Kaisa would return for another year. But this spring, the decision was made. Kaisa hung up her skis and rifle. "Queen Kaisa" retired and abdicated her throne.

BORROWED RIFLE: A BEGINNING

Like Martin Fourcade, who also retired on the last competitive Saturday of the 2019/2020 season, the Finnish star's retirement leaves a gaping hole in the biathlon world. It seems like Mäkäräinen has been

around forever; well, she has been in the sport for a while. As a young cross-country skier, she skipped a week of university to watch the 2003 IBU World Championships on television. "I do not know why I was that interested then. I called the biathlon club in Kontiolahti. I asked them if they had any rifles that I could use and a coach who could teach me how to shoot. That is how my biathlon career began." As they say, the rest is history...

35 YEARS ON SKIS

Mäkäräinen was in the Nordic skiing business for many years, about 35 of her 37 years to be exact. "I just learned how to walk when I got my first skis; maybe I was just 2 years old. They were like normal winter boots. My parents taught me how to ski. We lived in the countryside with long winters. There was nothing else to do."

ART OF THE PURSUIT

That baby skier became a woman with a ski speed that was feared by everyone who was in front of her in a pursuit competition. Back in 2012, after winning her only IBU WCH Gold medal in the pursuit the previous year, she commented on the art of the pursuit: "I like being behind somebody. I like having a person in front of me that I can catch on the range or on the loop...I do not always win, but for me, second or third in a pursuit is also good."

Everyone who follows biathlon remembers a day when she either put on a show by starting first and then running away with the victory, or came back after a couple of missed shots to cross the finish line in one of the top spots. Mäkäräinen had 13 career pursuit victories, with 33 of her 85 career podiums coming in that discipline.

ESSENCE OF KAISA

The pursuit is kind of the essence of Kaisa; always fighting, always working to get better, right until last weekend, when she ended her career with a typically inspiring effort, going from 18th to 4th, just missing the podium in her career swansong. "Passion and the challenge is a good descrip-





tion of how I feel about biathlon. Everyone should have a little challenge that pushes them a little harder and makes you realize that the best things do not come easy."

DOUBLE-DIGIT RESULTS

Biathlon really did not come easy for this lady. Her early World Cup career is filled with double-digit results until December 15, 2007, when she claimed her first podium—second place in the Pokljuka sprint, 9.2 seconds behind the French legend Sandrine Bailly and 11.5 seconds faster than Germany's future Golden Girl Magdalena Neuner. Before that day, many people watching her thought, "Great skier, but probably never a great biathlete." How wrong they were. Mäkäräinen was filled with Finnish *sisu*. "When you start shooting at the age of 20 and go to the World Cup two years later—it was surely tough in the beginning. I am happy that I got good results every now and then in those years."

SISU AND THE BIG CRYSTAL GLOBE

Sisu is the determination, tenacity, and resilience that kept her in the game; there were only four other podiums after that first one until the magic season when she

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won her first of three Women's World Cup Total Score titles and that big Crystal Globe in 2011. Although she had walked away with two medals in the IBU WCH at Khanty Mansiysk (Sprint Silver, Pursuit Gold) the previous week, the big Crystal Globe was not determined until the final mass start at Holmenkollen. Mäkäräinen, in and out of the Yellow Bib several times during the season, was in a fight-to-the-finish with eventual runner-up Andrea Henkel, Magdalena Neuner, Helena Ekholm and Tora Berger. At the finish of the Oslo mass start, Mäkäräinen lay in the snow, not knowing whether her 15th place was good enough for the big prize. Yet, when the dust settled, the Finn was 33 points ahead of Henkel. In her typically understated manner, she said, "I have always dreamed about a season like this." While appreciating the medals, she emphasized the importance of the Crystal Globe: "Medals are from just one race, but the Overall World Cup is the sum of the whole winter."

DETERMINATION TO IMPROVE

Behind her success was her total determination to constantly improve. Throughout her career, she worked with and relied on her personal coach Jarmo Punkkinen, but was also bold enough to pick the minds of other coaches like the USA's Armin Auchtentaller. "I like working with Armin. I talked with him for many years in the World Cup. I do not know how it started. He has always been really friendly and open to me, even in the winter. I appreciate that a lot." Last summer, she admitted that improvements were still possible, but that stability was equally important. "I always want to improve my shooting; [and] I want to stay on the level I am in ski time. I cannot really improve that much in skiing, but I still have to work a lot to stay on the same level."

IN LOVE WITH ... SÜDTIROL

Every summer when teams started their training camps, Mäkäräinen and her fiancé would pack their car and head south, main-

ly to Italy, but also at times to Austria, Germany and last summer, France. She adores the Südtirol. "(The best part is the) food and mountains... the food is the biggest reason why I prefer the Italian side over the Austrian side. I realized a couple of years ago that I had so much more energy to train when I ate well here." On her annual tour, she worked solo and then connected with a team. In 2017, she said of Auchtentaller's Swiss team: "It is nice being with a team, especially a happy team like the Swiss. They have a really good atmosphere and I feel very comfortable with them... the Swiss girls are really good and fast shooters. We do a lot of different group training and that is important. On the physical side, Selina (Gasparin) is a bit ahead of the others and I can offer her and the others some good challenges... In this case, we all win."

ENDEARING PERSONALITY

Kaisa's charm was simple: she was the unconventional champion, no cookie-cutter public relations robot, but a confident

"PASSION AND THE CHALLENGE IS A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF HOW I FEEL ABOUT BIATHLON.

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woman with an endearing personality. She smiles a lot, but still has that reserved Finnish temperament, never quite revealing everything on her mind. Yet when she won or was on the podium, the smile was electric; she celebrated. She cried and covered her face when the unexpected victories came her way. Those moments captivated legions of fans. She was always gracious and appreciative of her good fortune. Af-

ter a dry spell in the middle of the 2018/19 season, Mäkäräinen got back on the podium in the Antholz sprint and admitted she had not been sure she would ever return. "It feels almost like my first podium. Seriously, after so many really hard weeks for me; it was almost hard to believe I would ever come back here, but I tried to focus on my training and doing things as well as I can... it feels really, really good."

"THIS IS MY LIFE"

Not many people are as satisfied with their lives as Kaisa has been in the later years of her career. She explained last summer, "I still enjoy this; I like to do this. This is my life. It is my choice to do this at age 36. Sometimes, I feel people are a little like...asking me politely, 'Why don't you do something else; you have probably had your best years.' Not a lot of people can choose what they want to do, but if you can, then it is your life to live."

TEAR-FILLED FINISH

Her final biathlon competition endeared Kaisa to the world once again, as she battled hard but finished fourth. Tears filled her eyes, as she knew it was her last finish line, at home in Kontiolahti. "I am happy that it happened here... I will miss my friends that competed here with me all these years. It is a special biathlon family. I will miss them the most." She hugged and cried a long time with friend and teammate Mari Eder, posed for some photos with the team and walked away gripping a bouquet of flowers.

Hanna Oeberg leaned over to Kaisa and said, "I will miss you." Everyone will miss her...Kiitos Kaisa! **I**

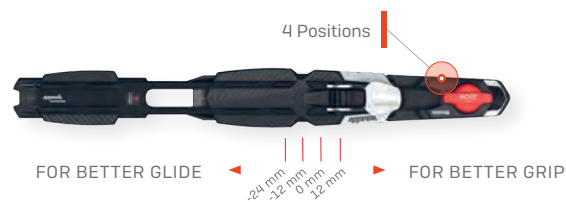
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LEAVING BIATHLON BEHIND...

BEYOND MARTIN AND KAISA

Biathlon is more than just the biggest stars like Martin Fourcade and Kaisa Mäkäräinen. The sport is filled with athletes who devote years to their craft, reach personal milestones and then move on. Best wishes and good luck to everyone who retired this spring.

MICHAL SLESINGR OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC, like Kaisa Mäkäräinen, had the unique opportunity to retire in his home stadium after the men's relay in Nove Mesto na Morave. Yet like his Finnish counterpart, there was some sadness and regret. "I was expecting to say goodbye to all of the fans; it is not going to be that easy, anyway," he said, surveying the empty Vysočina Arena. Still, his teammates, volunteers and peers cheered and saluted Slesingr for his sterling career that helped shape biathlon in the Czech Republic. Mention of his over-20-year career caught him off guard: "You should have not said that; it is a long time!" His was a career that many athletes would envy: 422 World Cup starts, a World Cup win and 11 more individual podiums as well as 7 relay/mixed relay podiums, 3 IBU WCH medals including Mixed Relay Gold, 4 Olympic Winter Games teams, 2002 IBU Junior World Pursuit Champion and 6 additional IBU JWCH medals.

SO MANY PEOPLE: "SOMETHING I COULD BE PROUD OF" Slesingr's career really kicked into gear when he won Silver and Bronze medals at

the 2007 IBU WCH in Antholz. "That was the moment when I realized that I could compete with the best athletes." His medals started the rise of the Czech biathlon revolution that made him, Gabriela Koukalová, Ondrej Moravec and Veronika Vitkova stars at home. More than 100,000 fans flocked to Nove Mesto to see them. "Biathlon was never one of the top sports in the Czech Republic...people thought I was one of those guys who runs and rides bicycles...I never expected so many people would come. It was mind-blowing! Being a part of that is something that maybe I could be proud of."

JOKES, FAMILY AND ADVENTURE SPORTS

The Czech veteran's retirement is a loss of a fun-loving teammate who asked fans for jokes that he could share with his teammates during his last World Cup weekend; he got over 200 responses. "We will have some fun with these." At the same time, leaving biathlon will give Slesingr more time for his wife Petra, horseback riding with his two daughters, and of course, his hobbies of skydiving, base jumping and flying.

Walking away after so many years, he admitted, "I will miss the challenges we had, and the people...If you are a competitor, you simply like to compete against the others. I will have to find some other ways to compete..."



