



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING GARNBRET, HARADA NEW BOULDERING WORLD CHAMPIONS

Slovenian Janja Garnbret, runner-up in Lead last week in Innsbruck, and Kai Harada of Japan stormed to the top of the Bouldering podiums on Thursday and Friday at the 2018 IFSC World Championships.

Garnbret First to Two Medals in Innsbruck

After topping every route the week prior in Lead but placing 2nd on time in finals, Garnbret left no doubt in Bouldering. She was the only athlete in semi-finals on Thursday morning to flash three problems. Bouldering season champion in the IFSC World Cup series Miho Nonaka (JPN), previous Bouldering world champion Petra Klingler (SUI) and newly crowned Lead world champion Jessica Pilz (AUT) were among the athletes handling the pressure on the last problem to advance.

4 more challenging problems awaited the 6 finalists in the evening, requiring maximum effort to score tops as well as zone points. A zone point is marked on every problem at a difficult to reach hold and breaks ties when the same number of tops are completed (number of attempts to tops and then number of attempts to zone points would break remaining ties). Stasa Gejo (SRB) was first to solve the multi-move jump start to score the zone point on the first problem (W1), but Garnbret took the lead by securing the jump and sticking the dyno to the finishing hold for the top. Technical moves on a steep section of the Bouldering wall forced the finalists into contorted positions on W2, and Garnbret gained another advantage by scoring the zone point. Gejo and Akiyo Noguchi (JPN) topped the W3 slab, but Garnbret sealed the world title in Bouldering and a second medal in Innsbruck with another top and zone point. Noguchi kept the body tension on the strength-based final problem to

overtake Gejo for 2nd place, and Gejo won the first medal for Serbia at the IFSC World Championships.

Harada Wins First Gold on Biggest Stage

Obtaining four tops in the men's semi-final on Friday was the ticket to advancing to finals. Bouldering season champion Jernej Kruder (SLO) and previous world champion Tomoa Narasaki (JPN), leaders after qualifications, missed one top and did not advance.

All six finalists topped the first problem of the men's Bouldering final on Friday evening, but Jongwon Chon (KOR) took an early lead by completing the triple dyno and continuing for the top on his first attempt. On the M2 slab, Harada scored a flash of his own to gain a lead he would never give up. He was the first athlete to connect the technical moves on M3, solving the palm press at the zone point and seamlessly switching into the barn-door swing before topping. Chon and Kokoro Fujii (JPN) also completed the problem, and Gregor Vezonik (SLO) secured the zone point in the final seconds of his turn to stay in the medal hunt. Harada showed precision under pressure on the last problem. He latched the tiny thumb catch at the zone point and kept his composure on the next moves for the flash, securing his first gold medal at a senior IFSC event on the biggest stage. Chon placed 2nd with one less top, and Vezonik placed 3rd behind Chon by zone point attempts after scoring the only other top of M4.



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Next Up: First Combined Finals at #IFSCwch

After 10 days of world-class Sport Climbing, the action in Innsbruck concludes on Sunday with the first Combined finals at the IFSC World Championships. To see how the top 6 men and women competing in Bouldering, Lead and Speed disciplines in Innsbruck

qualified for the Combined finals, check the results on the [Innsbruck event page for Climbing](#), where links to the results of Combined finals will also be shown. Tune-in to the [IFSC homepage](#) to watch the LIVE streaming, and USA viewers can watch the women and men's Combined finals LIVE on the IFSC website [here](#). Join the chat on Twitter at [#IFSCwch](#) during the shows!

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BOULDERING RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Men Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	HARADA	Kai	JPN	4t 4z 7 6
2	CHON	Jongwon	KOR	3t 4z 9 10
3	VEZONIK	Gregor	SLO	3t 4z 9 17
4	WATABE	Keita	JPN	2t 4z 6 10
5	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	2t 2z 5 4
6	PHILLIPS	Nathan	GBR	1t 2z 5 6

Women Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	2t 3z 7 7
2	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	2t 2z 4 3
3	GEJO	Stasa	SRB	1t 2z 1 6
4	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	0t 2z 0 4
5	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	0t 2z 0 4
6	KLINGLER	Petra	SUI	0t 0z 0 0

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