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UIPM 2025 BIATHLE-TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: SUN SHINES FOR SOUTH AFRICA IN MIXED RELAYS



In the midst of southern-hemisphere summer heat, Mossel Bay provided a sun-drenched stage as 16 thrilling Mixed Relay finals unfolded on Day 3 of the UIPM 2025 Biathle-Triathle World Championships.

Luckily for the home crowd on the tip of the African continent, **South Africa** teams were the headline story, taking gold in seven of the 11 bi-gender races, underscoring the strength of the host nation across age groups.

In the Senior Triathlete Mixed Relay, home favourites **Tara Schwulst** and **Dylan Matthew Kruger** combined speed and smooth transitions to clinch gold in 13min 36.20sec, over 50sec more than **France** duo **Léa Fernandez** and **Mohamed-Kamis Mtir**, who finished second (19:12.80).

The Junior Mixed Relay could not produce another memorable victory for the hosts as **Mia Botha** and **Joshua Vorster** crossed second, almost 2min behind a fantastic **Great Britain** team of **Evelina Powell** and **Verner Krynauw** who were far ahead with 19:33.30.

South Africa's dominance returned in the penultimate race of the day in the Under-19 where **Dune Haasbroek** and **Steffan Hillebrand (RSA)** stormed to victory in 19:45.20, with **Greece** filling the silver-medal positions.

In the Masters 40–49 Mixed Relay the host nation again topped the podium: reigning champions **Andrea Ranger** and **Tiaan Rossouw (RSA)** retained their gold in a sub-17min time, ahead of the accomplished British pairing of **Helen Wilkinson** and **David Barlow**.

There was also a brief visit into the far future as two **Egypt** athletes won the individual under-9 races - **Mohamed Nassar** in the boys and **Kinda Srour** in the girls.

Thursday 12 December is the final day of action at the Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships as all senior, junior and masters' finals take place, before the Laser Run World Championships takes the spotlight.