MICHAL SLESINGR CZE

FRANCE'S CELIA AYMONIER came to biathlon after competing in cross-country for several seasons including the 2014 Sochi OWG. Although her biathlon career was relatively short, Aymonier became a mainstay on the French team after just a single IBU Cup in 2015 through the end of the past season. In her five seasons, she won an IBU WCH Relay Bronze medal and was on the podium with the French women's relay team nine times. A career highlight, in addition to competing in Pyeongchang 2018, was surely being on the winning mixed relay team at the Soldier Hollow World Cup in 2019, where she took the tag from long-time boyfriend Simon Desthieux. That day, Desthieux commented, "This was our first time (together on a mixed relay); I am happy to have this (experience) with Celia."

The 29-year-old left biathlon appreciating her career and the opportunities it brought. "Self-knowledge is how I make sense of my career. Sport has allowed me to master the wheel of my boat by teaching me who I am, where I want to go and what I want to do. The various crossings, stops, storms, and lulls have been of rich teaching; I have grown, evolved, and it made me stronger... I want to thank the people who supported me on this adventure; it is so nice to be appreciated and well-surrounded."

CELIA AYMONIER FRA



NADINE HORCHLER GER

GERMANY'S NADINE HORCHLER is one of the almost unheralded journeyman biathletes who toil on the IBU Cup circuit, hoping to get called to the BMW IBU World Cup. Horchler was more than

lucky in that respect. She got a good number of World Cup starts, but also grabbed the Golden ring on the World Cup carousel: a victory in the 2017 Antholz Mass Start, surging past Gabriela Koukalová on

the final uphill into the stadium with teammate Laura Dahlmeier finishing second. Horchler said that day, "I enjoyed being on the podium, but I still have not realized it...It's unbelievable to sit between Laura and Gabi." Her roommate Dahlmeier was as thrilled as if she had won. "It's a really great moment to be on the podium with a teammate. I think this is a great moment for Nadine."

That shining moment was not the only one in Horchler's career. She had six IBU Cup individual victories, including the IBU OECH Sprint title in 2016. Almost every season, she was in the mix for the Women's IBU Cup Total Score title. In 2016, she reached that IBU Cup pinnacle, claiming the big Crystal Globe as well as the IBU Cup Women's Sprint Score globe. Commenting before her last competition this past February, she said, "I look back with a crying eye (after 20 years in biathlon and 14 as a professional) that it is really over now, and with a happy eye on the eventful and great time."

MARIO DOLDER OF SWITZERLAND hung up his rifle and skis at the end of the season, after announcing his retirement at the IBU WCH. Dolder was a regular member of the Swiss men's relay team throughout his World Cup career that started back in 2011. During that time, he competed in seven IBU World Championships as well as the Pyeongchang OWG. His career bests include an IBU Youth WCH Sprint Bronze medal in 2009 and sixth in the 2017 Östersund Sprint. Regarding his retirement, he said, "After 14 years as a professional athlete, I decided to end my career and take a new path. Over the past few years, I've had wonderful moments and emotions. In biathlon, joy and sorrow are so close. I can say that I have experienced all of the emotions the sport can offer."

MARIO DOLDER SUI



EMILY DREISSIGACKER USA

EMILY DREISSIGACKER OF THE USA also closed her career as this season ended. The 31-year-old, who started her biathlon career at the age of 26, competed on both the IBU Cup and World Cup circuits. During that time, she was on the US team in two IBU WCHs and at the 2018 Pyeongchang OWG. She led off the US women's relay team in Nove Mesto for her final BMW IBU Cup appearance. Dreissigacker was a great teammate according to Joanne Reid: "You could have delighted in my failures, but you did not. You cheered me up...Your choice to see the world this way, to act this way, makes you one of the most compassionate heroes I have ever called my teammate."

JUNIOR STARS LEAVING

Two stars from the junior level also walked away from the sport recently. **2012 IBU JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL AND PURSUIT WORLD CHAMPION CHARDINE SLOOF**, who competed for the Netherlands early in her career, and most recently for Sweden, retired at the age of 27.

23-year-old **MYRTILLE BEGUE OF FRANCE**, winner of the Women's Junior Cup Total Score in 2017, decided to leave biathlon. Begue also won five IBU YJWCH medals in her career, including Junior Relay Gold in 2018 at Otepää.

CHARDINE SLOOF NED



MYRTILLE BEGUE FRA



SYNNOEVE SOLEMDAL OF NORWAY Another long-time World Cup veteran, Norway's Synnøve Solemdal stepped away from biathlon after 194 World Cup starts in an 11-season career. Solemdal was an unheralded "good teammate" who filled a crucial spot on medal-winning relays. Although she had just one individual BMW IBU World Cup victory in her five podiums, Solemdal left the sport with 14 relay and 8 mixed relay podiums. An excellent prone shot, she was typically the leadoff leg for the Norwegian women.

In that spot, she won five IBU WCH women's relay Gold medals and one Bronze, plus two IBU WCH mixed relay Gold medals. Her last gold came with Tiril Eckhoff, Ingrid Landmark Tandrevold and Marte Olsbu Roeiseland this season at Antholz.



SYNNOEVE SOLEMDAL NOR

Beyond the medals and two OWG appearances, she had two other career high points. In her 2013 Hochfilzen pursuit win Solemdal topped clean-shooting Yulia Dzhima by 11 seconds; in the 2017 Oestersund women's 15 km individual, she finished second, again was one spot ahead of Dzhima. The 2017 podium was an impressive feat, considering she had missed the previous season with an unknown illness. "Second place is beyond all my dreams... It's crazy (to be on the podium)... last year I was watching these races. I was really tired and I didn't train for over a month in November and December.



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VERONIKA VITKOVA became the second big name on the Czech Republic team to retire this year, after the earlier departure of Michal Slesingr. She left the sport last week, citing a lost season due to unknown breathing problems that hindered her performance and now a child due later this year. Vitkova admitted that she will now focus on family, not sport.

BREAKTHROUGH AS A 19-YEAR-OLD Vitkova was a big part of the spectacular rise of the Czech biathlon powerhouse team that started making headlines and medals in the 2012/2013 BMW IBU World Cup season. Yet her story and promise of biathlon success started much earlier when she won the IBU Youth WCH Gold medal in the individual competition.

MIXED RELAY MEDALS The 2013 IBU WCH at home in Nove Mesto na Morave kicked off her three best seasons, where she placed ninth, fourth and eighth in the World Total Score. Prior to those Championships, she picked up her first individual BMW IBU WC podium with third in the Oberhof sprint. The big breakthrough came when she, Gabriela Kouka-lová, Jaroslav Soukup and Ondrej Moravec teamed up for The IBU WCH Mixed Relay Bronze medal front of more than 20,000 screaming Czech fans. Vitkova added Olympic Mixed Relay Silver the next season, the IBU SBWCH Mixed relay Gold medal the following summer, and then crowning her career with the IBU Mixed Relay World Championship title at Kontiolahti in 2015. She was the reliable leadoff leg in the mixed relay and usually the anchor on the Czech Republic women's relay where she had ten BMW IBU World Cup podiums.

DOMINIK LANDERTINGER OF AUSTRIA ended his career that started back at the IBU YJWH in Haute Maurienne France in 2004, where as a 15 year-old, he competed against a young Emil Hegle Svendsen and Jakov Fak among others. Landertinger started and ended his BMW IBU World Cup career with a bang, winning the title of IBU Mass Start World Champion at Pyeongchang in 2009 and closing his career with a Bronze medal in the 20 km individual in Antholz this year. Those two achievements would be beyond the wildest dreams of many athletes, but for Landertinger; they are among the many highlights of a sterling career.

CINDERELLA STORY Landertinger's 2009 IBU World Championship win was the Cinderella story that year.

DOMINIK LANDERTINGER AUT

He came out of the last standing stage. Five seconds behind the legendary Ole Einar Bjoerndalen and Russia's Ivan Tcherезov. The unheralded Austrian then blew away his veteran rivals to claim the Gold medal with teammate Christoph Sumann taking the Silver medal, but 8.9 seconds back. That achievement plus a relay Silver medal the next day kick started his career that would see him on the podium 18 times in individual competitions and 22 times in relays. One of the many career

highlights was anchoring Austria to an IBU World Championships Relay Bronze medal at his home Hochfilzen stadium in 2017.

FIVE MONTHS: HOSPITAL BED TO OLYMPIC PODIUM That medal was among the four Olympic Winter Games medals and five IBU WCH medals in his trophy case. His 2018 Olympic 20 km individual Bronze medal was among the most surprising of his career. Over the years, Landertinger has been through multiple injuries and surgeries, but on September 2017, he had major back surgery; for the next 10 weeks, he could not train or even pick up his rifle to dry fire. Five months and one day later, he shot clean and was on the podium in Pyeongchang. He commented, "It was so hard to get this medal; so much work coming from zero...: It was amazing, unbelievable. I thought there was no chance, but then I had that perfect day."



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BMW IBU WORLD CUP TOTAL SCORE 24.

