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UIPM 2022 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: FRANCE FINISH STRONG TO WIN U17 MEN'S RELAY



France won their first title of the UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships in Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA) as **Axel Fleurot** and **Karl Funderer** earned an impressive gold medal in the Under 17 Men's Relay.

Osama Zaki and **Yassin Elhady** added to **Egypt's** burgeoning medal tally with silver as **Krystian Trepczyk** and **Bartosz Szmytko** of **Poland** won bronze.

The day also featured the Under 19 Men's Semi-finals, with 18 athletes progressing to the Final.



Under 17 Men's Relay

It was Poland (Trepczyk/Szmytke) who set the pace in the pool with a terrific swim of 1min 52.11sec, more than 5sec faster than 2nd-placed Egypt (Zaki/Elhady) with France (Fleurot/Furderer) timing also among six teams going under the 2min mark.

It meant that France (Fleurot/Furderer) and Egypt (Zaki/Elhady) started the Laser Run 12sec and 10sec respectively behind the leaders, but Poland (Trepczyk/Szmytke) were unable to defend their position and a scorching Laser Run of 8:04.59 enabled France (Fleurot/Furderer) to build an unassailable lead.

Egypt (Zaki/Elhady) timed 8:21.26 to finish 16sec ahead of Poland (Trepczyk/Szmytke), whose compatriots **Igor Radomyski** and **Adam Machaj** crossed the line 4th ahead of 5th-placed **Mexico** (**Gandhy Miranda** & **Axel Gomez**). **Oleksandr Melnyk** and **Oleksandr Klymenko** of **Ukraine** completed the top six.



Under 19 Men's Semi-finals

Thirty-six athletes took part in the Men's Semi-final to determine which 18 would progress to the Final on Super Sunday (September 11).

Semi-final A was won by **Jeongwook Son** of **Korea** with 1141 points, 5sec ahead of both **Diego Lavillat** (FRA) and **Roman Popov** (UKR).

The winner of Semi-final B was also Korean, as **Chanwoo Shin** crossed the line with 1142 points, 2sec ahead of trio **Quinn Schulz** of **Canada**, **Etienne Clergeau** (FRA) and **Moutaz Mohamed** (EGY).

Rank	Name	Nation	MP	Points
1	POPOV Roman	UKR	240	
2	SKIBIAK Hubert	POL	240	
3	MOHAMED Moutaz	EGY	235	
4	SCHULZ Quinn	CAN	235	
5	SHABAN Mazen	EGY	235	
6	CLERGEAU Etienne	FRA	230	
7	KABELINSKAS Ugnius	LTU	225	
8	LAVILLAT Diego	FRA	225	
9	SHIN Chanwoo	KOR	220	
10	MOHAMED Mohamed	EGY	220	
11	SYCH Danylo	UKR	220	
12	SON Jeongwook	KOR	215	
13	KANG Dohoon	KOR	205	
14	BOVENZI Matteo	ITA	205	
15	JABLONSKI Michal	POL	200	
16	TOMITA Yousuke	JPN	195	

17	SECHIDIS Filippas	GRE	190
18	LIBERAL IVAN	ESP	175

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Competition schedule

UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships (U19/U17)

September 11: (U19) Women's Final; Men's Final; (U17) Mixed Relay