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## **Nils van der Poel (SWE) claims 10,000m crown as Erin Jackson (USA) eases to 500m victory**

[Nils van der Poel](#) (SWE) showed his best form to win the Men's 10,000m on day two of the ISU World Cup Speed Skating in Stavanger, Norway, while in the Women's competition, [Erin Jackson](#) (USA) won her third gold medal in a row, taking the 500m on another day of high drama in Stavanger. [Laurent Dubreuil](#) (CAN) won the Men's 500m and China took Team Sprint gold.

### **Van Der Poel leaves field behind**

Nils Van Der Poel (SWE) received the Oscar Mathisen Award for the most impressive Speed Skating Performance of last season, just after he had showcased one of the most impressive displays of the current season in Stavanger. The Swedish World Record holder was in a league of his own in the only 10,000m race of this World Cup season, leaving the rest of the field more than 17 seconds behind.

Van Der Poel started in the final pairing of the 10,000m against [Jorrit Bergsma](#) (NED), skating away from the 2014 Olympic Champion, about half a second per lap in the first 20 laps. In the final five laps the Swede even accelerated, as Bergsma struggled to maintain his pace.

With 12 minutes and 38.92 seconds, Van Der Poel crushed [Sven Kramer](#)'s (NED) 2017 track record by 12 seconds. Bergsma came 17.13 seconds short in second place, while [Ted-Jan Bloemen](#) (CAN) took third, trailing by 21.30 seconds.

"I'm really impressed by Nils (Van der Poel), and I told him so," Bloemen said. "This was one of the best races I've ever seen, outstanding."

Van der Poel accepted the compliment with a modest smile: "It makes me happy that he said that." The World Record holder did not agree completely, however.

"I rate my 10,000m from Heerenveen higher than this, based on performance. It was more even, closer to my maximum performance of the day.

"I believe my ground shape is better this year. That's why I'm going so fast. The race today was a good race. I think it could have gone a little faster earlier, I got a little defensive."

Although he was impressed, Bloemen thought that the gap would have been smaller at a faster ice rink. "I think he's right," Van der Poel said. "My strength as a Speed Skater is corners, and I'm physically fit.

"The straightaways, when the ice is good... Bergsma for example, he does really good straightaways. I think he benefits from the better glide. The Canadians benefit from the better glide (too). They always train under better conditions."

Looking forward to the Beijing Olympics, Van Der Poel shied away from the favorite's role. "I think the gap will be smaller when we reach the Olympics. I have the ability to have a good ground shape, but if you look at Jorrit (Bergsma) for example, four years ago, he did 13:01 here. At the Olympics (in 2018), he was about 20 seconds faster. If Jorrit goes 20 seconds faster than this, he beats me."

Both Bloemen and Bergsma were not ready to automatically hand over Olympic gold to Van der Poel either.

“I’m a very good skater, I’m the Olympic Champion, a World Record holder, I’ve got a chance,” Bloemen said.

“I have to do my own thing,” Bergsma said. “This is not top shape yet, but it was a solid skate and I could keep the lap times even up until the end.

“My goal for the Games is just to show the best me and we’ll see what that’s worth when the time comes.”

### **Dubreuil bags career second 500m World Cup win**

Laurent Dubreuil (CAN) grabbed the lead in the Men’s 500m World Cup standings. The Canadian World Champion bagged his second career individual World Cup win, finishing in 34.57, just 0.03 ahead of [Artem Arefyev](#) (RUS).

Poland’s Marek Kania seized his first World Cup medal, coming third in a personal best of 34.65 seconds.

Dubreuil made amends after finishing 12th in Friday’s 1,000m. “I was really good today. I’m happy about how I rebounded from yesterday,” he said. “Yesterday was a tough day, a tough race. I felt nothing really, I felt tired yesterday, like I just wanted to go home. I didn’t feel any energy.

“Today I thought to myself, there’s still two races to go (at the Stavanger World Cup), and then I can go home, so I better just do my best, and I show up. I didn’t expect to win.

“I told myself don’t worry about results, don’t think limits, just let yourself skate, have fun and we’ll see.

“It (the race) wasn’t perfect, but I think the execution was better than last week. It was a really fun race because Artem (Arefyev) was really good as well. We were very close in the last straight, and I managed to keep my technique better than the last few races.

“It helped me a lot in the backstretch seeing him, knowing I need to go get him.

“Obviously this year, it’s a secondary goal, the prime goal is the Olympics. But to me, the best skater in the world is not necessarily the guy who wins the one race at the Olympics or the World Championships. To me, the best skater in the world is supposed to be consistent throughout the whole season.”