BMW IBU WORLD CUP POINTS 268

BMW IBU WORLD CUP BEST INDIVIDUAL PLACES

8. SPRINT NOVE MESTO NM - CZE

13. SPRINT ANTHOLZ-ANTERSELVA - ITA (WCH)

14. INDIVIDUAL ANTHOLZ-ANTERSELVA - ITA (WCH)

STATISTICS

SHOOTING 78% (prone 73% / standing 82%)

SKIING - 1%

WORLD CUP STARTS 24

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Christian Manzoni



ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2019-2020
NIKITA PORSHNEV RUS

BMW IBU WORLD CUP TOTAL SCORE 39.
BMW IBU WORLD CUP POINTS 130

BMW IBU WORLD CUP BEST INDIVIDUAL PLACES


- 11. INDIVIDUAL** ANTHOLZ-ANTERSELVA - ITA (WCH)
- 18. MASS START** ANNECY LGB - FRA
- 21. SPRINT** ANTHOLZ-ANTERSELVA - ITA (WCH)

STATISTICS

SHOOTING 82% (prone 85% / standing 79%)

SKIING 0%

WORLD CUP STARTS 21

 Christian Manzoni

MATURING INTO A WORLD-CLASS BIATHLETE

PHILIPP HORN SHOWED BIG PROGRESS IN 2019/2020

At the IBU World Championships in Antholz - Anterselva, the German biathletes had to settle for bronze in the relay this time. Nevertheless, there was a special ray of hope for the German Ski Association (DSV). In his BMW IBU World Cup debut, Philipp Horn demonstrated that he can at times ski as fast as the Norwegian biathlon star and winner of the BMW IBU World Cup Total Score, JT Boe. The Thuringian, who is also the youngest member of the World Cup team, thus matured into a new white hope.



The surprise came at the opening of the title bouts in South Tirol from the perspective of the German ski association. There aren't many who finish eighth in their BMW IBU World Cup debut. Philipp Horn managed to do it in the sprint. There was even more to it, too. In terms of ski speed, he was only six tenths of a second slower than the high-flyer of the last few years, JT Boe. Without two penalties in the sprint, it would have been almost enough for the podium. Horn, the 25-year-old biathlete from Frankenhausen in the Thuringian Forest, could not and did not want to believe it.

The greenhorn of the German team surprised everyone. It wasn't just the sprint, either; in the relay too, he delivered a hard duel against Martin Fourcade and preserved a chance for the IBU World Championship title up until his handoff. Horn made the most of his IBU World Championships nomination in the high altitude of Antholz. While Lesser still got to start at the World Cup after his strong performances at the IBU Cup and unexpectedly won silver in the single-mixed relay, Horn did more than take advantage of his chances at the World Championship this winter. His first complete World Cup season, which he ended in 18th place overall, was also remarkable.

HEAD COACH HAPPY WITH PHILLIP

"His development has been very positive," said national coach Mark Kirchner about his protégé's successful IBU World Championship debut. "If you can start your first IBU World Championship with an eighth place, you are on a very good path to becoming one of the greats." These are words that Horn was happy to hear, but they will not slow him down in his zest for action. On the contrary: the sports soldier not only wants to establish himself in the BMW IBU World Cup, but also to move into the top ten. He has what it takes. He is already one of the best racers.

He sees his shortcomings in shooting.

"because I shot so badly." That was also his weakness at the IBU World Championships in Antholz. It wasn't only the two mistakes in the sprint that cost him a better result. It got worse one day into the pursuit. Six mistakes and six penalty loops set the likeable and ambitious biathlete back into 18th place. "I always squeezed a split second too early or too late. But they were not fundamental mistakes." They still bothered him immensely—he was annoyed and would have loved to crawl under a table. Just as he had done once when he was a child, when he lost again in the board game "Mensch, ärgere Dich nicht" (equivalent

to the English game Ludo). There he lay crying under the table. "It was a great run, then so many mistakes," he said, shaking his head a bit helplessly.

NOT LOUD BUT AMBITIOUS

The youthful Horn is particularly ambitious and determined to establish himself in the BMW World Cup. "Before the season, I would not have dared to dream of being able to attend the World Championship." Because he still had the last season at the back of his mind, when he made his debut at the World Cup in Pokljuka, Slovenia in the mixed relay and was sent back to the IBU Cup hardly a





month later. "It was bitter; my goal is the World Cup, I worked hard for it." On his path to the World Cup team, he often looked up to Erik Lesser, the 2015 double World Champion. This colleague, six years his senior, competes for the ski club SV Eintracht Frankenhain, like Horn, and has also been his longtime training partner. This season, Horn has caught up with him in his development as a biathlete. "I still lack the experience Erik has." Horn is by no means satisfied with the way the season has gone so far. "What I'm still missing is consistency," he said modestly. He is not a high-flyer, because in the past his progress did not always go exactly as he wanted. It even hung by a thread. He was initially denied admission to the sports high school in Oberhof, where his sister was. "I was just not good enough at shooting," said Horn, who makes no secret of it. But that made him angry again. He put in additional shifts at the shooting range. "I said to myself that I'd go full throttle for half a year, and if it didn't work, then I'd let it go." This time it was enough. In his second attempt, he received an acceptance to the sports high school in Oberhof. And there he got

his unbeloved nickname: "Hörnchen" [little Horn]. It wasn't because of his athletic performance, but because there were three Philipps in the class. "Hörnchen" – he didn't like to hear that. But his skills did not go unnoticed by the German Ski Association (DSV).

A DREAM - COME - TRUE CALL INTO NATIONAL TEAM

After graduation from the sports high school there, the Thuringian landed in national coach Mark Kirchner's training group. There, he met the athletes who had been regulars at the BMW IBU World Cup level for years. Arnd Peiffer, Erik Lesser and Benedikt Doll. "For me, being called onto the World Cup team was a dream come true. It was also my goal to be on a team with Erik," said Horn. He also sees his older colleague as his mentor. "I've come to believe that Philipp is capable of anything," said Lesser after his first complete BMW IBU World Cup season. He hasn't changed anything compared to previous years, though. "You start to wonder what I did differently," said Horn, who immediately goes on to the answer: "I didn't do anything different." It is the

sum of years of training that allowed him to mature. "You can feel year by year that you cope with difficult training units better and recover faster," he said, giving an insight into his current condition. His ambition keeps driving him forward too. "Over the years you learn how to train more and more, but also harder." He also does not forget to find distractions away from the tracks and the shooting range. "I had phases when I thought about biathlon 24 hours a day, and that was not a good thing." Now he tries to find a balance by working on his old motorcycle. "It's a great passion of mine and it's also fun." Horn doesn't like the hype around himself. On the contrary: he seems rather shy and reserved. He prefers to ignite the turbo on the tracks. Because he has reached the world's elite as a racer. The next step should follow in his shooting. If he succeeds, he can become one of the greats. National team coach Mark Kirchner is convinced of this. |

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MINSK-RAUBICHI EXCELS AGAIN AS IT GETS READY FOR THE BIGGEST STAGE The IBU Open European Championships returned to Minsk's Raubichi Sports Complex after being relocated from Otepää, Estonia, due to a lack of snow at the Estonian venue. With this change, Raubichi hosted its third major event in less than a year (after the 2019 IBU OECH and 2019 IBU SBWCH), giving the Belarusian venue another "warm-up" event before hosting the BMW IBU World Cup next season.



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BELARUS FINISHES AS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL NATION The home team Belarus ended the IBU OECH with a sweep of the pursuit competitions, putting them atop the medal standings with three gold medals and one bronze medal. Sergey Bocharnikov started the sweep by taking control of the Men's 12.5 km Pursuit after cleaning the first prone stage and storming to his second IBU Open European Championships Gold medal, crossing the Raubichi finish line with just two penalties in 35:03.9. Just two hours after Bocharnikov's victory, teammate Elena Kruchinkina took the lead after the last standing stage with her first-ever 20-for-20 shooting to win the Women's 10 km Pursuit in 29:21.1.



ELISEEV AND HOEGBERG WIN GOLD IN SPRINT Matvey Eliseev of Russia, with one penalty, won the IBU Open European Championships Men's Sprint Gold medal in 23:46.4, surging into the lead in the last 1600 meters after falling behind Silver medalist Andrejs Rastorgujevs of Latvia. In the late-afternoon Women's 7.5 km Sprint, Sweden's Elisabeth Hoegberg had one prone penalty, but took the lead after cleaning standing to claim the Gold medal in 22:39.6.



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SUPER SPRINT GOLD FOR BOCHARNIKOV AND PAVLOVA Sergey Bocharnikov of Belarus, using just three spare rounds to shoot clean, thrilled the home crowd by winning the Gold medal in the IBU Open European Championships Men's Super Sprint in 14:12.8. Thirty minutes later, Russia's Evgeniya Pavlova went 20-for-20 to win the Women's Super Sprint Gold medal in 16:31.8. The top three men sprinted down the last hill to the finish, meters apart. Bocharnikov commented on the sprint finish: "I am not so good on the finish. I tried to go left to get a better position, so that Adam could not make a move. I watched Johannes, Fourcade and Emilien Jacquelin in Antholz make this move. It is a good tactic to get first on the finish line."

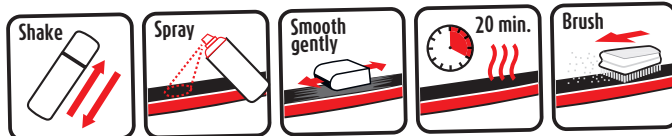




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MIXED RELAY MEDALS FOR NORWAY AND UKRAINE The Norwegian duo of Endre Stroemsheim and Karoline Erdal, with 12 spare rounds, won the IBU OECH Single Mixed Gold medal in 47:12.2. Stroemsheim sealed the victory with his brilliant skiing and a fast, clean final standing stage. In the early evening, Ukraine, with Valj Semerenko, Yulia Dzhima, Artem Pryma and Dmytro Pidruchnyi, captured the Mixed Relay Gold medal with nine spare rounds in 1:11:32.1.



IBU OECH RETURN TO MINSK HOME TEAM MEDALS, RISING STARS, CHEERING FANS



At the end of the 2019/2020 season, Martin Fourcade and Kaisa Makarainen, two of the greats of the biathlon, said goodbye to their sporting careers. Dorothea Wierer and JT Boe won their second consecutive World Cup overall title and Emilien Jacquelin consolidated his status as the breakthrough athlete of the year. Norway prevailed in the relays, biathlon showed a considerable depth beyond the greatest names and consistency as always brought the most glory.

