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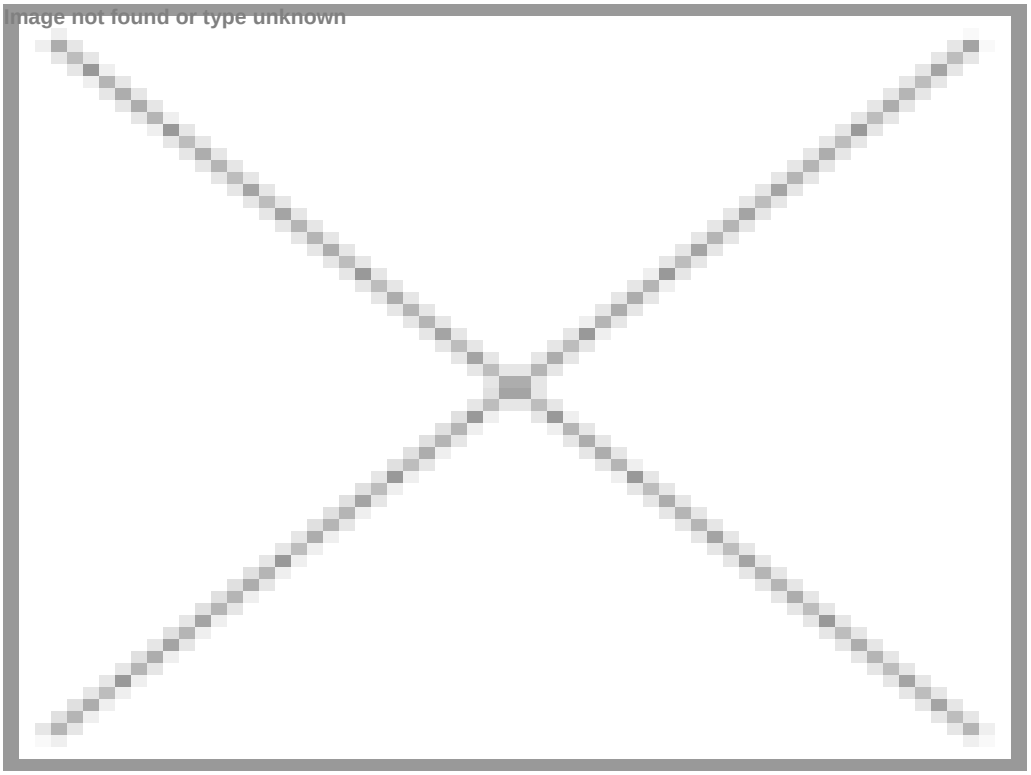
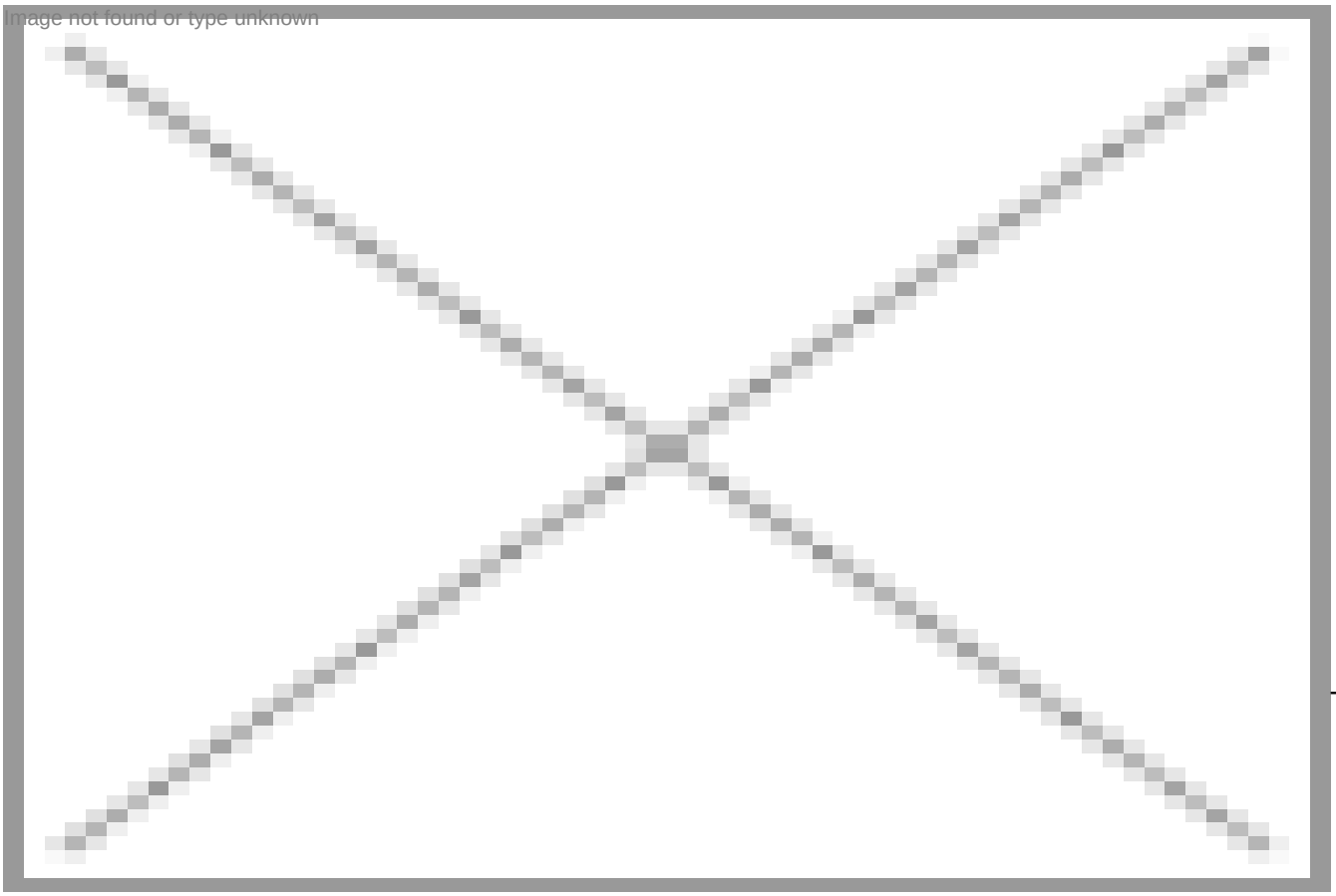
UIPM 2018 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: AHMED ELGENDY (EGY) COMPLETES EPIC DOUBLE



