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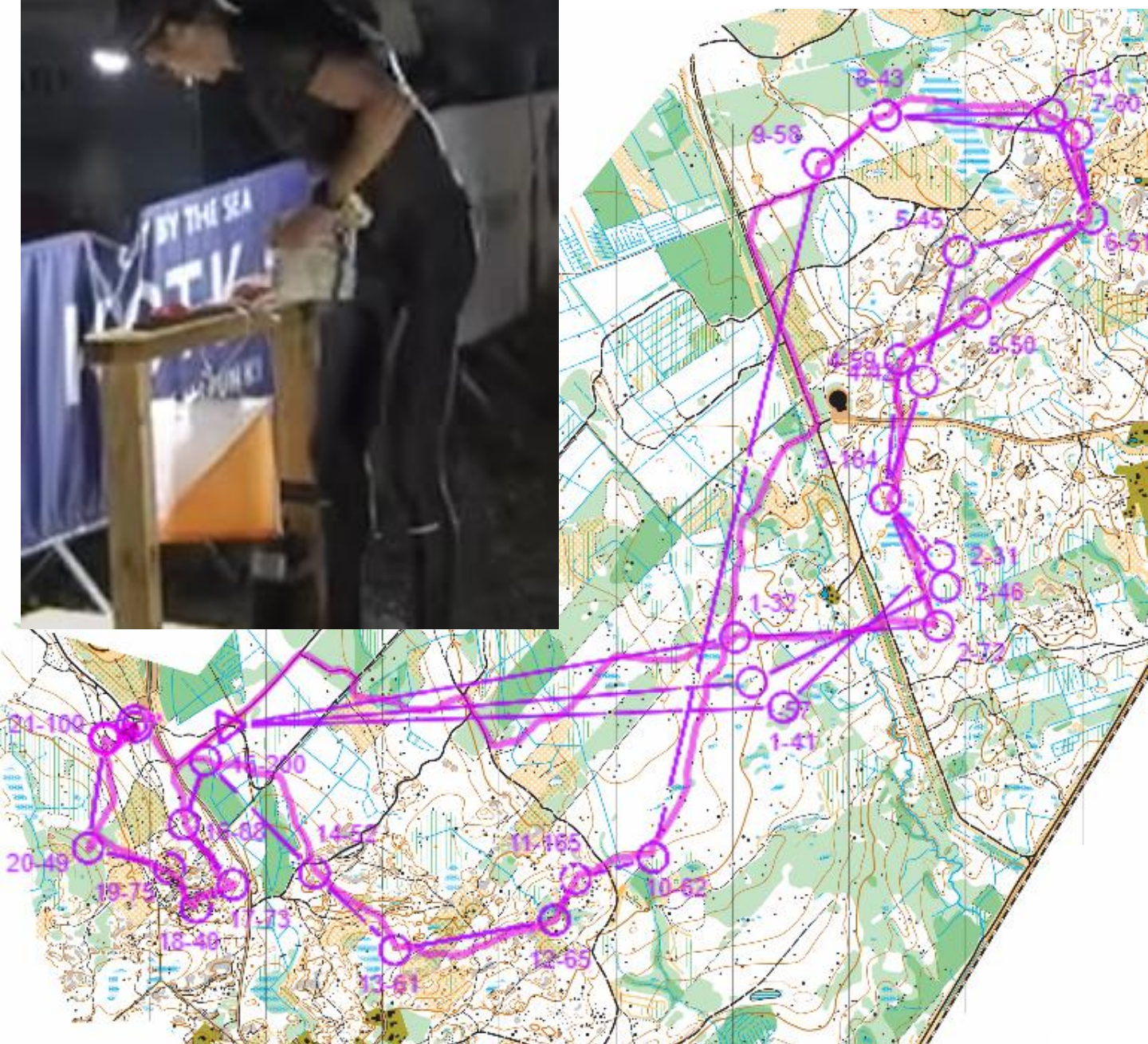
Eyes on Kotka

The Jukola Relay will be run next summer in Kotka. The first training camp in the upcoming terrain was organized under Lari's leadership during the third week of August. At the same time, the Pre-Jukola and the fifth round of the relay league took place, where Sale, Aksu, and Johan placed ninth. Lari, Tappi, and Hatman finished 20th in the fast-paced relay.

Suunnistuspöytäkirja is the newsletter of the orienteering club Turun Metsänkävijät, which is distributed by email almost on the first Monday of every month. It can be read on the club's website under "Jäsenille". Send announcements, tips, pictures and reports about your competitions, training, trips. The deadline is always at the end of the month. Address is kari.vainio@tume.fi.



Clean run from Johan



Johan delivered a clean run, lifting the first team from 15th place into the Top 10 — finishing 9th — during the 8.9 km anchor leg of the Pre-Jukola in the dark.

Yannick one second from a medal

Yannick missed the bronze medal in the European Championship sprint by just one frustrating second — still securing an impressive 4th place.