SHORT LEAD TIME; FANS FILL TRIBUNES

Raubichi had several loops covered with manmade and stored snow, but as in many venues this past winter, the competitions were still snow-challenged, held mostly under conditions that were more like spring than winter. With a 2.5 km loop as the longest loop available, the individual competitions were replaced with super sprints. Despite a very short lead time of less than two weeks to put everything in place, the Organizing Committee did an excellent job with logistics, transport, housing, stadium set-up and services. To top it off, the tribunes were filled with boisterous fans cheering for everyone, but especially for the home team.

HOME TEAM RULES

The result was four seamless days of Championship competitions that showcased a smattering of World Cup veterans, but first-time winners and future stars commanded much of the spotlight. The home-team Belarusians topped the medals table with two first-time winners, Sergey Bocharnikov with two Gold medals and Elena Kruchinkina with one, while Iryna Kryuko took a sprint Bronze. Swedish veteran Elisabeth Hoegberg won the women's sprint Gold medal and pursuit Bronze, tightening her grip on the Women's IBU Cup Total Score, while Russia's Matvey Eliseev won the men's sprint.

NORWAY'S RISING STARS

A couple of shooting stars from Norway jumped into the spotlight. 22-year-old Ida Lien won sprint Silver and mixed relay Bronze; the next week she was atop the podium in Nove Mesto

SUPER SPRINT FINAL MEN

1. BOCHARNIKOV Sergey	BLR	0+1	0+0	0+1	0+0	0+2	14:12.8
2. VACLAVIK Adam	CZE	0+0	0+1	0+1	0+1	0+3	+0.4
3. IDRUCHNYI Dmytro	UKR	0+0	0+0	1+1	0+1	1+2	+0.5
4. CLAUDE Emilien	FRA	0+1	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+1	+10.0
5. LAEGREID Sturla Holm	NOR	1+1	0+0	0+1	0+0	1+2	+13.2

SUPER SPRINT FINAL WOMEN

1. PAVLOVA Evgeniya	RUS	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+0	16:31.8
2. PIDHRUSHNA Olena	UKR	0+0	0+0	0+1	0+0	0+1	+2.8
3. CHEVALIER Chloe	FRA	0+1	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+1	+5.5
4. SEMERENKO Valj	UKR	0+0	0+1	1+1	0+0	1+2	+8.4
5. NILSSON Emma	SWE	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+1	0+1	+14.3

STARTERS

123 MEN

105 WOMEN

MEDALS

36



33 FROM
59 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

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SNOW SITUATION

❄ HARD PACKED VARIABLE

SINGLE MIXED RELAY

1. NORWAY ERDAL Karoline, STROEMSHEIM Andre	NOR	0+12	47:12.2
2. GERMANY SCHERER Stefanie, STRELOW Justus	GER	0+5	47:23.7 +11.5
3. UKRAINE MERKUSHYNA Anastasiya, TKALENKO Ruslan	UKR	0+7	47:24.0 +11.8
4. LATVIA BENDIKA Baiba, RASTORGUJEVS Andrejs	LAT	2+13	48:09.8 +57.6
5. AUSTRIA ZDOUC Dunja, BRUNNER Peter	AUT	0+7	48:19.3 +1:07.1

MIXED RELAY

1. UKRAINE SEMERENKO Valj, DZHIMA Yuliia, PRYMA Artem, PIDRUCHNYI Dmytro	UKR	0+9	1:11:32.1
2. RUSSIA REZTSOVA Kristina, SLIVKO Victoria, LATYPOV Eduard, KHALILI Said Karimulla	RUS	0+9	1:12:04.3 +32.2
3. NORWAY SKREDE Aasne, LIEN Ida, BAKKEN Sivert Guttorm, ANDERSEN Aleksander Fjeld	NOR	0+3	1:12:05.8 +33.7
4. BELARUS ALIMBEKAVA Dzinara, KRYUKO Iryna, SMOLSKI Anton, BOCHARNIKOV Sergey	BLR	1+10	1:12:12.5 +40.4
5. POLAND ZBYLUT Kinga, ZUK Kamila, SZCZUREK Lukasz, GUZIK Grzegorz	POL	0+10	1:14:05.4 +2:33.3

SPRINT MEN 10 KM

1. ELISEEV Matvey	RUS	1+0	1	23:46.4	
2. RASTORGUJEVS Andrejs	LAT	0+1	1	23:50.5	+4.1
3. ANDERSEN Aleksander Fjeld	NOR	0+1	1	24:11.9	+25.5
4. STROLIA Vytautas	LTU	0+1	1	24:12.7	+26.3
5. BOCHARNIKOV Sergey	BLR	1+0	1	24:13.9	+27.5

SPRINT WOMEN 7.5 KM

1. HOEGBERG Elisabeth	SWE	1+0	1	22:39.6	
2. LIEN Ida	NOR	0+0	0	22:54.0	+14.4
3. KRYUKO Iryna	BLR	0+1	1	22:55.5	+15.9
4. REZTSOVA Kristina	RUS	0+0	0	22:59.8	+20.2
5. SKREDE Aasne	NOR	0+1	1	23:09.1	+29.5

PURSUIT MEN 12.5 KM

1. BOCHARNIKOV Sergey	BLR	0+0+0+2	2	35:03.9	
2. LAEGREID Sturla Holm	NOR	1+0+0+1	2		+6.7
3. BAKKEN Sivert Guttorm	NOR	0+0+1+1	2		+23.9
4. ANDERSEN Aleksander Fjeld	NOR	1+0+2+1	4		+37.0
5. VACLAVIK Adam	CZE	0+1+0+0	1		+37.0

PURSUIT WOMEN 10 KM

1. KRUCHINKINA Elena	BLR	0+0+0+0	0	29:21.1	
2. REZTSOVA Kristina	RUS	1+0+0+1	2		+17.6
3. HOEGBERG Elisabeth	SWE	0+1+0+2	3		+35.1
4. COLOMBO Caroline	FRA	1+0+0+0	1		+55.0
5. MERKUSHYNA Anastasiya	UKR	1+1+0+0	2		+55.8



Sturla Holm Laegreid - NOR

as part of the Norwegian women's relay team. Her male counterpart Sturla Holm Laegreid won pursuit Silver; then in the next three World Cup competitions (his first ever), he placed 13th, 15th, 10th and 11th, missing only one of his 60 shots! **I**

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Podium Sprint Men

IBU Cup 6, initially allocated to Arber, was reallocated to Martell, Italy due to the extreme rain and warm weather in Germany. The event was held at the venue that also hosted the IBU Cup 7 with originally planned competition program: sprints and mass starts 60 on schedule.

SAVING POWERS On a clean and bright day, 94 women kicked off IBU Cup 6 with the sprint under very comfortable weather conditions and no wind at the shooting range. Starting the competition in a moderate tempo and saving the powers for the last loop, clean-shooting Uliana Kaisheva of Russia was losing 22.6 seconds to the leader after the second stage. Giving her all, she literally flew over the final kilometer, not only reduc-

ing the time, but also crossing the finish with almost a 10-second lead. Second place went to another accurate shooter, Germany's Franziska Hildebrand, while Victoria Slivko matched her teammate Kaisheva on the shooting range, but was slower on the track, finishing third.

CLOSE RESULTS Later in the day, Endre Stroemsheim of Norway took a win in the men sprint despite a standing penalty

and a 17.7-second gap before the last loop. Due to the fast speed, he was reducing the time with every meter, which at the end saw him taking the third season win. France's Martin Perrillat Bottonet was accurate at the shooting range, but finished second, missing his first senior victory by mere .9 seconds! Another accurate shooter Lucas Fratzscher of Germany finished third, 7.1 seconds back.

Stroemsheim was very excited about his win, "I felt



Yulia Zhuravok - UKR and Ida Lien - NOR

really good from the beginning of the competition. I tried not to ski too hard on the first two laps, so I had something to go with on the last loop. And it worked out with a .9-advantage, so I'm very happy!"

"MY OWN RACE" On another clear and windless morning, 59 women kicked off the second competition day with mass starts 60. Taking the lead after the first shooting, Ida Lien of Norway collected two penalties at the next two bouts. While the rivals were missing at the final standing, Lien man-

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Mass Start 60 Men

aged to clean all targets, leaving the stadium just 1.2 seconds behind the leader. Pushing hard on the final loop, the Norwegian easily overcame the rivals, taking her first-ever podium with a confident advantage. Experienced Hildebrand hit 19 out of 20 and was fast enough to finish second, taking her second podium of the weekend. Yuliia Zhuravok of Ukraine lost her chance for a victory when missed once at the last shooting, which saw her dropping to the third in the **finish protocol**.

Lien noted that she was not trying to think about the result and just to focus on her own competition, "I am so happy about my first win and my first podium. I tried to do my own race and I think I managed doing that, so I am very glad!"

"NEVER DONE MASS START 60" In the afternoon, Lien's teammate Sturla Holm Laegreid celebrated a victory in the men mass start 60, also taking his first senior podium. The Norwegian collected one penalty after each standing bout, but was fast enough to leave the stadium for the final lap with a 10.4-second advantage and keep it until the finish. Fratzscher was very close to Laegreid on the last loop, but could not overcome the rival, becoming second with two penalties and taking his second podium at the IBU Cup 6. **Another German Roman Rees matched his teammate on the shooting range but finished a few seconds behind in third.**

After the finish, Laegreid admitted, "I was a little bit worried in the beginning because I've never done the mass start 60 before, but it went very well. It was a tough race, but I feel amazing. It is my first senior win, so I'm very glad!"