Four months ago **Ahmed Elgendy** of **Egypt** announced himself on the world stage by winning Men’s Individual gold at the UIPM Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships. Today he went one better.

Aged just 18, **Elgendy** (**EGY**) is now the holder of two global individual titles after an incredible performance in the Men's Individual Final at the UIPM 2018 Junior World Championships.



The bespectacled teenager started the Laser-Run 37secs behind the leader, **Gustav Gustenau** of **Austria**, who shot with excellent composure and looked like a strong bet for gold. But on the third lap he suddenly found a rival on his shoulder, and **Elgendy** (**EGY**) used his electric speed to take the lead before finishing the job with a stunning 6sec shoot at the last visit to the range.

Gustenau (**AUT**), a 21-year-old former ice hockey player who has twice finished in the top 10 at the CISM Military World Championships, eased home for silver ahead of **Ivan Khamtsou** of **Belarus**, who shrugged off a poor Riding performance to secure bronze.

So competitive was the Laser-Run that the next three finishers had all started the race outside the top 12: **Serge Baranov** of **Russia** finished 4th, **Lukasz Gutkowski** of **Poland** was one place further back and **Martin Vlach** pleased the **Czech Republic** home crowd by completing the top six.

Hungary (**Bence Kardos** / **Illes Szabo** / **Balint Bernath**) won team gold ahead of silver medallists **Korea** (**So Hyunseok** / **Seo Changwan** / **Kim Sedong**), while **Italy** picked up their fifth medal of the week as **Matteo Cicinelli**, **Giorgio Malan** and **Roberto Micheli** secured bronze.

