

Orienteering for a new generation

25 YEARS OF PARK WORLD TOUR





all facts and dates about PWT

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Tour veteran König-Salmi outsprinting Staff and Luder Omeltchenko all-time king in PWT anniversary event

In the premiere, he was disqualified. Six and a half years later, Ukrainian Yuri Omeltchenko is the celebrated king of the Park World Tour. The only orienteer who has run all the races is now also the most successful one. In Mulhouse, France, he won the 50th event with a supreme margin.

"I had to do it, both to celebrate the anniversary, and to increase my lead", said a happy Omeltchenko, who did hardly any mistakes. **Luder got lost**

Among the women, World Cup supremo and PWT leader Simone Luder looked like running away with it again, but got lost only four controls before the finish. "I heard that I was in the lead, but lost the concentration for just a while and suddenly found myself in front of a huge building wall", explained Luder.

She had to turn around and her clear lead turned into a fourth spot, however managing to climb the podium with a good finish. Relaxed König-Salmi back on the throne

The victory still went to Switzerland, with 2001 PWT Champion Vroni König-Salmi proving her skills on sprint distance. "I've been on holidays ever since the World Cups, so this was a great comeback. I really enjoyed to run, and I liked the course, with lot of variation", said König-Salmi.

Veterans on top

The 50th PWT race, the first ever in France, was a real triumph for the Tour veterans. Both Staff and König-Salmi competed in the first event in Vasa, Finland, in 1996. So did Svajunas Ambrazas – now fourth and still able to upset Omeltchenko in the overall ranks – and Mats Haldin, whose club organised the premiere.

3,030 m - 20 controls

WOMEN			MEN			
1 Vroni König-Salmi	SUI	16:41,0	1 Yuri Omeltchenko	UKR	13:49,7	
2 Hanne Staff	NOR	16:53,3	2 Mats Haldin	FIN	14:13,0	
3 Simone Luder	SUI	16:59,6	3 Jamie Stevenson	GBR	14:16,9	