Mariya Osolodkina
 Harald Deubert

SPRINT WOMEN 7.5 KM

1. KAISHEVA Uliana	RUS	0+0	0	22:37.3	
2. HILDEBRAND Franziska	GER	0+0	0	22:47.0	+9.7
3. SLIVKO Victoria	RUS	0+0	0	22:59.0	+21.7
4. GLAZYRINA Ekaterina	RUS	0+1	1	23:04.8	+27.5
5. NIKULINA Anna	RUS	1+0	1	23:07.8	+30.5

SPRINT MEN 10 KM

1. STROEMSHEIM Endre	NOR	0+1	1	24:35.2	
2. PERRILLAT BOTTONET Martin	FRA	0+0	0	24:36.1	+0.9
3. FRATZSCHER Lucas	GER	0+0	0	24:42.3	+7.1
4. BAKKEN Sivert Guttorm	NOR	0+0	0	24:42.7	+7.5
5. JORDE Sindre Fjellheim	NOR	0+0	0	24:46.8	+11.6

STARTERS

131 MEN

105 WOMEN

MEDALS

12



38 FROM
59 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

WEATHER SITUATION

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09.02. ☀️ +2.8 | -5.2 °C

SNOW SITUATION

HARD PACKED VARIABLE

MASS START 60 WOMEN 12 KM

1. LIEN Ida	NOR	0+1+1+0	2	37:22.5	
2. HILDEBRAND Franziska	GER	0+0+1+0	1	+13.6	
3. ZHURAVOK Yuliia	UKR	0+0+0+1	1	+20.8	
4. STEINER Tamara	AUT	0+0+0+0	0	+29.9	
5. PORSHNEVA Anastasiia	RUS	1+1+0+1	3	+32.6	

MASS START 60 MEN 15 KM

1. LAEGREID Sturla Holm	NOR	0+0+1+1	2	40:47.6	
2. FRATZSCHER Lucas	GER	0+1+1+0	2	+5.0	
3. REES Roman	GER	1+0+0+1	2	+11.5	
4. JORDE Sindre Fjellheim	NOR	0+0+2+1	3	+30.3	
5. BIRKELAND Lars Helge	NOR	0+2+0+1	3	+39.5	



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**MARTELL - SOUTH TYROL
ITALY**

SWEDISH GIRLS TAKE ALL WINS AT IBU CUP 7 IN MARTELL

The IBU Cup 7 in Martell, the last one before the Open European Championships 2020, welcomed all the teams with perfect biathlon conditions and saw many new names on the podium.

“IT IS JUST CRAZY” The first competition day kicked off with the super sprints. The thirty best men from the qualification stepped on the track to battle for the win in the final, where Norwegian junior Vebjoern Soerum proved to be the strongest. Taking the lead after a clean final standing, he managed to keep his advantage until the finish line, claiming his first-ever senior win. World Cup regular Simon Schempp of Germany



Vebjoern Soerum - NOR



Elisabeth Hoegberg - SWE

matched his qualification place, finishing second, while Russia's Kirill Streltsov took the last podium spot.

After the finish, Soerum was one happy guy: “Just a few weeks ago, I was at the Youth/Junior World Championships in Lenzerheide, and now I am at the IBU Cup, winning the competition. It is just crazy, and for sure, I feel so happy!”

“DID NOT EXPECT IT” In the women's super sprint, Ingela Andersson of Sweden took her second win this season in this discipline. Leaving for the final lap just .9 seconds behind the leader, with more power left, the Swede finished securely in first, leaving Russia's Evgeniya Pavlova in second. While the fate of the first two places was being decided, there was also a battle for the third position.

The Swiss junior Amy Baserga, who took a medal at the YJWCH in Lenzerheide just before the IBU Cup in Martell, was fast and accurate enough to take her first senior podium in her first-ever IBU Cup competition!

Andersson, who had a tough qualification, admitted: "I was really having a bad day during the qualification and said to my coach that I just want to get to the finish! So I am very happy with the win because I really did not expect it!"

COLLECTING PENALTIES On another bright and windless morning in Martell, 93 men battled for the win in the men's sprint. Starting the competition with a perfect prone shooting, Jeremy Finello of Switzerland was also accurate at the standing while many of his rivals were collecting penalties. That saw him taking the first position before the final lap, which he easily kept until the finish line to claim his first-ever win. Russian junior Said Karimulla Khalili, who was only fifth after the standing shooting, was strong enough to move to second place at the finish, taking his first-ever senior podium and leaving the more experienced Lars Helge Birkeland of Norway behind.

After some shooting problems during the season, Finello was happy to finally hit all the targets: "After a hard season at the World Cup with some bad moments on the shooting range, it is nice to be back and take the IBU Cup win; it is a big satisfaction for me and I feel very happy, especially about the 10/10, as it doesn't happen that often."

"BUYING PIZZA!" In the afternoon, after skipping a few competitions because of illness, Elisabeth Hoegberg of Sweden



Podium Sprint Men

SUPER SPRINT FINAL MEN

1. SOERUM Vebjoern	NOR	0+1	0+1	0+0	0+0	0+2	14:15.1
2. SCHEMPP Simon	GER	0+0	0+1	0+0	0+1	0+2	+8.2
3. STRELTSOV Kirill	RUS	0+1	0+0	0+1	0+0	0+2	+8.6
4. BIRKELAND Lars Helge	NOR	1+1	0+1	1+1	0+0	2+3	+10.5
5. FRATZSCHER Lucas	GER	0+0	1+1	0+0	0+1	1+2	+10.7

SUPER SPRINT FINAL WOMEN

1. ANDERSSON Ingela	SWE	0+0	0+0	0+1	0+0	0+1	16:05.1
2. PAVLOVA Evgeniya	RUS	0+0	0+0	0+1	0+0	0+1	+8.1
3. BASERGA Amy	SUI	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+0	+13.9
4. SLIVKO Victoria	RUS	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+0	+20.1
5. SCHERER Stefanie	GER	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+0	0+0	+21.5

SPRINT MEN 10 KM

1. FINELLO Jeremy	SUI	0+0	0	24:20.4	
2. KHALILI Said Karimulla	RUS	0+1	1	24:39.2	+18.8
3. BIRKELAND Lars Helge	NOR	0+1	1	24:44.9	+24.5
4. BIONAZ Didier	ITA	0	2	4:48.4	+28.0
5. BOGETVEIT Haavard Gutuboe	NOR	1+1	2	24:50.1	+29.7

SPRINT WOMEN 7.5 KM

1. HOEGBERG Elisabeth	SWE	0+0	0	21:59.7	
2. SOLEMDAL Synnøve	NOR	0+0	0	22:18.7	+19.0
3. ZHURAVOK Yuliia	UKR	0+0	0	22:36.5	+36.8
4. SCHNEIDER Sophia	GER	0+0	0	22:38.5	+38.8
5. PAVLOVA Evgeniya	RUS	1+0	1	22:40.5	+40.8

STARTERS

120 MEN
93 WOMEN

MEDALS

18



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WEATHER SITUATION

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SNOW SITUATION

❄ HARD PACKED VARIABLE

PURSUIT MEN 12.5 KM

1. BIRKELAND Lars Helge	NOR	0+0+1+1	2	33:22.4
2. LESSER Erik	GER	0+0+1+1	2	+0.5
3. FRATZSCHER Lucas	GER	1+0+0+0	1	+31.7
4. REES Roman	GER	0+1+1+0	2	+38.6
5. STROEMSHEIM Endre	NOR	0+1+2+2	5	+52.2

PURSUIT WOMEN 10 KM

1. HOEGBERG Elisabeth	SWE	0+1+0+0	1	31:53.8
2. PAVLOVA Evgeniya	RUS	0+0+0+1	1	+57.4
3. KAISHEVA Uliana	RUS	0+0+1+0	1	+1:06.5
4. NIKULINA Anna	RUS	0+1+0+1	2	+1:28.2
5. ZHURAVOK Yuliia	UKR	0+0+1+1	2	+1:39.0

managed to not only shoot well, but also to show great speed on the track, which brought her another season win. Synnøve Solemdal of Norway finished second, while Ukraine's Yuliia Zhuravok, who left for the final lap with a 15-second gap to third

place, managed to close in on that time and take the last podium spot.

After the win, Hoegberg revealed the secret of her success: "During zeroing, my shooting was good, and Emma Nilsson told me that I could be on the podium! I replied, 'No! But just in case I am, I will buy you pizza!' So now I have to buy her pizza!"

CLOSE BATTLE The final day at the IBU Cup 7 greeted everyone with bright skies and light wind on the shooting range. Starting the competition in bib 3 with two perfect shootings, Birkeland was just .8 seconds behind bib 9 Erik Lesser of Germany, who was also accurate on the range. Despite collecting two penalties at the standing bouts, they left the stadium together. The duo kept close together during the final lap and the last few meters, where the Norwegian proved to be a bit faster, finishing a mere .5 seconds ahead of the German. While Birkeland and Lesser battled for the top spot from the beginning, Germany's Lucas Fratzscher managed to climb from the 24th start position to 3rd place at the finish with a single mistake at the first prone.

Birkeland admitted that it was a close battle for the top spot: "That was a really tough fight on the final loop, and I was so tired on the last uphill, but it seems that Erik was also tired. It was really close, but I am very happy that I managed to keep the lead."

A WINNING RECIPE In the women's pursuit, Hoegberg doubled up her victory by taking her second win in a row. Entering the competition in bib 1 with a 37-second advantage over her closest rival, the Swede was never challenged by others from the beginning until the end, even despite a missed shot at the second prone. Like the Swede, bib 5 Pavlova also had one penalty, which was still enough to finish second. Start number 23 Uliana Kaisheva of Russia was 41 seconds behind the third place after the first standing, but a clean final shooting saw her moving up to the third position, which she kept until the finish line.

With a big smile on her face, Hoegberg admitted: "As I promised, after the sprint we went to the town and had pizza, so I think it was a good recipe for the pursuit win!"