Having focused on these home races, Yannick wrote on Instagram that the medal slipped away due to a single poor route choice.

Yannick and Uldis ran the second leg of the sprint relay side by side. After four legs, Belgium finished 9th and Latvia 10th.



Juha breaks into the top ten

Despite battling a cold and extreme heat, Juha managed to climb to 10th place on the second day of the PreO competition at the World Trail Orienteering Championships.

In the relay, Juha anchored the Finnish team to a 5th place finish. In the TempO competition, Juha placed 23rd.

The championships were held at the end of August in Hungary and Slovakia.



TuMe's centennial super weekend approaches

The anniversary competition weekend on September 13–14 will feature five separate events at the same location — Impivaara in Turku. On Saturday: traditional orienteering, a tempo race, scout triathlon, and Street-O. On Sunday: a regular precision orienteering competition and more Street-O. Everyone is welcome to help out! Info meeting at Kolo on September 4 at 18:00.

Reserve your event slot for the winter Street-O

The Street-O season starts on November 5 and ends on March 18, 2026. There will be 19 events, including one special event so far — the four-hour Extreme SO held around the turn of the year. The calendar and 17 maps can be found at the link below. Course setters choose a suitable map and date for themselves and add the details to the Excel sheet — and that's it. You are encouraged (and very welcome!) to choose more than one event to set courses for.

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Girts (right), Mikko, Kari and Juha.

Trusted starter back in Turku after a long time

Girts Vegeris visited Turku for the first time in a long while and checked out the newly renovated Kolo. He was brought to town by his son's ice hockey camp.

Girts, along with Aigars Leiboms, was one of TuMe's first international recruits. In his very first year, 1991, he started for the second team in the Jukola Relay and handed over in 10th place. Girts competed in every Jukola from then until 2005, after which he retired from orienteering to focus on his family and career in finance.

His best Jukola result was 6th place in 2003, when he also handed over in first place. Girts also ran the opening leg of the legendary Tiomila in 2002, where TuMe finished second.



Girts (right), Poutsu, Rintsi, Hämppä, Mikko, Kelme, Janis, More, Manu and Loke.



Lergo.

Manu.

Six Blacks represented at WMOC

The World Masters Orienteering Championships (WMOC) were held in August in Spain. The sprint events were centered in Girona, an area being considered as a potential venue for the 2028 World Championships.

The forest races took place in two different terrains east of Girona. A record number of 46 countries participated. TuMe runners competed across six age classes. The best result came from Esa, who finished fourth in the middle distance.

Both the sprint qualification and final were successfully held within the old town of Girona.

The qualification started outside the city walls, from the highest point of the hill, then progressed back down toward the river flowing through the city. The final, in contrast, started by the river and climbed up around the old town walls.

The map excerpt shows how the white area next to the wall on the old map has changed with the new mapping.





Sundman approaches the control in the background, center.

In the qualifying race for the forest distances, there were already the elevation meters typical of Jukola, but on a course half as long. The same continued in the long-distance final. Older age groups also faced more elevation than usual.

Route choice was influenced by impassable dark green areas and a dense network of paths. For some reason, several short stone walls had been built inside the dark green areas. The middle-distance final was held on the same map, in the terrain between the start route used in the qualifier and the finish area. The long-distance model course had only four controls, which most competitors missed. The long-distance event had to be moved in spring to an alternative terrain because no agreement was reached with the landowners. The alternative terrain featured quite large elevation differences for the older age groups.

There was some grumbling about a clear path missing from the initial mapping at the bottom of a small valley and a few drinking points that were either missing from the map or from the terrain. In this terrain, using paths practically determined route choices.

Next year, the Veteran World Championships will be held in Poland in mid-August. In 2027, the Masters event in Japan, which has been canceled several times, is scheduled for May.

Text: Jussi Salonen

Results

Sprint

- 5. Manu Mutka, M50A
- 6. Esa Huttunen, M40A
- 18. Kari Lehto, M65A
- 35. Rauli Helkkula, M70A
- 11. Juha Sunttila M50B
- 35. Jussi Salonen M55B

Middle distance

- 4. Esa Huttunen, M40A
- 6. Manu Mutka, M50A
- 38. Juha Sunttila, M50A
- 45. Rauli Helkkula, M70A
- 1. Kari Lehto, M65B
- 61. Jussi Salonen, M55B

Long distance

- 6. Manu Mutka, M50A
- 11. Kari Lehto, M65A
- 15. Esa Huttunen, M40A
- 25. Rauli Helkkula, M70A
- 41. Juha Sunttila, M50A
- 49. Jussi Salonen, M55B



Jussi.



Hatman and Sundman as TV Stars in Spain

“We’ll run as long as we feel like it. At first, we planned for two hours, but we might shorten the run to an hour and a half,” Hatman said, defying the heat and forest fires together with his manager in a Betevé interview. Betevé is a free Catalan-language TV channel in Barcelona.