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IFSC WORLD CUP ARCO 2017

LEAD AND SPEED STARS TO CLIMB IN ARCO

Multiple stars will compete at IFSC World Cup Arco this week, the fourth Lead and Speed event of 2017.

Arco, Italy, has gathered top sport climbers for decades and this year welcomes a renowned group of Lead and Speed athletes for its 7th year of IFSC events.

Desgranges and Gambret stellar in finals

Reigning season Lead champion Janja Garnbret of Slovenia has won every IFSC Lead World Cup this season. Fresh off a Bouldering victory at IFSC World Cup Munich last weekend, she will have to contest again with The World Games winner Anak Verhoeven of Belgium to continue the winning streak. Verhoeven wowed the crowd last year, topping the final route that stumped every finalist midway except Jain Kim. The Korean veteran has performed consistently all season long and is currently ranked third in the world.

For the men, Romain Desgranges has set the high point in every IFSC Lead World Cup final in 2017. The Frenchman handled the pressure at IFSC World Cup Briançon, winning in front of the home crowd. Italian Marcello Bombardi and Keiichiro Korenaga of Japan have been the only athletes to stop him this year. Korenaga bested an elite field at The World Games in Wroclaw, and Bombardi won his first Gold medal at IFSC World Cup Chamonix on countback and time.

Exciting season debuts in Lead

A few star athletes will be competing in their first IFSC Lead World Cup of 2017. World Lead champion Adam Ondra of the Czech Republic climbed in finals last year and is back on the start list. This time he will have to contest with German Alexander Megos, who

just missed the finals cut in Munich. In the women's field, 16-year-old Ashima Shiraishi of the USA is set to make her IFSC World Cup debut at Arco on Friday. She has yet to lose an IFSC event at the youth level.

Alipourshenazandifar, Kaplina chase records

Russia maintains a strong lead in the Speed team ranking this season, having placed two athletes on every IFSC Speed World Cup podium. Iuliia Kaplina lowered her own women's Speed world record three times this year, and Russian teammate Mariia Krasavina has joined her on three podiums. Fractions of seconds separated Kaplina and Anouck Jaubert of France in the final matches of IFSC World Cup Villars and Wroclaw, and the rivalry continues at Arco.

Reza Alipourshenazandifar also broke a Speed world record this year for the men, and he continues to approach the new mark. At Wroclaw, he became the first Iranian athlete to win Gold at The World Games. Vladislav Deulin has medalled at every IFSC Speed World Cup this season and will be joined by Russian teammate Stanislav Kokorin at Arco. China's Speed legend QiXin Zhong is also on the start list.

Don't miss the action

Watch all the stars compete in semi-finals and finals at Arco on August 26th, LIVE on the IFSC homepage:

www.ifsc-climbing.org

Find the schedule, starters and 2016 highlights on the [Arco event page](#), and chat with us on Twitter during the LIVE action by adding [#IFSCwc](#) to your tweets.

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Provisional Programme (GMT + 2)

Friday, August 25

09:00 Lead Qualifications
19:00 Speed Qualifications

Saturday, August 26 (LIVE)

11:00 Lead Semi-Finals
17:00 Lead Finals
19:00 Speed Finals
20:30 Award Ceremony

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CURRENT IFSC LEAD WORLD CUP RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (L) - Briançon (FRA) 2017 (28.07.2017)

MEN LEAD

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	DESRANGES	Romain	FRA	255
2	BOMBARDI	Marcello	ITA	163
2	KORENAGA	Keiichiro	JPN	148
4	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO	142
5	GHISOLFI	Stefano	ITA	139
6	MCCOLL	Sean	CAN	127
7	HADA	Yuki	JPN	116
8	BAILEY	Sean	USA	107
9	HOJER	Jan	GER	86
10	PUMAN	Hannes	SWE	83
10	TIMMERMANS	Loïc	BEL	83

WOMEN LEAD

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	300
2	VERHOEVEN	Anak	BEL	210
3	KIM	Jain	KOR	200
4	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	153
5	MARKOVIC	Mina	SLO	146
6	CHANOURDIE	Julia	FRA	136
7	SCHUBERT	Hannah	AUT	85
8	KOLLER	Anne-Sophie	SUI	83
9	ROMAIN	Salomé	FRA	79
10	KAZBEKOVA	Ievgeniia	UKR	69



CURRENT IFSC SPEED WORLD CUP RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (L,S) - Villars (SUI) 2017 (07.07.2017)

MEN SPEED

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	ALIPOURSHENA.	Reza	IRI	243
2	DEULIN	Vladislav	RUS	230
3	KOKORIN	Stanislav	RUS	186
4	SHIKOV	Aleksandr	RUS	157
5	GONTERO	Leonardo	ITA	141
6	BOLDYREV	Danyil	UKR	112
7	MAWEM	Bassa	FRA	110
8	FOSSALI	Ludovico	ITA	109
9	HROZA	Libor	CZE	104
10	ARTAMONOV	Georgy	RUS	102

WOMEN SPEED

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	KAPLINA	Iuliia	RUS	280
2	KRASAVINA	Mariia	RUS	225
3	JAUBERT	Anouck	FRA	216
4	TSYGANOVA	Anna	RUS	161
5	MARENYCH	Alla	UKR	144
6	BROZEK	Anna	POL	127
7	ROPEK	Edyta	POL	118
8	SARISSON	Aurelia	FRA	109
9	TIMOFFEVA	Elena	RUS	89
10	BUCZEK	Klaudia	POL	74