 Mariya Osolodkina

 Harald Deubert



Lars Helge Birkeland - NOR and Erik Lesser - GER

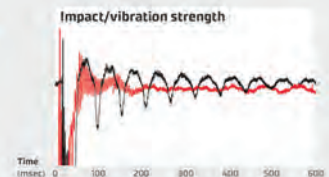
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BATTLE FOR THE BIG GLOBES

AT THE FINAL IBU CUP IN RAUBICHI



Ingegerd Andersson and Elisabeth Hoegberg - SWE

The season's final IBU Cup 8 in Raubichi saw an exciting battle for the IBU Cup Total Score titles, especially in the men's field, where only one point separated the first and second places.

MOVING TO THE TOP Good results at the IBU Open European Championships 2020 with Gold and Bronze medals gave Elisabeth Hoegberg a lead in the IBU Cup Total Score. Russia's Ekaterina Glazyrina, who had stayed in first place

for almost the whole season, was now 7 points behind, but still battling for the main trophy.

Entering the first competition of the final IBU Cup with the main goal of not only keeping her top spot but also increasing the gap to second position, Hoegberg perfectly coped with her task. She shot perfect, raced fast and won the women's sprint, while Glazyrina finished just 12th. Germany's Stefanie Scherer took second place, while third position went to Aasne

Skrede of Norway. Young Skrede, who took three medals at the IBU Youth/Junior World Championships 2020 in Lenzerheide and one medal at the IBU OECB 2020 a week before the IBU Cup 8, also added her first senior individual podium to her resume.

After the finish, Hoegberg commented on her lead in the overall: "Before the OECB, I did not think that I could get a chance to take the lead in the total score, and for sure, I was thinking about that before the start. But I also think that it helped me to stay focused during the competition and shoot clean."



Podium Sprint Men 1

“PAID OFF” In the afternoon, Norway’s Sivert Guttorm Bakken won the men’s sprint. Taking the lead after a clean prone shooting, Bakken did not give up his first place even despite a miss at the standing stage. Local favourite Maksim Varabei of Belarus matched the Norwegian with one standing penalty and showed great speed on the track, finishing second. Like his rivals, Endre Stroemsheim of Norway also collected one penalty and took third place.

Bakken admitted that his early start number helped him: “I had 20th place in the last sprint here in Raubichi at the OECH, so now I am very satisfied with my win. I started pretty early and I hoped it would be an advantage; it really paid off in the end.”

“INGELA, YOU WILL DO IT!” The second women’s sprint saw another Swedish lady climbing to the top of the podium: Ingela Andersson. With strong rivals who were also accurate on the



Stefanie Scherer - GER

range behind her, Andersson gave it all on the final lap, claiming the last sprint win of the season. Second place went to Caroline Colombo of France, while Glazyrina finished just 0.2 seconds behind the Frenchwoman, taking third place.

After the finish, Andersson had a big smile on her face: “I am so happy to win the last season’s sprint, it feels great! The last thing before the start was Elisabeth coming to me and saying, ‘Ingela, today you will do it!’ So maybe she is a psychic?!”

FAST NORWEGIAN In the afternoon, the men’s sprint went to Bakken despite one prone mistake. Adding speed on the last loop, the fast Norwegian not only kept the lead he took after a clean standing but also increased it, securely taking his second win in a row. Two clean bouts allowed World Cup regular Lars Helge Birkeland of Norway to finish second, while French junior Emilien Claude came in third, taking his first senior podium.

With just a 3-point difference between the first and second places in the IBU Cup Total Score before the competition, the

leader of the overall, Germany’s Lucas Fratzscher, finished eighth, while his main rival Stroemsheim was only 17th with five penalties!

“MORE THAN GREAT” On the final competition day of the IBU Cup season, the Raubichi stadium welcomed everyone with the sun, which was lacking there in the previous days. The women were the first to step on the track and battle for the podium in the mass start 60, where a perfect-shooting Scherer took the win. Taking the lead after her third clean bout, Scherer was one of just a few athletes who had 15/15. With great speed on the track, she calmly closed the remaining five targets at the final shooting and left the range while most of her rivals went to the penalty loop. Victoria Slivko of Russia missed once at the first standing but was fast enough to finish second. In a tight battle for third place, Colombo proved to be stronger, crossing the line 0.1 and 0.2 seconds ahead of her rivals.

The leader of the IBU Cup Total Score, Hoegberg, finished just 11th with five misses, but that was more than enough



Sivert Guttorm Bakken - NOR

to claim the Big Crystal Globe. Scherer admitted after the finish: "I am so happy to win; for me, it was an incredible race. Moreover, I managed to shoot clean for the whole week and I am very glad about that. To finish the season with a victory is just more than great!"

THIRD WIN IN A ROW In the season's final competition, the men's mass start 60, no one could challenge Bakken for the third time in a row. Taking the lead after the first shooting, the young Norwegian never gave up his first place even despite missing once at the final standing. He left for the last loop with an advantage which he increased until the finish and securely took his third win in a row! Matching each other on the shooting range with two penalties, Birkeland and Russia's Vasilii Tomshin left in second and third places after the last standing. They kept their positions until the finish line, with young Tomshin taking his second senior podium.

While the fate of the podium was decided, a no less interesting battle evolved behind them. Just 13 points separated Fratzscher and Stroemsheim in the overall score before this final competition. The Norwegian gave his all on the track to reduce the gap, but four penalties only allowed him to finish fifth. The German, with the same shooting result, came in only 13th; nevertheless, that was just enough for Fratzscher to win the Big Globe with just a 1-point lead!

Winning all the competitions at the IBU Cup 8 was a big surprise for Bakken, who was extremely happy after the finish: "I was not expecting a hat trick at all! I was trying not to take any expectations from the last two races and just start clean in the mass start 60. I did not expect to take the third win in a row, and I am so happy I managed to do that!"

Mariya Osolodkina
 Evgeny Tumashov

SPRINT WOMEN 7.5 KM - 1

1. HOEGBERG Elisabeth	SWE	0+0	0	21:42.7	
2. SCHERER Stefanie	GER	0+0	0	22:11.4	+28.7
3. SKREDE Aasne	NOR	0+0	0	22:12.5	+29.8
4. VOIGT Vanessa	GER	0+0	0	22:16.5	+33.8
5. HAMMERSCHMIDT Maren	GER	1+0	1	22:27.3	+44.6

SPRINT MEN 10 KM - 1

1. BAKKEN Sivert Guttorm	NOR	0+1	1	27:56.2	
2. VARABEL Maksim	BLR	0+1	1	28:01.4	+5.2
3. STROEMSHEIM Endre	NOR	0+1	1	28:30.7	+34.5
4. PERRILLAT BOTTONET Martin	FRA	1+0	1	28:39.8	+43.6
5. MAGAZEEV Pavel	MDA	0+0	0	28:40.6	+44.4

SPRINT WOMEN 7.5 KM - 2

1. ANDERSSON Ingela	SWE	0+0	0	20:40.9	
2. COLOMBO Caroline	FRA	0+0	0	20:45.4	+4.5
3. GLAZYRINA Ekaterina	RUS	0+0	0	20:45.6	+4.7
4. SKREDE Aasne	NOR	0+0	0	20:49.2	+8.3
5. SCHERER Stefanie	GER	0+0	0	20:49.3	+8.4

SPRINT MEN 10 KM - 2

1. BAKKEN Sivert Guttorm	NOR	1+0	1	25:49.2	
2. BIRKELAND Lars Helge	NOR	0+0	0	26:10.5	+21.3
3. CLAUDE Emilien	FRA	0+0	0	26:15.0	+25.8
4. BOGETVEIT Haavard Gutuboe	NOR	0+1	1	26:16.4	+27.2
5. PERRILLAT BOTTONET Martin	FRA	0+0	0	26:18.1	+28.9

STARTERS

79 MEN

69 WOMEN

MEDALS

18



29 FROM
59 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

WEATHER SITUATION

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SNOW SITUATION

COMPACT

MASS START 60 WOMEN 12 KM

1. SCHERER Stefanie	GER	0+0+0+0	0	32:29.7	
2. SLIVKO Victoria	RUS	0+0+1+0	1	+26.3	
3. COLOMBO Caroline	FRA	0+0+1+1	2	+37.9	
4. GUIGONNAT Gilonne	FRA	0+0+1+0	1	+38.0	
5. HAMMERSCHMIDT Maren	GER	1+0+0+1	2	+38.1	

MASS START 60 MEN 15 KM

1. BAKKEN Sivert Guttorm	NOR	0+0+0+1	1	38:26.8	
2. BIRKELAND Lars Helge	NOR	0+1+1+0	2	+20.5	
3. TOMSHIN Vasilii	RUS	0+0+1+1	2	+34.1	
4. STRELTSOV Kirill	RUS	1+0+0+1	2	+41.4	
5. STROEMSHEIM Endre	NOR	1+0+2+1	4	+1:02.3	

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IBU CUP TOTAL SCORE WINNER

» I was sooo nervous before the season's final competition and I guess that affected my shooting as I had five penalties. Nevertheless, on the last loop, I was really happy, understanding that I managed to win the Total Score. «

ELISABETH HOEGBERG SWEDEN



» When I was receiving the Globe at the top of the podium, it was pretty emotional because I saw the whole team, which was so supportive and also put so much effort into it: the coaches, waxmen, and teammates. Even during the competition, Ingela was shouting to me on the penalty loop, 'Just go!' and was helping me on the last leg; that was really nice, as well as to see others on the finish line happy for me. «

» I have not had the best season and I did not actually think that I could move to the top of the overall after the OECH in Raubichi. The main reason was my struggle with the shooting, but since I came to Belarus, it was just perfect; maybe except for the final competition, where I think I missed so much just because of nerves. «

» It was a pretty tight battle with Endre Stroemsheim for the overall and I feel pity for him as I could also be in his position, where he could win because he also deserved it. It was a hard fight between both of us for the whole season, and in the end, it is just a 1-point difference! It's like nothing.... «

LUCAS FRATZSCHER

GERMANY

» Before the final competition, I had only 13 points in advantage, and it was not that much. When I was on the last loop, I knew that I was still battling for the Globe, even though I was behind Endre. I saw him on the uphill, he was a few positions in front of me and I did not know how many points there were between us. Moreover, I lost the finish sprint, but I knew that I gave my best; I gave all I had.... «

» After the finish, I was very nervous and tried to get information fast. I saw someone from the French team and asked for his computer. I checked the results and thought: 'Yes, it should be ok!' But still, I was not sure because it was only 1 point and you can easily make a mistake after a tough competition.... «





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GERMANY

CAUTION! HIGH SPEED BIATHLON!

