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IFSC CLIMBING YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MOSCOW 2018 JAPAN WINS 7 MEDALS IN BOULDERING

Japan climbed to a provisional lead in the medal table at IFSC Youth World Championships Moscow today and gathered 7 medals in the Bouldering discipline. France and Slovenia also won multiple medals.

Narasaki, Slaney End Youth Careers on Top

Second-year Juniors Meichi Narasaki of Japan and Hannah Slaney of Great Britain rose to the top of the first Bouldering podium in Moscow at their last IFSC Youth World Championships. A dynamic start and physical moves greeted the six female finalists on the first problem. Combined world champion and Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 (YOG) qualified athlete Elena Krasovskaia (RUS) began with a flash in front of her home crowd, matched by Urska Repusic of Slovenia. Precision was required to conserve energy on the tiny screw-ons of F2, and Slaney flashed to take the lead. YOG qualified athletes Vita Lukan (SLO) and Mao Nakamura (JPN) also topped F2. All five athletes kept the friction across volumes and slopers and a tricky swing to the zone point on F3, leaving the final problem to decide the podium. Repusic found a static solution to maintain her balance through the challenging traverse of F4 for 2nd place, and Slaney scored the zone point to become the first Bouldering youth world champion of Great Britain. Lukan joined teammate Repusic on the podium, edging Nakamura by completing her three tops in less attempts.

Kai Harada of Japan started strong among male finalists, hanging by one hand to secure the opening dyno and continuing onward for the sole top of M1. Narasaki and Yannick Flohé (GER) rebounded with tops of their own on M2, solving the technical rollover to do so. Every athlete topped M3, leaving the final moments to again decide the Bouldering winners. Narasaki flashed the powerful fourth problem to exchange his silver medal last year for gold, and Flohé earned Germany's first medal in Moscow with a top of his own. Harada scored the zone point for 3rd place in a dramatic

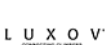
last effort, and Matteo Manzoni (ITA) topped M4 but just missed the podium.

YOG Qualified Athletes Soar in Moscow

YOG qualified athletes Sam Avezou of France and Italian Laura Rogora soared to 1st place in Youth A Bouldering finals, and YOG qualified athletes Nathan Martin (FRA) and Lucka Rakovec (SLO) also won medals. A crowd-facing start kicked off the final for the six female athletes. Rogora solved the crux and showed her strength by leaping to the top hold for the flash and an early lead. Rakovec used alternative beta by dynoing straightaway, and Saki Kikuchi (JPN) dangled by one hand at the move for a top as well. Every athlete struggled to cross the volumes of F2 and big reach to the small finishing hold of F3, leaving F4 to decide the podium. Rogora showed no signs of fatigue on the concluding static climbing, stepping up the ladder of volumes and onto the top of the Youth A Bouldering podium with a flash. Rakovec scored the zone point for 2nd place and Slovenia's third medal, and Futaba Ito of Japan topped with just over 30 seconds remaining to knock teammate Kikuchi off the podium.

M1 tested the composure of the six male finalists, requiring a flash to be among the leaders. Avezou and Eneko Carretero Crux of Spain separated from the field on M2, the only athletes to surpass the crimp crux of the slab problem on their first attempt. A two-hand dyno followed by big moves changed the pace on M3, but Avezou and Carretero Crux stayed perfect with three tops in three attempts and Martin also completed his third top to stay in the hunt for gold. On the last problem, Carretero Crux cruised through the opening power moves but peeled off at the technical finishing

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press on his first attempt, giving Avezou an opportunity to take the victory by topping in one or two attempts. After dropping to the mat on his first attempt, Avezou regained composure and duly topped on his second attempt to take the victory on countback to semi-finals. Martin joined him on the podium with a top of his own, making it two medals for France in Youth A Bouldering finals and four among YOG qualified athletes.

Japan Concludes Bouldering with Double Victory

Japan concluded the Bouldering at IFSC Youth World Championships Moscow 2018 with a double victory and the provisional lead in the medal table. Five of the six female finalists solved the technical climbing on the volume cluster of F1, including Natsuki Tanii of Japan and compatriot Hana Kudo who both flashed. Tanii and Naile Meignan (FRA) took the lead on the second problem, successfully working through the jump start and miniscule screw-ons defending the top hold. Canadian Indiana Chapman showed finesse on F3, capturing the lone top of the problem to place 4th with one top. On the finishing power problem, Kudo surpassed the large features for the bronze medal. Meignan put the pressure on Tanii with a top of her own, forcing her to top in two attempts or less to exchange the silver medal in 2017 for gold. Tanii stayed composed

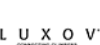
and needed only one attempt to reach the top hold and the top of the podium for the Youth B Bouldering title.

2017 Youth B medalists Kawamata and Ryohei Nukui began the final for male athletes with tops and the early lead. Every finalist completed the run start and overhanging traverse to the final hold on M2, but only Thomas Podolan of Austria flashed the problem. The pace slowed on the M3 slab, but the delicate walk to the zone point proved no problem for Kawamata, Podolan and Paul Jenft (FRA), who placed 4th. Podolan used smart body positioning to scale the series of volumes on the last problem for Austria's first medal in Moscow, requiring a top from Kawamata to win. The now two-time Bouldering youth world champion did just that, the only finalist to top all four problems in finals. Already on the podium, Nukui ended his round with a top for good measure, maintaining his bronze medal and making it four medals for Japan in Youth B.

Next: From Power to Endurance

The eight-day 2018 IFSC Youth World Championships finish on Thursday in the Lead discipline. Visit the [Moscow event page](#) for complete results, and watch the last semi-final and final rounds on the [IFSC homepage](#). The current medal table can be found by clicking [here](#).

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BOULDERING RESULTS OF IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MOSCOW 2018

Female Juniors

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	SLANEY	Hannah	GBR	3t 4z 5 9
2	REPUSIC	Urska	SLO	3t 4z 8 9
3	LUKAN	Vita	SLO	3t 3z 6 4

Male Juniors

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	NARASAKI	Meichi	JPN	3t 4z 15 17
2	FLOHÉ	Yannick	GER	3t 3z 13 10
3	HARADA	Kai	JPN	2t 4z 6 11

Female Youth A

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	ROGORA	Laura	ITA	2t 3z 2 3
2	RAKOVEC	Lucka	SLO	1t 4z 4 9
3	ITO	Futaba	JPN	1t 4z 5 13

Male Youth A

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	AVEZOU	Sam	FRA	4t 4z 5 4
2	CARRETERO CRUZ	Eneko	ESP	4t 4z 5 4
3	MARTIN	Nathan	FRA	4t 4z 5 5

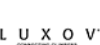
Female Youth B

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	TANII	Natsuki	JPN	3t 4z 6 7
2	MEIGNAN	Naile	FRA	3t 4z 8 5
3	KUDO	Hana	JPN	2t 4z 3 6

Male Youth B

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	KAWAMATA	Rei	JPN	4t 4z 15 12
2	PODOLAN	Thomas	AUT	3t 4z 4 5
3	NUKUI	Ryoei	JPN	3t 4z 5 8

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