Individual gold medallist **Elgendy** (**EGY**), who also won silver at the 1st FISU World University Championships a month ago, said: “It was amazing because I came from 8th to 1st and I shot very nicely today.

“The semi-final was not good for me but this was a good day in Riding, Fencing and Swimming, and I’m very happy to achieve this medal.

“This is my second gold medal at a World Championships this year, so I’m very happy today.”

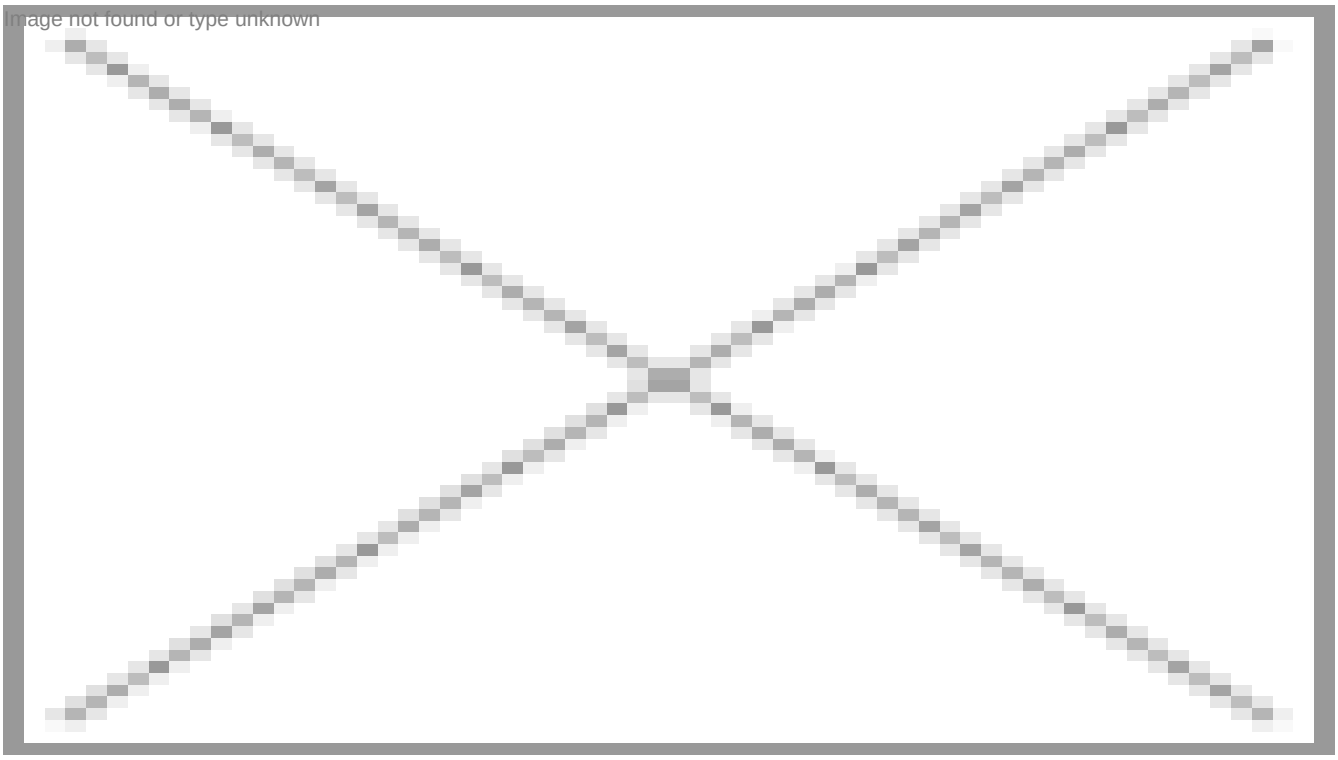
Gustenau (**AUT**): “The day started with a fantastic Swimming time, I had a few problems at the start of the Fencing but after a third of the bouts I came back very strong, and in the Riding I just tried to have a safe round.

“At the beginning of the Laser-Run I was a bit nervous, because there was a strong chasing pack, but in the end I’m just very happy that I finished 2nd and finished my last year as a junior with a medal.

“Not everybody in Austria know pentathlon, and I think after this race maybe I’m a bit more famous and I won’t have to explain my sport if somebody asks me on the street.”

