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IFSC WORLD CUP CHONGOING 2017

WORLD RECORD AND FIRST-TIME WINS AT CHONGQING!

Iuliia Kaplina broke her own Speed world record this weekend in Chongqing, China, and her Russian teammate Vladislav Deulin stood atop the Speed podium for the first time. Decorated athlete Janja Garnbret won her first Gold in Bouldering, and Jongwon Chon returned to the top of the podium.

The bustling municipality of Chongqing welcomed a strong and fast group of elite sport climbing athletes to its Climbing Park for the first IFSC Speed World Cup and second IFSC Bouldering World Cup of 2017.

Russia dominates in Speed

Winner at Chongqing last year, Kaplina defended her title and stole the show on the Speed wall. The reigning season champion posted multiple times below 8 seconds, including a 7.46 to break her previous world record of 7.53. Former season champion Maria Krasavina climbed consistent all weekend long and returned to the podium after missing last season. Alla Marenych, who last wore a medal at IFSC World Cup Nanjing 2016, rounded out the podium. The Bronze medal slipped away from Anna Tsyganova when she slipped on the last move in the small final, and Anouck Jaubert of France stumbled in the quarterfinal to finish 5th.

After climbing well in China during the final competitions last year, Deulin returned in the same form and duly claimed Gold this time around, holding off his teammate Stanislav Kokorin for his first win. Danyil Boldyrev joined them on the podium, climbing to the top in 5.62 seconds during the small final against Bassa Mawem, nearly breaking his own world record for the men of 5.60 seconds. Legendary Chinese athlete Qixin Zhong, one of the favourites, came up just short in the first round of finals. Aleksandr Shikov was slightly faster and finished 5th.

Garnbret wins first, Chon sweeps in finals

Aleksei Rubtsov looked like a man on a mission at Chongqing. He flashed multiple problems, including the steep and powerful first two problems in finals to earn his second consecutive podium. 2016 season champion Tomoa Narasaki duplicated the feat in finals, rebounding nicely after missing the semifinals cut at IFSC World Cup Meiringen. He finished 2nd after a countback to semi-finals, where he collected one more top than Rubtsov. Neither athlete could catch Korean star Jongwon Chon, who topped all four finals problems. The crowd roared when he caught the bonus hold after a slippery walk on the M3 slab - the only athlete to do so - and he completed the day by connecting all the burly moves of M4. Keita Watabe of Japan also topped M4 and finished 4th.

For the women, Janja Garnbret was nearly perfect this weekend at Chongqing. She flashed every problem in qualifications and topped all four problems in semifinals and finals, including a physical W1 to start the last round - the only athlete to do so. Shauna Coxsey was unseated after claiming victory at Chongqing last year, but the reigning season champion from Great Britain still climbed superbly, powering up the slopers of W4 on her first attempt and finishing 2nd. Akiyo Noguchi of Japan rounded out the podium with three tops of her own, continuing more than a decade of impressive climbing at IFSC events. Alannah Yip became the first woman to climb in IFSC World Cup finals for Canada and finished 5th.

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Next Up: Rematch in China

The world's best Bouldering and Speed athletes travel East for a rematch next weekend at IFSC World Cup Nanjing. Tune-in to the IFSC homepage for the LIVE semi-finals and finals on April 30th!

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Starters and the complete schedule can be found on the dedicated <u>Nanjing event page</u>, and visit the <u>Chongqing event page</u> for pictures, highlights and full replays of the climbing this weekend!

RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CUP CHONGQING 2017

Men Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	CHON	Jongwon	KOR	4/6 4/5
2	NARASAKI	Tomoa	JPN	2/23/3
3	RUBTSOV	Aleksei	RUS	2/23/3
4	WATABE	Keita	JPN	2/33/3
5	HARADA	Kai	JPN	1/13/4
6	CORNU	Manuel	FRA	1/4 3/8

Women Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	4/11 4/7
2	COXSEY	Shauna	GBR	3/4 4/5
3	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	3/13 4/13
4	STÖHR	Anna	AUT	1/3 3/6
5	YIP	Alannah	CAN	1/3 3/8
6	GEI0	Stasa	SRB	1/43/7

Men Speed

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	DEULIN	Vladislav	RUS	5.91
2	KOKORIN	Stanislav	RUS	5.96
3	BOLDYREV	Danyil	UKR	5.62
4	MAWEM	Bassa	FRA	6.88
5	SHIKOV	Aleksandr	RUS	5.92
6	GONTERO	Leonardo	ITA	6.16
7	ALIPOURSHENA.	Reza	IRI	6.44
8	HROZA	Libor	CZE	7.80

Women Speed

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	KAPLINA	Iuliia	RUS	7.54
2	KRASAVINA	Mariia	RUS	7.87
3	MARENYCH	Alla	UKR	7.84
4	TSYGANOVA	Anna	RUS	fall
5	JAUBERT	Anouck	FRA	8.50
6	BROZEK	Anna	POL	10.15
7	MARKUSHEVA	Elena	RUS	10.30
8	SARISSON	Aurelia	FRA	fall

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