The second last IBU Junior Cup in Arber, Germany, was characterised by high speed: The schedule included the two shortest distances in Biathlon including a premiere.



Super Sprint Junior Women

The super sprint made its IBU Junior Cup debut at Arber and literally everybody was looking forward to trying out something new. "We have to be fast in both disciplines - at the shooting range and on the short 1 km course. Every second counts", Germany's Frederik Madersbacher said before the race. The short distance with only two shooting bouts and one spare per bout pardon no mistake. Slow

starters like Tim Grotian and IBU Junior Individual World Champion Max Barchewitz from Germany were facing problems in the qualification round. Nevertheless, both ranked in the Top 30 and made it into the final. Jonas Maracek from Czech Republik won the qualification with Switzerland's Niklas Hartweg in second and Italy's Patrick Braunhofer ranked third.

Qualification times are null and void in the final, with the top 30 competing in a mass start. Alex Cisar from Slovenia kept his nerves, shot four times zero and won the competition. According to Cisar, experience was key to his success: "I did a Super Sprint in the IBU Cup before. So, I knew which tactic is going to work in such a competition. My goal was 20/20, and I decided to shoot slow and steady."

Niklas Hartweg shot faster and missed

once at the third shooting stage. He recovered at the last stage and shot clean but that wasn't enough to keep Cisar from winning.

Austria's Dominic Unterweger also shot clean and came in third. It was his first time on the podium in an IBU Junior Cup race. After the competition, he was overflowing with joy: "It feels so good. During the qualification I had some problems in the prone stage. But in the final I managed to keep cool."

As in the men's race it was also obvious in the women's competition that winning the qualification didn't mean you would come in first in the final. Sweden's Ella Harlvarsson surprised the field when she ranked first in the qualification. She shot clean and so defeated Sabrina Braun and Anna Gandler.

In the final, Harlvarsson missed three times and lost all chance to make it on the podium. She ranked 18th in the end. Amy Baserga's story was quite the opposite. The Swiss girl finished 14th in the qualification. But in the final she showed everybody that her two wins in this year's IBU Junior Cup season were not a coincidence.



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WEATHER SITUATION
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 07.03. ☁ -0.4 | -0.1 °C

SNOW SITUATION
 ❄️ HARD PACKED VARIABLE



SUPER SPRINT FINAL JUNIOR MEN

1. CISAR Alex	SLO	0+0 0+0 0+0 0+0	0+0	14:16.3
2. HARTWEG Niklas	SUI	0+0 0+1 1+1 0+0	1+2	+4.0
3. UNTERWEGER Dominic	AUT	0+0 0+1 0+0 0+0	0+1	+8.5
4. BARCHEWITZ Max	GER	0+1 0+1 0+1 0+1	0+4	+17.0
5. BOURGEOIS REPUBLIQUE Martin	FRA	0+0 1+1 0+1 0+0	1+2	+26.8

SUPER SPRINT FINAL JUNIOR WOMEN

1. BASERGA Amy	SUI	0+0 0+0 2+1 0+0	2+1	16:31.5
2. FRUEHWIRT Juliane	GER	1+1 0+1 0+0 0+1	1+3	+9.8
3. BRAUN Sabrina	GER	0+0 0+0 0+1 1+1	1+2	+25.6
4. GANDLER Anna	AUT	0+1 0+0 1+1 0+1	1+3	+32.5
5. BOTET Paula	FRA	0+0 1+1 0+0 0+1	1+2	+41.2

SPRINT JUNIOR MEN 10 KM

1. HARTWEG Niklas	SUI	0+0	0	25:46.0
2. CERVENKA Vaclav	USA	0+0	0	26:26.9 +40.9
3. OBERHAUSER Magnus	AUT	0+1	1	26:31.5 +45.5
4. PERROT Eric	FRA	0+1	1	26:41.2 +55.2
5. LIPOWITZ Philipp	GER	0+1	1	26:47.7 +1:01.7

SPRINT JUNIOR WOMEN 7.5 KM

1. SPARK Lisa Maria	GER	0+0	0	22:52.1
2. PASSLER Rebecca	ITA	0+0	0	23:17.6 +25.5
3. OBERHALER Kristina	AUT	0+0	0	23:25.1 +33.0
4. JOHANSSON Tilda	SWE	0+0	0	23:42.0 +49.9
5. BRAUN Sabrina	GER	0+1	1	23:42.5 +50.4


Despite two penalties in the third shooting stage, Baserga finished first, with Germany's Juliane Frühwirth in second place, 9.8 seconds back. Frühwirth's teammate Sabrina Braun completed the podium in third place. After the race, Baserga seemed quite surprised: "I didn't think I could make it to the Top 5 or Top 3. But everything worked out well."

On the second competition day in Arber, snow started to fall and light wind blew across the Hohenzollern Stadium. Super Sprint winner Cisar had already left for the BMW IBU World Cup in Nove Mesto. Niklas Hartweg and Vaclav Cervenka mastered the change of weather, shot two times zero and secured the ranks one and two. Austria's Markus Oberhauser came in third.

For Cervenka it was the first podium in his entire career. After yesterday's bad performance, he was now the happiest man in the stadium. "Yesterday, I really had a lot of problems at the standing stage but today everything just fell into place."

In the women's competition the Top 4 all shot clean. Lisa Maria Spark from Germany was fastest on the tracks and secured her win in front of Italy's Rebecca Passler and Austria's Kristina Oberthaler. The day before, Spark had faced many problems, and missed eight times in the Super Sprint final. But in the Sprint everything came together because she "focused fully on the targets" and her legs felt "really good".

Kristina Oberthaler's podium performance once more underlined the overall strength of team Austria. For the team of coach Fritz Pinter, it was the third podium spot in Arber - right before the European Championships will kick off on their home turf. |

 Timo Peitsch
 Harald Deubert



GREAT BIATHLON CUT SHORT IN HOCHFILZEN



Podium Short Individual Junior Men



With the cancellation of the last scheduled competition of the IBU Junior Cup, the pursuit, Swiss shooting stars Amy Baserga and Niklas Hartweg won the Total Score titles.

GANDLER AND HORNIG WIN THE INDIVIDUAL ON DAY 1

Under warm temperatures, the tracks were very deep right from the start of the first competition of the day, the junior men's individual. Vitezslav Hornig of the Czech Republic coped best with the conditions and took the win in 44:26.5 minutes. Alex Cisar of Slovenia, who had taken part in the BMW IBU World Cup Relay in NMNM a few days earlier, won the silver medal, 29 seconds behind. Patrick Braunhofer of Italy completed the podium in third place, 1:14 minutes behind the winner. All three medalists shot 20/20.

After her win, Anna Gandler of Austria spoke of one of the hardest races she has ever participated in:

"After the third shooting, I became dizzy. At that moment, I thought it was impossible for me to shoot zero in the fourth and last shooting," said the Pursuit Youth World Champion from the IBU

Youth/Junior World Championships in Lenzerheide.

An early start number (19) helped Gandler in increasingly wet snow conditions. Her first pursuer, Amina Ivanova of Russia, had a significantly worse starting position with start number 67 and finished

the race in silver, 1:16 minutes behind, despite also having zero misses. Joanna Jakiela of Poland finished behind her with a very strong performance on the tracks. She made three mistakes, but finished just eleven seconds behind Ivanova, 1:27 minutes behind Gandler.



Podium Sprint Junior Women



Lisa Maria Spark - GER

At the end of the day, Amy Baserga of Switzerland and Max Barchewitz of Germany secured the season's Individual Score globes.

BEKH AND CISAR SHINE IN SPRINT ON DAY 2

Ekaterina Bekh and Alex Cisar won gold medals in the sprint on a day greeted with sunshine, clear blue skies and almost no wind. After the difficult individual competition, the tracks became even more challenging as the snow melted, becoming slushy and therefore slower over time.

After winning the silver medal in the individual, Cisar crowned himself the new European Champion in sprint. He shot 10/10, one of only a few to do so, and was also unbeatable on the track afterwards. The winner of the individual, Hornig of the Czech

TOTAL CUP WINNER



AMY BASERGA SUI

438 Points, Wins in Arber (Supersprint), Martell (Pursuit), Pokljuka (Relay, Sprint)

"The season was perfect for me. The end was a little bit hard for me, but I'm glad to be here in the IBU Junior Cup."

NIKLAS HARTWEG SUI

452 Points, Wins in Arber (Sprint), Martell (Sprint, Single Mixed Relay), Pokljuka (Relay, Individual)

"It was a great season. Probably the best season I've ever had. I'm hungry for more."

