



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING HOST AUSTRIA OPENS IFSC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH LEAD WINS

Austrian teammates Jessica Pilz and Jakob Schubert swept the Lead climbing discipline this weekend, winning the host nation two gold medals to start IFSC World Championships 2018 in Innsbruck.

Pilz Outpaces Gambret in Final Round

A packed crowd welcomed 10 men and women finalists to the 15-metre Lead wall of Olympiaworld Innsbruck on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

The women's overhanging final route required full commitment straightaway to surpass opening crimps and physical roof moves. Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 qualified athlete Laura Rogora was first to try the route under the spotlight, and she fell just before the technical volume section which snakes to the concluding jump. Fourth place finisher Mei Kotake (JPN) pushed the high point further, peeling off the tiny holds on the volumes, and local Hannah Schubert fell in between their marks. 2017 Lead world champion Janja Garnbret (SLO), Jain Kim (KOR), Pilz and Anak Verhoeven (BEL) scored tops in semi-finals and closed the final round. Verhoeven slipped aiming for the same crimp as Schubert, a move Kim stuck on the way to third place and her 5th medal in Lead at the IFSC World Championships. With the audience roaring behind her, Pilz found timely solutions during the technical volume section and leapt to the twin features at the top of the route for the first top of the round and a guaranteed medal. The colour of that medal turned to gold when Garnbret also excelled in finals and reached the top but took 10 more seconds to do so, the tie-breaker. It was the first time Pilz stood on the podium at the IFSC World Championships and a memorable time it was, with Pilz becoming 2018 Lead world champion at home in Innsbruck.

Schubert Completes Fairy-Tale Weekend

Starting with the correct sequence was key on the men's overhanging final route, as well as conserving enough energy on the steepest section of the wall to manage the finger strength and balance needed on the last moves. 2017 Lead world champion Adam Ondra set a new high point midway through the men's final Sunday evening, just missing the sweet spot on the next crimp which would have won him a third consecutive Lead world title. Instead, Schubert seized the opportunity by finding rests and withstanding the pump to match Ondra's high point and become 2018 Lead world champion on countback to semi-finals. It was Schubert's 2nd world title in Lead, coming in style six years later. Alexander Megos (GER) placed 3rd, hitting a strong iron cross just below their high point.

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After a rest day on Monday, the world's best Sport Climbing athletes return to action at IFSC World Championships 2018 with Bouldering and Paraclimbing qualifications on Tuesday-Wednesday, and the next medals will be distributed in Speed climbing on Thursday. USA viewers can watch the live streaming on the IFSC website [here](#) and on OlympicChannel.com [here](#), and viewers outside the United States can continue to watch on the [IFSC homepage](#). Links to replays, results and photos are on the [Climbing](#) and [Paraclimbing](#) event pages, and join the chat on Twitter during the shows at [#IFSCwch](#).



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LEAD RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Men Lead

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	36+
2	ONDRA	Adam	CZE	36+
3	MEGOS	Alexander	GER	33.5
4	NARASAKI	Meichi	JPN	31+
5	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO	29+
6	KONECNY	Jakub	CZE	29+
6	TAKATA	Tomoaki	JPN	29+
8	LEHMANN	Sascha	SUI	23
9	BOMBARDI	Marcello	ITA	20+
10	HARADA	Kai	JPN	16+

Women Lead

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	Top
2	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	Top
3	KIM	Jain	KOR	34+
4	KOTAKE	Mei	JPN	33+
5	SHIRAISHI	Ashima	USA	32
6	VERHOEVEN	Anak	BEL	31+
7	KRAMPL	Mia	SLO	31+
8	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	31+
8	SCHUBERT	Hannah	AUT	31+
10	ROGORA	Laura	ITA	24+

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