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KRUDER, NONAKA BOULDERING SEASON CHAMPIONS; SLOVENIA SHINES IN MUNICH

Jernej Kruder (SLO) and Miho Nonaka (JPN) became Bouldering season champions today at the Munich Olympic Stadium, host of the 7th and last IFSC Bouldering World Cup of 2018, and Kruder's Slovenian teammates Janja Garnbret and Gregor Vezonik won the final gold medals.

Champions Years in the Making

The women's final featured a nail-biting head-to-head contest between season leader Nonaka and 4-time season champion Noguchi, with Noguchi needing to place 1st or 2nd and ahead of Nonaka to take the 2018 season title. She started strong by solving the dynamic start of F1 and completing the problem with 45 seconds remaining, but Nonaka and reigning Combined season champion Janja Garnbret (SLO) succeeded in fewer attempts. All three athletes flashed F2, and Nonaka maintained an edge over Noguchi on F3 by sticking the opening dyno and latching the dual-texture finishing hold on her first attempt. Noguchi kept the pressure on Nonaka on the fourth and last problem, showing her experience by making a quick flash. After five months of competition, the Bouldering season title came down to one final moment. Nonaka kept her composure and flashed the final problem to beat Noguchi on top attempts, her first season title after finishing among the top five athletes for five years. Noguchi placed 2nd in the season rankings, winning more gold medals (3) than any other athlete, and Fanny Gibert (FRA) placed 3rd. Scoring a perfect four flashes in finals, Garnbret claimed the final gold medal of the season in Munich.

Slovenia excelled in semi-finals and the men's final as well. Kruder needed to finish ahead of Tomoa Narasaki (JPN) in semi-finals if Narasaki placed 9th or better, and Kruder accomplished exactly that earlier today. The

IFSC World Cup competitor since 2007 set himself up to qualify for finals and surpass Narasaki (9th) by completing the first top of M2. Narasaki matched Kruder with the most Bouldering medals in 2018 (4) and stood alongside Japanese teammate Rei Sugimoto on the men's Bouldering season podium. In the final, Kruder's teammate Vezonik achieved a lead he would never give up, flashing the technical first problem which prevented every other finalist from scoring four zone points. Kruder, Munich bronze medallist Jakob Schubert (AUT) and Yoshiyuki Ogata (JPN) found different solutions to the dynamic start of M2 and Yuji Fujiwaki (JPN) executed with precision for the sole top of M3, but none could stop Vezonik. He promptly flashed the concluding power problem for his first IFSC World Cup victory. Already season champion, Kruder flashed the final problem with the crowd cheering behind him for the silver medal in Munich, and Schubert flashed to earn the bronze by zone attempts.

Japan Defends Team Title

Thanks to three medals and a double victory in Munich, Slovenia secured 2nd place in the team Bouldering season ranking with 1344 points. Japan, dominant all season, topped the team ranking for the fifth straight season with 2269 points. France advanced two athletes to finals in Munich to hold off Austria for 3rd place. For the complete Bouldering rankings, please click [here](#).

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Next: IFSC World Championships Innsbruck 2018

In less than three weeks, the best Sport Climbing athletes in the world will compete in Innsbruck on September 6th-16th at the biannual IFSC Climbing &

Paraclimbing World Championships, the signature IFSC event of the 2018 season. The schedule, starters, trailer, 2016 highlights and more can be found on the Innsbruck event pages for [climbing](#) and [paraclimbing](#), and follow the action at Innsbruck2018.com as well.

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RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CUP MUNICH 2018

Men Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	VEZONIK	Gregor	SLO	2t 4z 2 13
2	KRUDER	Jernej	SLO	2t 34z 9 7
3	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	2t 3z 9 11
4	OGATA	Yoshiyuki	JPN	2t 3z 11 13
5	FUJIWAKI	Yuji	JPN	2t 2z 5 5
6	MAWEM	Mickael	FRA	1t 2z 1 3

Women Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	4t 4z 4 4
2	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	4t 4z 5 5
3	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	4t 4z 7 6
4	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	1t 4z 1 8
5	KADIC	Katja	SLO	1t 2z 1 5
6	KIPRIANOVA	Ekaterina	RUS	0t 3z 0 5

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2018 BOULDERING SEASON RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (B) - Munich (GER) 2018 (17.08.2018)

MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	KRUDER	Jernej	SLO	442
2	NARASAKI	Tomoa	JPN	400
3	SUGIMOTO	Rei	JPN	334
4	RUBTSOV	Aleksei	RUS	296
5	VEZONIK	Gregor	SLO	280
6	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	260
7	CHON	Jongwon	KOR	247
8	TAKATA	Tomoaki	JPN	218
9	FUJIWAKI	Yuji	JPN	207
9	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	207

WOMEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	500
2	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	495
3	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	320
4	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	280
5	KADIC	Katja	SLO	246
6	GEJO	Stasa	SRB	222
7	KIPRIANOVA	Ekaterina	RUS	210
8	ITO	Futaba	JPN	179
9	COXSEY	Shauna	GBR	174
10	BESTVATER	Alma	GER	168

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