



Racing in Essen-

“Tough but good” is the best way to summarise the weekend of racing.

With the German National Team racing to finalise their selections there were some very intense battles taking place alongside an international field including the Polish, Argentinian, Dutch and Swiss teams in various events.

Starting with the medals; there was a nice win for the Viktora/Kopac combination in the LM2- on Saturday and a win for the BW4x Nedelova/Flamikova/Metlicka/Zabova on the Sunday.

Alongside these wins were some good second places for the more established crews of the LM2x Vastril/Simanek and W2x Antosova/Fleissnerova from the Saturday racing. Antosova/Fleissnerova finishing second again on the Sunday.

There were third places finishes for Fleissner BLM1x, Neuhortova BLW1x and Zabova BW1x on Saturday and the LM2x Fleissner/Hajek (National Team/Dukla combination) and the W4x Zabova/Antosova/Hlasova/Fleissnerova on the Sunday.

Other highlights: there was some excellent progress from the U23 men’s group who learnt from each race and improved throughout the weekend; the Lightweight men’s group is still competitive at a high level and the women’s team as a whole continues to develop, having two quads racing on Sunday was excellent to see.

Overall it was a good reminder of the level of international competition and the crews now move on to Ratzeburg and Belgrade knowing there is plenty of work still to be done but with a good idea of what improvements need to be made.

Some selection racing also took place for the Academic team and these will be announced in the near future.

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