Hungary coach **Janos Martinek**, the multiple world champion and Seoul 1988 Olympic Games double gold medallist, said of his team’s success: “I am half and half: in one eye I am happy and in the other eye I am crying because in Fencing, two of our team were very bad. The guys can do it better but today wasn’t good.

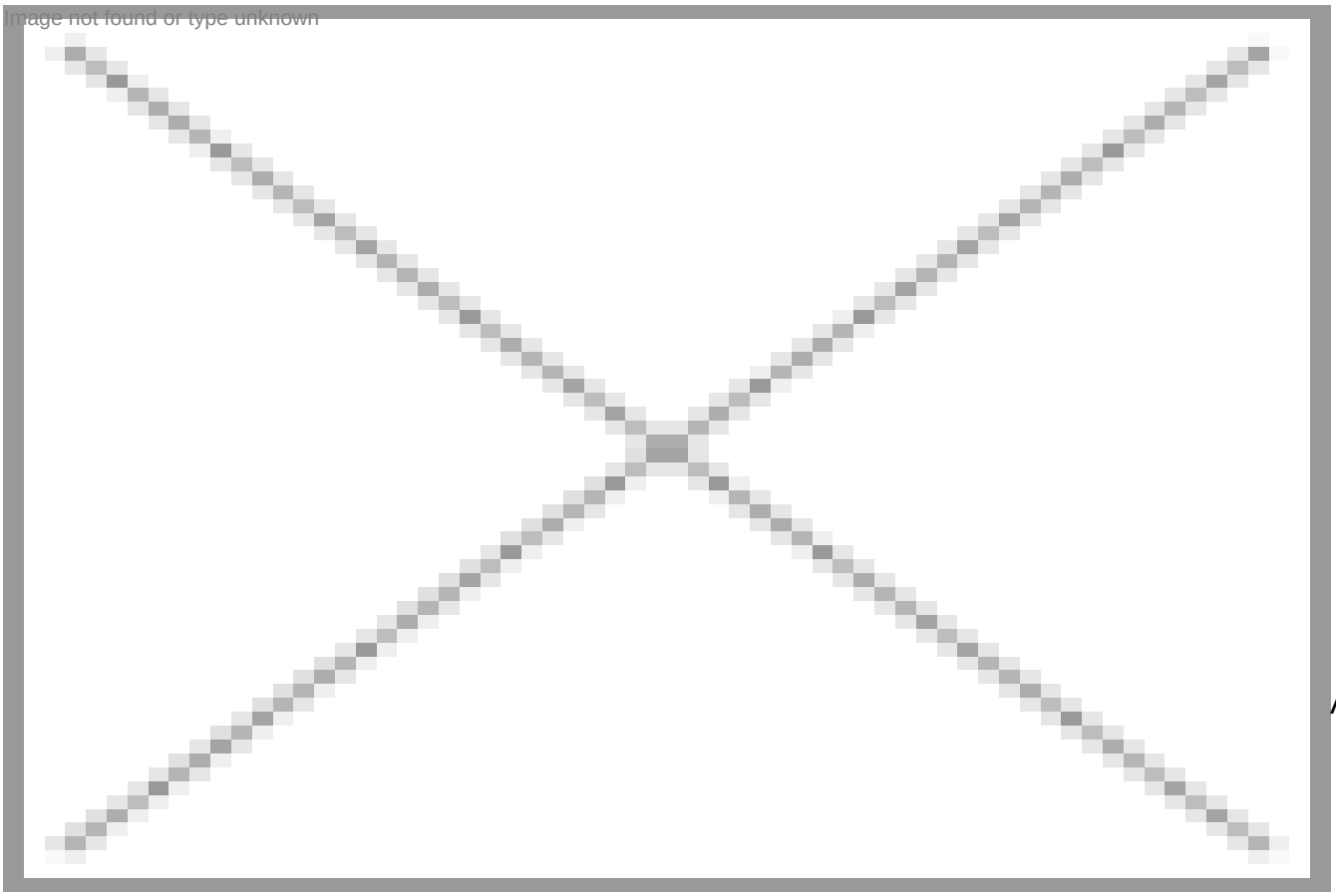
“Fencing is the reason we missed out on an individual medal today. Maybe later will be better.”