STARTERS

123 MEN

94 WOMEN

MEDALS

12



30 FROM
59 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

WEATHER SITUATION

11.03. ☁ + 7.5 | -0.0 °C

12.03. ☁ +12.9 | -0.0 °C

SNOW SITUATION

❄️ SOFT

SHORT INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR WOMEN 12.5 KM

1. GANDLER Anna	AUT	0+0+0+0	0	44:47.4	
2. IVANOVA Amina	RUS	0+0+0+0	0	46:04.2	+1:16.8
3. JAKIELA Joanna	POL	0+1+0+2	3	46:14.9	+1:27.5
4. VOBORNIKOVA Tereza	CZE	0+0+3+0	3	46:31.1	+1:43.7
5. FRUEHWIRT Juliane	GER	1+0+0+1	2	46:40.9	+1:53.5

SHORT INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR MEN 15 KM

1. HORNIG Vitezslav	CZE	0+0+0+0	0	44:26.5	
2. CISAR Alex	SLO	0+0+0+0	0	44:55.5	+29.0
3. BRAUNHOFER Patrick	ITA	0+0+0+0	0	45:40.7	+1:14.2
4. CLAUDE Emilien	FRA	0+1+1+0	2	45:55.6	+1:29.1
5. LAZOUSKI Dzmitry	BLR	1+1+0+1	3	46:07.9	+1:41.4

SPRINT JUNIOR WOMEN 7.5 KM

1. BEKH Ekaterina	UKR	0+1	1	24:50.2	
2. BOUCAUD Laura	FRA	0+0	0	25:11.6	+21.4
3. SHEVCHENKO Anastasia	RUS	0+0	0	25:23.7	+33.5
4. VOBORNIKOVA Tereza	CZE	1+0	1	25:27.0	+36.8
5. GANDLER Anna	AUT	0+0	0	25:42.3	+52.1

SPRINT JUNIOR MEN 10 KM

1. CISAR Alex	SLO	0+0	0	26:30.0	
2. HORNIG Vitezslav	CZE	0+1	1	26:51.2	+21.2
3. HARTWEG Niklas	SUI	0+0	0	26:53.5	+23.5
4. CLAUDE Emilien	FRA	1+2	3	27:03.4	+33.4
5. RIETHMUELLER Danilo	GER	1+0	1	27:09.0	+39.0

Republic, swapped places with him and finished second, 21.2 seconds back. Bronze went to the biathlete who dominated this year's IBU Junior Cup season, Niklas Hartweg of Switzerland, who didn't miss one shot in the sprint competitions throughout the season. After the second shooting, he still had a narrow lead over Cisar, but dropped back to third place in the final lap. "I gave everything, but you could see that the track became softer and slower," Hartweg said at the finish.

In a class of her own on the trail in deep snow conditions, Ekaterina Bekh of Ukraine snatched the gold medal despite one miss. "It was a tough race. I am even happier to have won the gold medal," she said proudly in the interview, after shedding tears of joy at the victory ceremony.

Bekh's victory was determined relatively quickly. None of her competitors could keep up with the Ukrainian. The second and third places, however, were hard fought. Again and again, different athletes pushed their way up to the medal ranks during the race. In the end, second place went to Laura Boucaud of France, 21.4 seconds behind Bekh. Bronze went to Anastasia Shevchenko of Russia, 33.5 seconds behind the winner.

At the end of the day, Lisa Maria Spark of Germany and Niklas Hartweg of Switzerland won the season's Sprint Score globes.

 Timo Peitsch
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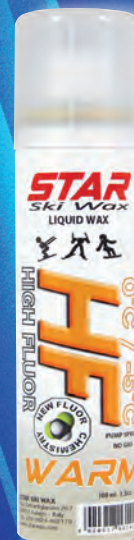


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Brazil is known for football, white beaches and bright sunshine. But hold on a second: Brazil is also a biathlon nation! At least for Matheus De Santana Vasconcellos, short "Brazo". For nine years he has been living in Austria, and he is one of the few Brazilian biathletes. Since the beginning of the season 2018/19, Brazo has been racing in the IBU Junior Cup.

"Servus, how are you?", Brazo is greeting us at the beginning of our interview in Hochfilzen. He speaks German with an Austrian accent. His love for biathlon is

quite untypical for a born and bred Brazilian - and so are his hobbies. He loves to play brass music with the Austrian folk band Trachtenkapelle Weißbach. "Unfortunately in winter I don't have that much time but in summer I join the band whenever it is possible", says the 19-year-old. Mostly, his band is performing at folk festivals.

Brazo describes himself as "open to all things new". So, it's hardly surprising that he adapted quickly to the Austrian culture: Fun in the beer tent, and Schlager music as a motivator before the start of a competition.

Matheus De Santana Vasconcellos combines Austrian and Brazilian culture.



When his family moved to Austria, Brazo's stepfather showed him how to ski. "I always took the bus to go to the slope directly after school. And I didn't stop skiing until the ski lift closed." But he never dreamed of becoming a biathlete in the first place. "I tried out every sport: First, it was only skiing, later I checked out ski jumping and Nordic combined. But they told me that I had no chance because all the top athletes start at a very young age." So, he set his mind on cross-country skiing, and later discovered biathlon.

Now, he has found his sport. Brazo's best result until now is a 73rd place. But



he wants more. "My season was quite up-and-down, and didn't go to plan. In October, I injured myself and had to pause for six weeks. I only started competing in the IBU Junior Cup again in January." At the shooting range he already shows good results, but on the track there is still room for improvement. That is the reason why he wants to focus on his skiing skills during the summer. One of his goals is to participate in the Winter Olympic Games 2022 in Beijing.

Brazo dreams of a Brazilian biathlon team. "At least once I want to compete with a Brazilian relay team. That is my dream." But it's not an easy one to fulfil. "It's quite difficult to motivate Brazilians to try out biathlon. Our federation does everything they can but to become a biathlete you need a lot of time, patience at the shooting range. We don't have any shooting range in Brazil. So, everybody stays with cross-country skiing."

Brazo was lucky to have such good training facilities. Alongside his job training as a constructor, he trains six to eight times a week in a training centre in Steiermark, Austria.

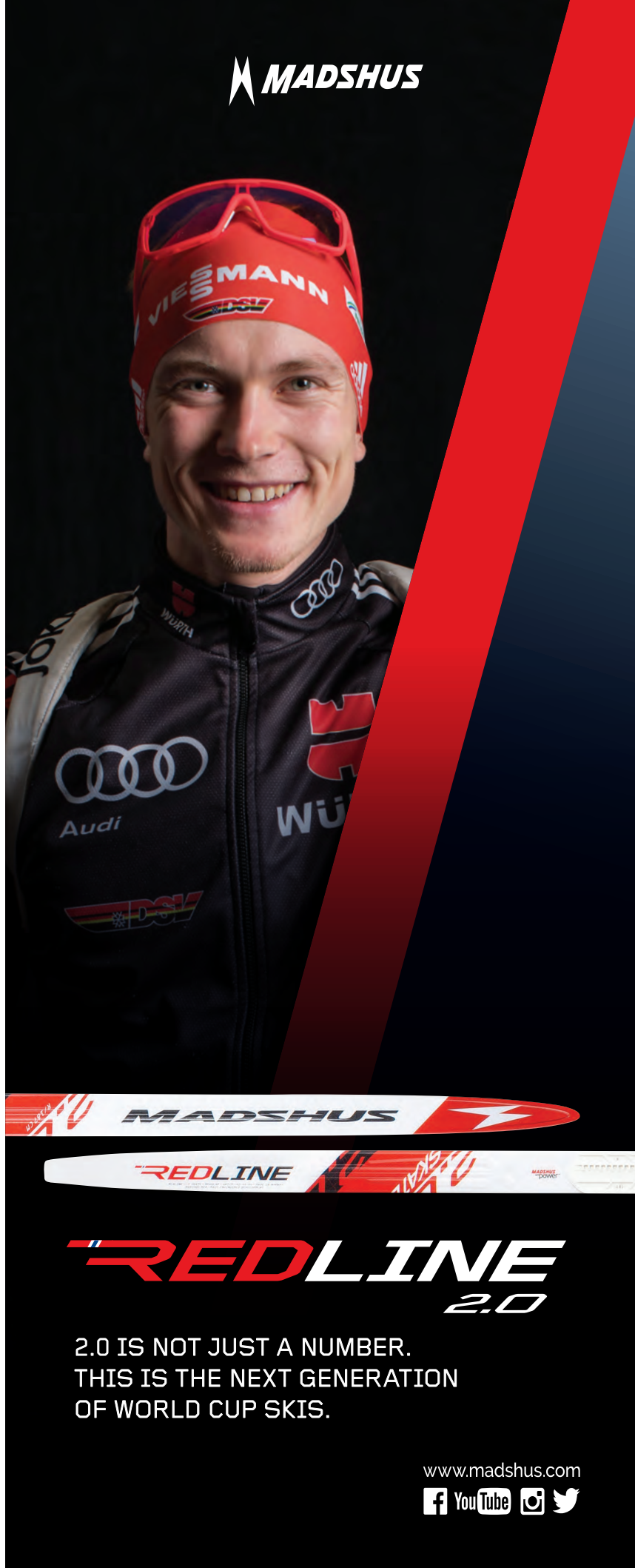
In winter he mostly joins a mixed team. "We are eight to ten people from four different countries," he says. His coaches are Italian, his team mates are from New Zealand and Australia. "This is the #biathlonfamily. I like that," says Brazo, shaping his hands into a hashtag with a laugh.

But he never forgot his Brazilian roots. In his free time, Brazo loves to play football. "I am a true Brazilian, so, on the pitch I wear bib number 10." Due to biathlon, Brazo has a lot of stamina. So, his football teammates let him "do all the running". He is a fan of Flamengo Rio de Janeiro, and regularly watches the matches. He even had the chance to support them in the stadium once.

Brazo loves Austrian brass music but when he hears Samba, his feet start moving on its own. "I listen to Samba music a lot, and I also love dancing." He is a sought after dancing partner. "That's my way to impress the girls. Up until now, none of my dancing partners complained", he laughs with a twinkle in his eye.

Automatically, the question arises whether Brazo is more Brazilian or more Austrian. "I think it's 50/50. In school everybody tells me I'm really Austrian because I play in a brass band and love the Austrian culture. I think the expression "Brösi" would suit me very well," he says and starts to laugh out loud. |

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