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## Wiley X sponsored Sebastian Kornum wins the Formula Windsurfing Youth World Championship

Day one at the formula worlds:

Today was the first day of competition. I was very nervous, as I had not been sailing for a long time. I was afraid if my injured foot would be OK, and I was not sure if I could remember how to race. My hands were shaking a few hours before first race.

Already from the morning there was strong wind. The top mark boat measured approximately 22-27 knots the most of the time. The first fleet on the water was masters and grand masters. We saw many, even good guys, struggling to get to the shore without completing the race. I did not want to go out because I was afraid of pushing my foot to hard before the race started, so I waited until the last moment and went out on 10,0 and 68 fin.

In the first race, I had to get used to the conditions, but at the second round I felt already a lot more confident and went from 4th to leading with a secure gab at the finish line.

I also won the other 3 races. I felt faster the more wind we got even though it was only 4th time I sailed with the 10,0 EVOIII.

In the end of the day, I got a lot of pain in my foot. Therefore I am happy to see the weather forecast for tomorrow promising less wind, probably 10.7 with good power.

2nd day at the formula worlds:

The morning started out with light wind around 9-12 knots. In the first race, I did not have perfect speed after crossing the start line, and after 10 seconds, I already had a guy covering me. My only chance was to do a tack and go the other direction. I went out on the starboard-tack of the course but had a bad wind shift, so I did a double-tack at the top mark. On second lap I passed many and finished 4th.

In the second race of the day, I wanted to start on starboard tack, and i actually took the start at pin end. Unfortunately the big cloud in the direction I was sailing, did not deliver the wind I was hoping to get. I had to sail far out to get a gust before making my tack. This coasted a lot compared to the port tack starters who found the right pressure to the top mark. I finished 6th in this race.

In the 3rd and last race, I still did not choose the right way to the top mark. The wind was shifting and I didn't have the same picture of tactic as i used to have. In this race I also passed a few on the last round and finished 4th.

It looks like we will have similar conditions tomorrow, or a little less wind. Right now I am still in the lead, but only with one point of gab to nr. 2

I am going to do my best in each single race!



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3rd day at the formula worlds - back on track:

Yesterday was not a good day for me. But today I started sailing my own way around the course like I usually do. This helped a lot, and also improved my speed. I think I sailed bad yesterday because I had not been windsurfing for a long time before this event due to my injury - and especially not competition. Now I feel like being in the mode again, and it feels good!

I started out winning the first race. In second race I couldn't find a free spot at the starting line and had a bad start. I rounded the top mark 2nd, but lost two positions going downwind, as I chose the wrong side of the course. I finished 4th.

I won the last two races. I had good starts and tried to sail safe and stay close to the guys I knew were fast. Winning 3 races and being 4th in one race today extended my lead. I now have 11 points after 3 discards and number 2 has 19 points.

It looks like it's going to be very light tomorrow, but Saturday seems to be another great day. Side-on-shore and around 16 knots is not unrealistic.

4th day at the formula worlds:

After 11 good races in different conditions, the weather did not allow us to go racing today. I think many were happy for a day of relaxing including myself. Tomorrow is the final day and it looks like we are going to have light and shifty winds.

If there will not be any races, I want to go out on the JP Formula speed and power prototypes and see how they sail on flat water here in the fjord, and hopefully get them tested well with my practice partner Christian Justesen.

Finally I can now say that I am world champion. I am super happy and feel very good after many days of pressure, and now I can finally relax and enjoy the title.