Swimming

Typically, **Myles Pillage** of **Great Britain** was quickest to finish his 200m freestyle in a time of 1:58.81, but **Gustenau** (**AUT**) also went under 2mins in 1:5972. Third-fastest was **Elgendy** (**EGY**) in 2:00.87.

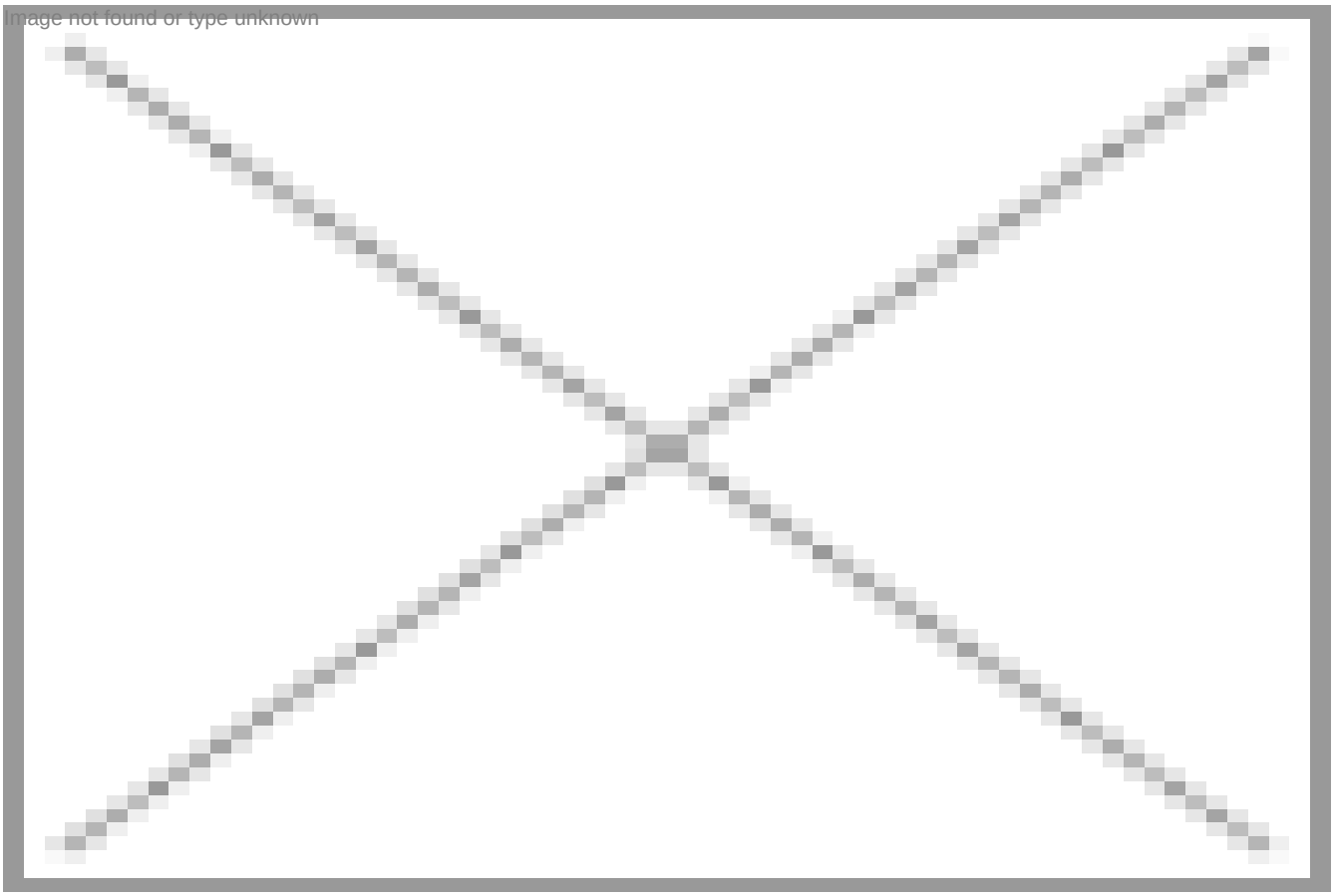
Fencing



A dominant performance by **Khamtsou** (**BLR**) catapulted him into the podium equation. He recorded 28 victories and just seven defeats, winning four more bouts than any other competitor. But **Gustenau** (**AUT**) continued his high-class performance with 24V/11D, the same score as **Balint** (**HUN**).

