



ATHENS 2004



Canoe / Kayak Slalom Racing

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## France celebrates gold and bronze in Men's K1

ATHENS, 20 August - France won the gold and bronze medals in the Men's K1.

Benoit PESCHIER, who was second in the semifinals, had the best score with 187.96 after a flawless run.

He surpassed his compatriot, Fabien LEFEVRE, who was ranked first until that point. The 23-year-old paddler had a total of 190.99 points, after touching a gate that led to a two point penalty.

Campbell WALSH (GBR), who started last as he had the best score in the semifinal, managed to edge between them, winning the silver medal. He produced a clear run of 190.17 points and gained his first medal and the second for Great Britain in the Canoe/Kayak Slalom event at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Thomas SCHMIDT (GER), gold medallist at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, could not improve his semifinal run and finished fifth with a total of 192.93. He did not get a penalty, but he was troubled by slow water, which delay him, especially in the final part of the course.

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