### **China wins Team Sprint**

China finished the day with gold in the only Team Sprint race this World Cup season. Hoatian Wang, [Ning Zhongyan](#) and [Lian Ziwen](#) finished in 1:20.12 seconds, with Norway ([Håvard Lorentzen](#), [Bjørn Magnussen](#) and [Henrik Fagerli Rukke](#)) 0.90 seconds behind. Poland (Marek Kania, [Piotr Michalski](#) and [Damian Zurek](#)) came third in 1:21.25.

### **Jackson wins third 500m World Cup gold**

Following her maiden World Cup win in Poland last week, Erin Jackson (USA) claimed her third gold medal in a row in the Women’s 500m. [Nao Kodaira](#) (JPN) finished second, with [Kaja Ziomek](#) (POL) – the 24-year-old sprinter who would later win in the Women’s Team Sprint – finishing third.

Finishing in 37.60 seconds, Jackson did not think much of her race initially. “When I crossed the line, I was kind of disappointed,” Jackson said. “It didn’t feel like a solid race, and the time didn’t seem like something that would be the winning time. I did not expect that to be the winning time.”

After Jackson had set her time, neither Olympic Champion Kodaira nor World Champion [Angelina Golikova](#) (RUS) were able to beat it in the final two pairings. Kodaira came closest, finishing in 37.70 seconds for Silver, but Golikova (37.83s) and team-mate Olga Fatkulina (37.84s) had to settle for fourth and fifth place. They did, however, retain third and fourth place respectively in the 500 World Cup ranking, behind Jackson and Kodaira.

“I was really surprised watching the last two pairs go through,” Jackson said. “I was like, OK, I’ll take it out the freebie, but I can’t let that happen again.” Former inline Champion Jackson has come a long way since finishing 24th at the 2018 Olympic Games in PyeongChang, after having first stood in ice skates in 2016.

“In PyeongChang I felt a little out of place, like, how did I get here?” Jackson said. “What am I doing here? Now it’s completely different.”

### **Kodaira targets Sunday win**

While Jackson felt out of place in PyeongChang, Kodaira won Olympic gold. The Japanese 500m star did not feel out of place in Stavanger but she was not where she wanted to be either.

“It’s OK,” Kodaira said. “I just want to work on my technique and become faster. I have to focus on the opener.”

Despite not having won in three of her 500m races during this World Cup season, Kodaira was still confident ahead of Sunday’s second 500m race in Stavanger: “I’ve got silver and bronze already, tomorrow I’ll win.”

### **Lucky day for Ziomek**

[Kaja Ziomek](#) (POL) enjoyed the best day of her career so far, winning 500m bronze and Team Sprint gold.

“I’m so happy,” she smiled. “I think it’s my lucky day. Here I had my World Cup debut (in Stavanger 2017), and here I have my first medal, I’m so excited.”

### **Team Sprint success for Poland**

In the only Women’s Team Sprint event of the season, Ziomek was joined by [Natalia Czerwonka](#), and [Andzelika Wójcik](#). The Polish Women set one minute and 28.36 seconds to win the race.

Canada’s Maddison Pearman, [Alexa Scott](#) and [Ivanie Blondin](#) finished second in 1:28.54, and China ([Zhang Lina](#), [Li Qishi](#) and [Jin Jingzhu](#) came third in 1:28.57.

Team Sprint Women race

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Team Sprint Men race

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3000m Women race

ISU World Cup Speed Skating [Standings 3000m Women](#)

5000m Men race

ISU World Cup Speed Skating [Standings 5000m Men](#)

500m Women race

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1000m Men race

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1500m Women race

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Mass Start Final Men race

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500m Men race

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1000m Women race

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1500m Men race

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Mass Start Women race

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Skaters can earn points at each competition, and the Skater who has the most points on a given distance at the end of the Series is the World Cup winner of that distance. The World Cup Competitions held from November to December serve as qualifying events for entry quotas at the ISU European, World Single Distances, World Sprint and World Allround Speed Skating Championships and during the Olympic season they are Olympic Qualifying Events. A number of World Cup titles are awarded every season; For Men: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, combined 5000m / 10,000m, Mass Start, Team Pursuit and Team Sprint. For Women 500m, 1000m, 1500m, the combined 3000m / 5000m, Mass Start, Team Pursuit and Team Sprint. For further information please visit [isu.org/WorldCupSpeedSkating](https://www.isu.org/WorldCupSpeedSkating).