In the Bonus Round, **Paolo Singh** of **France** and **Elgendy** (**EGY**) each added four points to their overall tally.

Riding



There was drama in the Riding arena as **Khamtsou** (**BLR**) faltered badly, conceding 33 penalty points to effectively end his pursuit of gold. **Elgendy** (**EGY**) also lost ground with a score of 280, while **Gustenau** (**AUT**) took the overall lead with 295.

Four riders managed a perfect score of 300: **Vicente Lima** of **Argentina**, **Balasz Szep** (**HUN**), **Cicinelli** (**ITA**) and **Jan Kauffmann** of **Germany**.

Laser-Run

Gustenau (**AUT**) started out with a 8sec cushion over **Pillage** (**GBR**) and 17sec over **Bernath** (**HUN**). The leader kept both of them at bay but all the time his captor was waiting in the wings.

Elgendy (**EGY**) timed his assault perfectly, taking big chunks out of the deficit on the first two laps to move from 8th to 2nd, and then moving past **Gustenau** (**AUT**) with ruthless efficiency.

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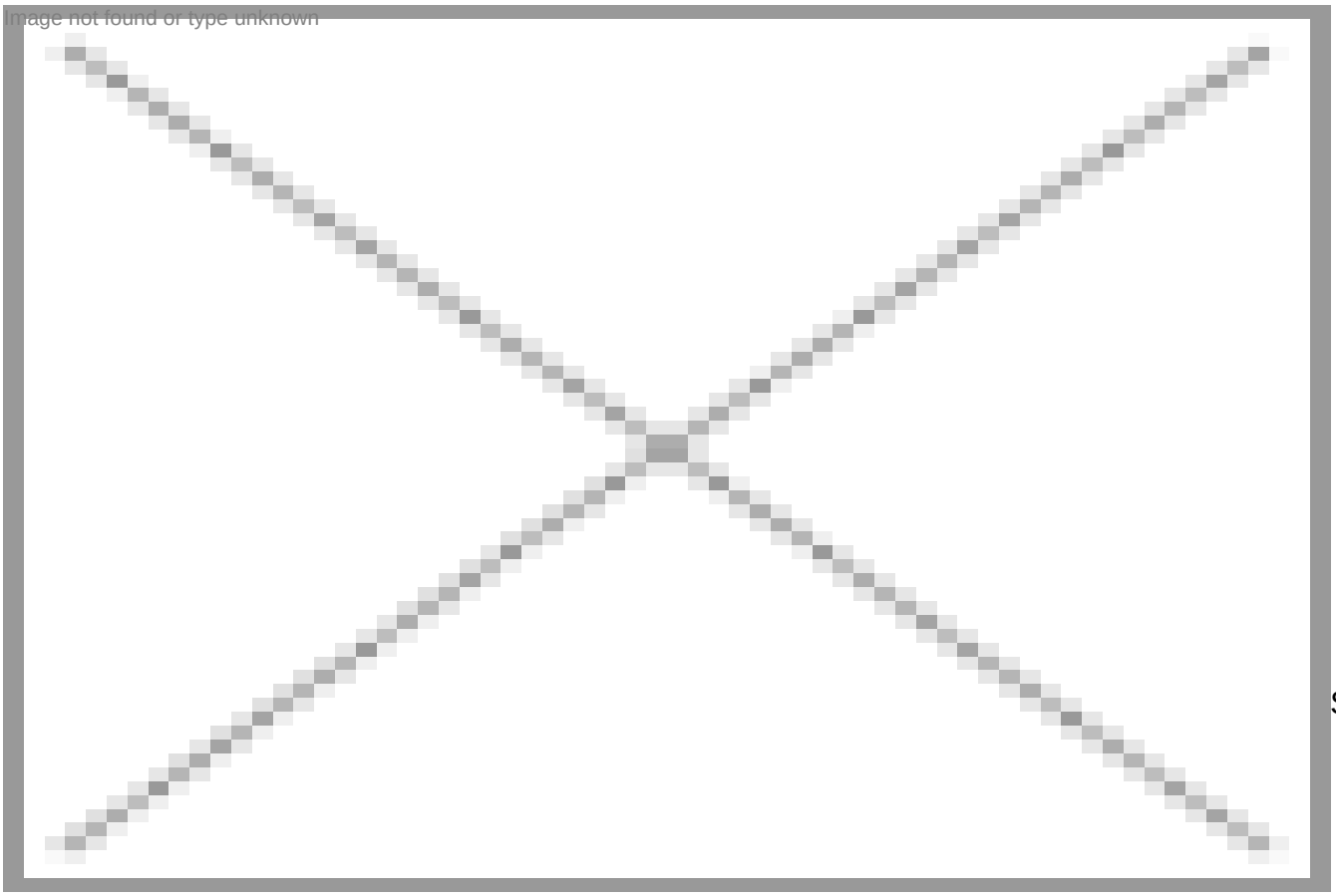

