

2010 Junior/U23 European Championships - Moscow

The British Junior and Under 23 Canoe Sprint teams competed in the European Junior and Under 23 Canoe Sprint Championships which took place in Moscow last weekend. GB's strongest performance of the weekend came from Lani Belcher (K1W 5000m Senior European Champion) who finished 6th in the A final of the K1 Women's 500 metres under 23 category.

The British athletes as a whole dealt well with difficult conditions in order to produce their best performances throughout the competition. Several GB U23 and junior athletes progressed into B finals where their performances reflected high potential for the future.

These included:

- Kristian Reeves progressed to B final in the U23 men's K1 200m and finished 9th.
- Tom Hide progressed to B final in the men's U23 men's K1 and finished 3rd.
- Mark Childerstone and Tim Pendle progressed to B final in the men's K2 1000m and finished 7th.
- Emily Lewis progressed to the B final in the junior women's 200m and finished 4th.
- Katherine Trotter progressed to the B final in the women's 1000m and finished 3rd.
- Simon Marton finished 2nd in the B final of the junior men's K1 1000m and 7th in the B final of the junior men's K1 500m.

Reflecting after the weekend's racing, GB Canoeing's National Performance Coach, Brendan Purcell said:

'I believe that the athletes all delivered their best performances under very trying and at times adverse conditions of 40 degrees plus temperature at the regatta course and with no respite of overnight to aid recovery. Many athletes were also suffering with a stomach bug but have not used this as an excuse illustrating to me the level of professionalism running through the squad at the moment.'

'The GB coaches and support staff put all the measures in place available to aid recovery and health of all the athletes, which they adhered to with a great level of maturity. The results indicate areas for improvement to close the gap on other nations however the athletes racing, commitment, determination and attitude showed that they have the attributes required to achieve success over the next few years.'

GB Junior Team and Results

	200m	500m	1000m
WK1	Emily Lewis 12 th in B Final		Katherine Trotter 3 rd in B Final
WK2		Lewis/Trotter 5 th in Semi Final	
MK1		Marton Simon 7 th in B Final	Marton Simon 2 nd in B Final
MK2		Bowley/Webster 8 th in Semi Final	Bowley/Webster 8 th in Semi Final
MC1		Ian Weir 6 th in Semi Final	Ian Weir 8 th in Semi Final

GB Under 23 Team and Results

	200m	500m	1000m
WK1		Lani Belcher 6 th in A Final	
MK1	Kristian Reeves 9 th in B Final		Tom Hide 3 rd in B Final
MK2			Childerstone/Pendle 7 th in B Final
MK4			Terry/Simmons/Welch/Haynes 9 th in Semi Final
MC1		James Styan 7 th in Semi Final	James Styan 7 th in Semi Final
MC2		Santos Costa/Sollars 5 th in Semi Final	Santos Costa/Sollars 7 th in Semi Final