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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP ARCO 2018

BOLDYREV DEFENDS GOLD, RUSSIA CLAIMS 3 MEDALS IN SPEED, GARNBRET, SCHUBERT VICTORIOUS AGAIN IN LEAD

Danyil Boldyrev (UKR) defended first place and 2017 season runner-up Iuliia Kaplina (RUS) returned to the top of the podium at the 6th Speed event of 2018 in Arco, Italy. In Lead, Janja Garnbret (SLO) won for the third time this year and Jakob Schubert (AUT) earned his second victory at the 4th Lead event.

Boldyrev Wins Two in a Row

The popular climber's town of Arco and long-time IFSC World Cup host welcomed another group of elite Sport Climbers to its towering competition walls for the final Lead and Speed events of July. Finals took place on Saturday evening, beginning with the world's fastest athletes. Russian Speed stars Kaplina and Mariia Krasavina hung on in tight semi-final races to surpass 2018 leader Anouck Jaubert (FRA) and Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 qualified athlete Aleksandra Kalucka (POL). All athletes recorded times under 8 seconds in the medal races. 2017 season runner-up Kaplina returned to the top of the podium by climbing within 1 hundredth of a second of her own Speed world record. Jaubert joined Krasavina on the podium, beating Kalucka by just one thousandth of a second.

For the men, Chamonix winner Boldyrev and Aleksandr Shilov of Russia advanced to the big final after small slips from Villars winner Dmitrii Timofeev (RUS) and Speed world record holder Reza Alipourshenazandifar (IRI) in the semi-final. Recording only times under 6 seconds in finals, Boldyrev bested Shilov in the last race with the fastest time of the day (5.58s) for back-to-back victories and the lead in the Speed season rankings, and Shilov made it three medals for Russia. In the small final against Timofeev, Alipourshenazandifar rebounded to return to the top of the Speed podium.

3rd Victory for Garnbret

Overhanging walls surrounding the Speed well set the stage for the finale in Lead. Anak Verhoeven (BEL) put forth another strong effort in finals but timed out again on the long route for 3rd place. Only two women have won Gold in Lead events this season, and they concluded the women's final in Arco. Chamonix winner Jessica Pilz (AUT) fought the pump to reach the upper panel and fell a few moves short of the top hold for 2nd place and her fourth podium of the Lead season. Last to climb, 2017 season champion and 2018 season leader Garnbret again set the high point in finals for her third victory and fourth podium in Lead this year. The crowd held their breath when Garnbret held a swing where Pilz fell and reset her feet before latching the winning hold.

The men's final centred on a technical crux sequence high up on the wall. Chamonix winner Stefano Ghisolfi of Italy set a new high point for the home crowd in falling at the tenuous transition between two volumes. Climbing legend Adam Ondra (CZE) and Domen Skofic (SLO) looked in form but popped off the route just before his mark. Winner in Villars, 2018 season leader Schubert earned another spot atop the podium by keeping the friction with a high heel hook and powerful crossover to complete three more moves for the victory. Skofic placed third over Ondra on countback to semi-finals. For more results, visit the [Arco event page](#).

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YOG Watch: Kalucka Challenges Champions

5th in Chamonix, Kalucka continues to excel in the IFSC Speed World Cup. She challenged 2016 season champion Kaplina and 2017 season champion Jaubert in placing 4th in Arco, matching Sandra Lettner (AUT) and YiLing Song (CHN) for the best finish at an IFSC World Cup among Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 qualified athletes. In Lead, Chamonix finalist Shuta Tanaka (JPN) returned to finals and placed 5th.

Next: IFSC Youth World Championships Moscow

While the best Sport Climbing athletes in the world take a break in Lead and Speed and prepare for the last Bouldering event of 2018 in [Munich](#) on August 17th-18th, hundreds of top young climbers between the ages of 14 and 19 will compete at the IFSC Youth World Championships in Moscow on August 9th-16th. Visit the [Moscow event page](#) for starters and 2017 highlights.

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RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CUP ARCO 2018

Men Lead

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	44+
2	GHISOLFI	Stefano	ITA	41-
3	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO	41
4	ONDRA	Adam	CZE	41
5	TANAKA	Shuta	JPN	40-
6	LEHMANN	Sascha	SUI	38-
7	GINÉS LÓPEZ	Alberto	ESP	32-
8	MIN	Hyunbin	KOR	23-

Women Lead

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	50-
2	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	49-
3	VERHOEVEN	Anak	BEL	39-
4	BUHRFEIND	Claire	USA	33-
5	JANICOT	Hélène	FRA	31
6	HILY	Manon	FRA	28
7	KAZBEKOVA	Ievgeniia	UKR	28
8	SCHRANZ	Christine	AUT	9

Men Speed

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	BOLDYREV	Danyil	UKR	5.58
2	SHILOV	Aleksandr	RUS	5.70
3	ALIPOURSHENA	Reza	IRI	5.59
4	TIMOFEEV	Dmitrii	RUS	6.26
5	DEULIN	Vladislav	RUS	6.11
6	DZIENSKI	Marcin	POL	6.49
7	KRIZ	Jan	CZE	6.80
8	MAWEM	Bassa	FRA	Fall

Women Speed

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	KAPLINA	Iuliia	RUS	7.41
2	KRASAVINA	Mariia	RUS	7.65
3	JAUBERT	Anouck	FRA	7.59
4	KALUCKA	Aleksandra	POL	7.59
5	BROZEK	Anna	POL	7.81
6	CHUDZIAK	Patrycja	POL	8.09
7	KALUCKA	Natalia	POL	8.62
8	TIMOFEEVA	Elena	RUS	10.21

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