



Armin Svoboda and Andrew O'Connor NZ LM2x

- How was your race?
- It was easy, we could pull away with the Germans from the others after 500 hundred. The Germans went for the first place, we went only for the final. As for tomorrow we are confident in ourselves.
- How did you deal with the extremely hot weather?
- We were prepared, we had cold water with us in the boat, it wasn't a problem.
- Was the wind influencing you?
- At start there was no wind at all, it started to blow only around the 1000 meter mark, but it wasn't a problem by then.

Markéta Pazderková and Gabriela Vareková – CZE W2x

- How was your race?
- Not good, we didn't make it to the final. We were not good enough, but tomorrow we will do our best to finish the championships with a good race.
- How did you deal with the extremely hot weather?
- The weather is really hot, almost 40 degrees, it made it very difficult to race.
- What is your opinion about the regatta course?
- It is very good, also the organisation. We cannot complain about anything.

Zsuzsanna Hajdú – HUN LW 1x

- How was your race?
- It was good, It went out for good. The competitors are very strong, everybody wants to get out the best of herself.
- What was your tactics?
- My boat started to move faster on the second 1000 meters, but this is usual for me.





Haydene Smith – South Africa W4-

- How was your race?
 - It was awesome! As a first international experience it was a very good race. We are really happy to get into the finals.
 - How do you feel here?
 - I am just very happy to be here! We have lot of fun. The ceremony on Friday, the parade, everything were very special. The place, the city, the accommodation, so everything is great here, and yes, it is very happy to be here.
 - This is a university championships. What did you know about the others before the World Cup?
 - We had no idea what to expect, as this is a university regatta, you just can bet if one country is sending their bests or the B-team athletes. The competitors were only send out a week before the races, that is why we are very satisfied with the result.
 - What do you expect on Sunday?
 - Well, all we know that it is going to be a tough race, hoping the bests...
 - Would you like to and are you becoming a professional?
- Yes, we all do! All four of us are planning to continue racing and become professionals. I would like to qualify to more international regattas and it would be great to go to the Olympic Games.

Lachlan McKinnon, AUS M1

- How do you find Hungary and Szeged?
- It's amazing! This is my first international race, and it is great to be here. This is the first time I'm in Europe, and all my information about the continent and the country were TV and movie experiences. I think it's a very welcoming country. I have one year left from the university, but I would like to come back here to rest or study a semester here – but maybe I can't in a short time as I will continue racing in the senior team, and I have to stay in Australia.



- How did you like the opening ceremony and the parade?
- It was very good, mind-blowing! The only thing I can compare it is the Youth Olympic Festival in Australia, and this one was much better!
- What are your expectations for tomorrow, and your plans after?
- Well, I can't have expectations now, because I don't know who my competitors are going to be, but I expect the bests... I would like to become a professional, and I will race with the senior team after the World Cup. I would like to be in London in 2012 and later at other Olympic Games too. This is my second proper year in rowing, I was playing Australian football before, but I had two serious injuries in my shoulder, so I had to give it up, and return to rowing. This made me more resolute to do everything to become a pro at rowing.

Marie-Anna Frenken, NED, LW1

(right after taking 1st place in her race)

- How do you feel, how was your run?
- I felt good, it was much better than yesterday, and I am happy to get into the finals.
- How was your yesterday, did you enjoy the parade and the city?
- It was great. Of course, we all enjoyed the parade, it was fun. But there is a lot more to do and see in this beautiful city.
- What are your plans after this championship?
- Well, I will continue training, and I would like to qualify to the World Championships.
- What do you expect on Sunday?
- A win (:
- I expect a tough race, and everybody will have to work hard, but I hope I will be able to win it.





Reigo Pihlak, EST LM1

- How did you like the city and the regatta course?
- I do like it very much. It was one of the bests I have seen. Both the buildings and the water are great.
- Did you enjoy the parade and the opening ceremony yesterday?
- It was better than anytime before. For example, I did not enjoy it last time in Belgrade, but this was very nice.
- What do you expect today and tomorrow?
- Not too much... Unfortunately I was injured in the mid-summer, and even if I have recovered, my condition is just not good enough...
- How do you see your mates, is it a tough world championships?
- Looks a pretty strong race, but I have to tell, there are no easy races...
- What are your plans, are you planning to continue as a professional?
- Well, I would like to continue racing, but I am not planning to be a professional.