So high was the Laser-Run standard that the winner's time of 10:46.55 did not even rank in the top three. **Kardos** (**HUN**) was quickest around the course in 10:37.44, ahead of home favourite **Martin Vlach** (**CZE**) in 10:44.78 and **Baranov** (**RUS**) in 10:45.30.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Today we had an exciting competition both for the individual and the team medals. We had three continents on the podium, which shows the strength of our global movement.

"We saw good performances in the Riding today, and then in the Laser-Run we saw an unbelievable performance from a young Egyptian athlete. Laser-Run is such an exciting spectacle and I'm sure we had great pictures on the live television coverage.

"Thank you to the athletes first, and to the organisers who have enabled us to enjoy a real highlight of the season. Today we had a good number of spectators and tomorrow we will have 20 teams for the Mixed Relay, which is a great number."

The UIPM 2018 Junior World Championships conclude on August 6 with the Mixed Relay.

All results and reports are available at the UIPM website and updates from the Mixed Relay will be published on the UIPM's Twitter page and on Facebook, where you can watch live coverage of the Laser-Run.

Rank	Name	Nation	MP Points
1	ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY	1467
2	GUSTENAU Gustav	AUT	1460
3	KHAMTSOU Ivan	BLR	1450
4	BARANOV Serge	RUS	1445
5	GUTKOWSKI Lukasz	POL	1443
6	VLACH Martin	CZE	1441
7	MALAN Giorgio	ITA	1440
8	SHIVEL Luis	ESP	1438

9	SZABÓ Illés	HUN	1438
10	BERNATH Balint	HUN	1434
11	SEO Changwan	KOR	1432
12	KARDOS Bence	HUN	1430
13	SINGH Paolo	FRA	1427
14	HERNANDEZ Emiliano	MEX	1426
15	CICINELLI Matteo	ITA	1417
16	SO Hyunseok	KOR	1414
17	LIMA Vicente	ARG	1406
18	KIM Sedong	KOR	1404
19	AROL Yauheni	BLR	1403
20	PILLAGE Myles	GBR	1401
21	SZÉP Balázs	HUN	1400
22	GREZANLE Valentin	FRA	1397
23	MATVEEV Nikolai	RUS	1394
24	SILVA Melchor	MEX	1388
25	MOURCIA Jean Baptiste	FRA	1387
26	SHABAN Mohanad	EGY	1375
27	KASPERCZAK Kamil	POL	1374
28	KAUFFMANN Jan	GER	1369
29	UNAL Bugra	TUR	1368
30	MICHELI Roberto	ITA	1367
31	PARADOWSKI Oskar	POL	1362
32	UIBEL Pele	GER	1342
33	GISPERT Joan	ESP	1341
34	SVECHOTA Lukas	CZE	1332
35	LAWRYNOWICZ Daniel	POL	1315
36	SEWILAM Alyeldin	EGY	1308