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Aksu (left), Samu and Johan.

National relay fifths

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Johan handled both of the autumn relay anchor legs with confidence.

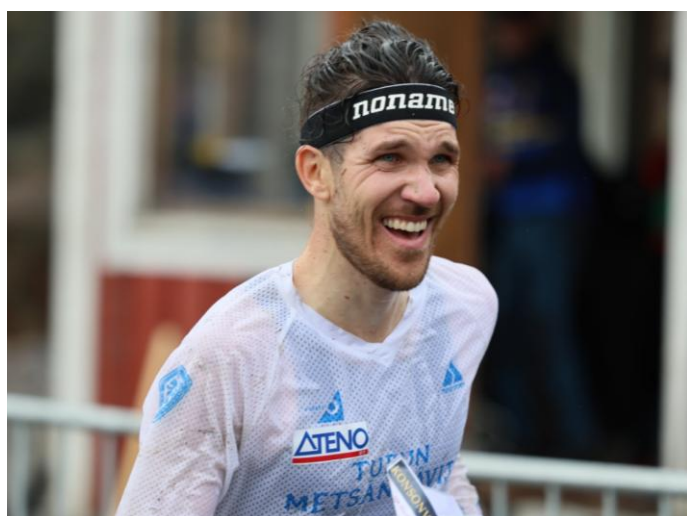
"The Best Part: Back Pats from the Bear Pack"

As always, the best part is that feeling after the finish, when the whole bear pack gives you a warm welcome and pats you on the back. That's how Johan described it, after nailing both anchor legs of the autumn's Relay League events.

At the Finnish Relay Championships, the team placed fifth — just like in the overall Relay League standings. MS Parma was left behind by only a single point.

After the Finnish Relay Champs, Johan celebrated his first medal earned in Finland: the national championship plaque.

A month earlier, Johan's anchor leg at the Pre-Jukola is one of those performances he says he'll always remember from his career: "I got the chance to make a difference in the relay — and I took it."



Aksu brought the team to the exchange in 15th, well placed in the main pack. Samu, back from surgery, closed the gap early and handed over in 6th, just 13 seconds off the lead.



After being ill earlier in the week, Danny finished the first leg for the second team four minutes behind the lead. Esa lifted the team to 16th with the 10th fastest second leg, and Uldis gained a few more places. The second team finished 14th — the same position they held in the overall Relay League.



Yannick, first leg runner for the third team, was the first from Blacks to reach the exchange, just five seconds ahead of Aksu. Tappi ran a solid second leg, 12th fastest like Esa.

Anchor runner Manu drew attention from ISTV's commentator, who reminded viewers he's an H50 World Champion and the 2004 Finnish long-distance champion.

Despite Simon's strong forward lean signaling good speed, the club's three veteran teams didn't find success at the Finnish Relay Champs.



Photos: Marko Kantaneva, Tommi Kuronen & Ilkka Metsälä



Over 60 Tume members took part in organizing the Super Weekend. In the center: Mikko, who served as competition director..

A Successful Weekend of Five Races

Turun Metsänkävijät celebrated their 100-year anniversary with a weekend featuring five orienteering events. The program included a forest sprint, trailO tempO and classic race, the traditional scouts' triathlon and Turku Street-O.



The club's new tent served perfectly as the competition center. All activities, from the printing office and info desk to the café, were sheltered inside. Ben Millner was Saturday's hero, competing in the sprint, the triathlon and the tempO.

Timo Alhoke, sprint course setter:

"To honor the 100-year scouting journey, we took the sprint genuinely into the forest. Juha's map followed sprint mapping techniques and a 1:3000 scale. It was enjoyable and fun to design the courses. The terrain of Nunnavuori offered both speed and challenge for all age groups, from 12-year-olds to seniors over 80. The detailed rocky slopes of the hill required precision, while the northern pine forest and dense network of trails allowed maintaining high speed. There were a total of 12 different courses. Competitors gave positive and happy feedback, so the event seemed successful.

**Juha Hiirsalmi,
maps, trailO courses:**

"The most challenging task was making the map. I had mapped part of the terrain in 2022-23 for the European Precision Orienteering Championships and maintaining that same level of detail throughout the entire area was a surprisingly labor-intensive project. Otherwise, it was familiar work. Thanks to everyone who helped with the arrangements."

**Sami Kääriäinen,
triathlon director:**

"It was an interesting experience to organize the scouts' triathlon after decades of pause. The more I got into it, the more rewarding it felt. I gathered an excellent team of ten who took care of shooting, map reading, cross-country running, and results management. The event went well, and the competition center was full of cheerful participants. It's possible the triathlon will be held again in the coming years."

Seppo Lahtinen, HR manager:

"I recruited people for various tasks on Saturday and Sunday. The orienteering club members responded well to the call: all tasks were staffed, and even last-minute cancellations were covered. In total, more than 60 of us were involved."

Siiri and Harri Poutiainen, parking:

"It was wet but fun, and the Street-O was challenging."



Jouko, Jakke, Simo managed one of the tempO stations.



Seppa gathered volunteer crew.



Epo had plenty of experience.



Patu and Poutsa in the parking lot.



Antti Viitanen got his first taste of trailO.



The men's sprint podium trio: Topias Arola (center), Santeri Silvennoinen (right), and Samuli Salmenoja (left).



Pinja Mäkinen (top left) won the tempo and was the best overall in precision orienteering. Alessio Tenani (top center) from Italy, who placed fifth in the tempo, collected all Street-O controls together with Davide Martignago. Libor Forst (top right) from the Czech Republic, winner of PreO, also competed in the sprint. Reijo Orrensalo (left), who won the H80 class, was the first finisher of all competitors.

