ANOTHER HISTORIC DAY IN SALT LAKE CITY: KATIBIN AND MIROSLAW SET TWO NEW SPEED WORLD RECORDS!

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The second, consecutive International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) World Cup taking place in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, kicked off in great style: in the men's Speed qualification, Kiromal Katibin of Indonesia broke the world record for the second time in three weeks, hitting the finish pad at 5.10 seconds!

Katibin bested the 5.17 he set at the IFSC World Cup in Seoul, South Korea, on 6 May, also taking the top position in the men's Speed qualification ranking. His teammate Veddriq Leonardo placed second with 5.28; John Brosler of the United States of America placed third with 5.57.

For the men's Speed qualification full results click here.

One year ago, also in Salt Lake City, Katibin was the first climber to break the historical 5.47-record set by Reza Alipour of Iran in Nanjing, China, on 30 April 2017.

Shortly after Indonesia's Kiromal Katibin signed a new men's Speed world record 5.10, another historical moment took place at the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) World Cup in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. In the second race of her qualification round - after she previously closed with 6.68, the second fastest time ever - Aleksandra Miroslaw of Poland climbed the Speed route in 6.53 seconds and set her third consecutive world record!

Miroslaw first broke the 6.99 set by Russian specialist Iulia Kapliina at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, where she stopped the clock at 6.84. Then, in the opening Speed event of the 2022 season - the IFSC World Cup in Seoul, South Korea - the Polish climber bested her own time and set the bar at 6.64.

The 6.53 marked in Salt Lake City also placed her at the top of the women's table, followed by her teammate Aleksandra Kalucka, second with 7.04, and home favourite Emma Hunt of the United States of America, third with 7.05.

For the women's Speed qualification full results click here.

The IFSC World Cup in Salt Lake City will continue tonight with the men's and women's Speed final, starting at 8:00 PM (UTC-6:00).

For information about broadcasting and live streaming of the IFSC World Cup in Salt Lake City <u>click here</u>. News and updates about the event will also be available on the <u>IFSC website</u>, and on the Federation's social media channels: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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