Photos: Jari Grönroos.



Hatman's effort held strong in the tough terrain until the end, even though he reportedly felt quite bad near the finish. Photos by Timo Mikkola.

Hatman won long distance champion in H35

Esa Huttunen confidently won the Finnish long distance championship in the H35 class in Kangasala, finishing 42 seconds ahead of his closest competitor. He completed the 10.5 km course in 1:12:24. A total of 16 TuMe members participated in the long-distance Finnish Championships.



Johan placed 18th in the M21 class, 15.3 km final.



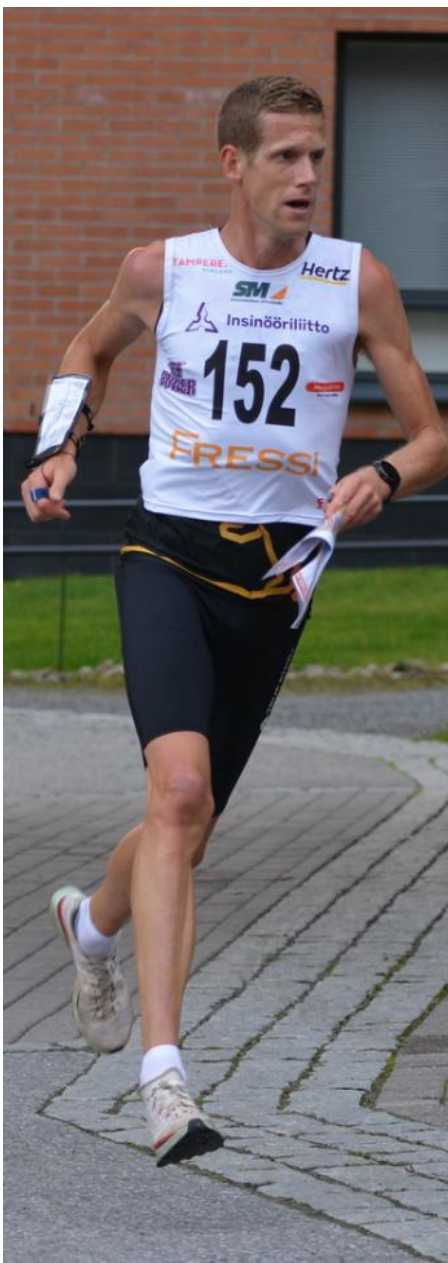
Aksu placed 30th in the M21 class, 15.3 km final.



Taneli placed 14th in the H40 class, 9.9 km final.



Lergo placed 13th in the H65 class, 5,9 km final.



Yannick (left) runs in the final at Ratinanranta yards. Manu, Hatman and Lergo (below) at the award ceremony. Photos by Petteri Kähäri & Sini Lepistö.

Manu and Hatman with silver, Yannick and Lergo fifth

Yannick placed fifth in the SM sprint in Tampere, which had WRE status. In the morning, he won his own qualification heat. Aksu also performed well, finishing 14th in the WRE race and 12th in the Finnish Championship race.

In the age classes, the club earned two silver medals: Manu was second in the H50 class, and Hatman, who had moved up an age group from the SM long distance, took silver in the H40 class.

Lergo secured a plaque with his fifth-place finish in the H65 class.

A total of 15 club members participated in the SM sprint.





Yannick's long wait in quarantine, speed in the final stretch, and kissing the podium together with Czech winner Tomas Krivda and Swiss runner-up Matthias Kyburz. Photos: Yle.

Yannick Third in the WC Final Sprint

Yannick placed third in the sprint at the World Cup final weekend. And even his race number didn't bring any bad luck.

The last event of the final round, held in Uster, Switzerland, was the Knock-Out sprint, where he narrowly missed the final by just one second, finishing tenth overall.

On Instagram after the sprint, Yannick said that his orienteering went quite well and that he was happy with his result.

Club Match in the Turku region

The traditional TuMe-OK Vöru-OK Meridians club match will be held somewhere in Southwest Finland on November 15–16. More detailed information will be provided in the next issue. Sign up for volunteering with Juha.



At the starting area in Kupittaa Park, guidance for participants was provided by Mikko (left), Rauli, Ville, Häiskä, and Juha.

Competitive spirit shines at IF's Street-O event

Mia Hiirsalmi organized a successful Street-O orienteering event to kick off the wellness day for insurance company IF at Kupittaa Park. The family-friendly event offered two courses: a regular route and a shorter one designed for children. A total of 233 participants took part.

In the adult category, Tatu Halminen and Eeli Salow emerged as winners. Both are highly competitive, and Eeli said, "This was a great opportunity to challenge ourselves. We had to run hard, but luckily Tatu was sharper, so we found all the controls instead of just speeding past them."

Tatu praised the event's organization: "It offered a suitable challenge for all ages and fitness levels, as long as you planned your route carefully. I would definitely take part again and recommend it to others."

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with over 80% rating the event as excellent and the rest as good. Comments included: "Street-O orienteering was really fun and got me moving with a smile", "The event exceeded expectations and was very well organized," and "A great event suitable for both relaxed walking and serious effort".



Mia, course setter of the IF participants' race, in the center.

Street-O Featured in Paimio and Raisio

Street-O orienteering has also been part of Paimio's 700th anniversary celebrations, where Pirjo and Tippi created a map and a one-and-a-half-hour course around Vista. The questions and related stories shared insights into the city's history.

Since June, Turku Street-O, Raisio Killinallit, and the local parish have participated in the Common Cause fundraising campaign with a course around Raisio led by Anna Alanen. Participation is open until the end of October.

The official Turku Street-O season begins on November 5th from the city center. There are still two course-setting positions open for the autumn season and six for the spring season.



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