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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HACHIOJI 2019 BOULDER: WORLD CUP WINNERS BECOME CHAMPIONS

IFSC World Cup 2019 season winners, Slovenian Janja GARNBRET and Japan's Tomoa NARASAKI, land on top of the podium again on Tuesday at the IFSC World Championships Hachioji 2019.

GARNBRET Defends Her Title

Coming out of a difficult semi-final round, where only four of the twenty competitors managed to complete a route, the first finals round of this year's World Championship was highly anticipated. Japan was well represented in the finals with three athletes competing in front of their home crowd. However, after an overwhelmingly dominate bouldering season, Janja GARNBRET (SLO) was the favorite to win as she sought to retain her World Championship title from Innsbruck and continue her winning streak from the 2019 Bouldering World Cup season.

The competition was off to a fierce start with Shauna COXSEY (GBR) securing the first top of the night on W1 with Akiyo NOGUCHI (JPN) and GARNBRET following closely behind with tops of their own. It was the next two routes that would ultimately become the most difficult for the climbers, each requiring dynamic and perfectly coordinated moves to stick the zone. Following a run of no zones on W2, GARNBRET shocked the audience by completing the problem on her fifth attempt to pull ahead of the competition as the only climber with two tops and two zones. The W3 slab continued to halt the athletes' hopes for a gold medal and this time only Miho NONAKA (JPN) and Ievgeniia KAZBEKOVA (UKR) walked away with zones and tops.

With this turn of events, the competition came down to the last boulder problem. COXSEY easily flashed the route for her second top of the night, ultimately earning 3rd place and her first IFSC World Championships medal. NOGUCHI followed with a

flash of her own to claim silver, which was quickly followed by yet another flash from GARNBRET for the gold.

NARASAKI Stays on Top

The men's IFSC Bouldering World Championships proved to be a real battle for the climbers that resulted in very few zones and even fewer tops.

Japan's Tomoa NARASAKI had an incredible Bouldering World Cup season where he seized the overall season win from Adam ONDRA (CZE) at the final event in Vail. With both NARASAKI and ONDRA in the finals, it appeared as if this event would be a perfect rematch between the two climbers. However, on M1, NARASAKI was the only competitor to reach the top, granting him a lead that he wouldn't give up.

The second wall saw no tops and halfway through the competition, ONDRA had yet to secure a zone. M3 saw a similar outcome to M1, with NARASAKI being the only climber to complete the problem, while his compatriot Kokoro FUJII (JPN) was the only other climber to reach the zone. As the only climber with two tops, NARASAKI easily claimed his gold medal and a second World Championships title in front of his home crowd, leaving the race for second and third to the final wall. Both Jakob SCHUBERT (AUT) and Yannick FLOHÉ (GER) achieved the zone on their first attempt, landing them in second and third place, respectively due to the number of attempts on zones.

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Next: LEAD

No time for a rest, LEAD Qualifications will start tomorrow and both Semi-Finals and Finals will be live streamed on Thursday 15th.

The schedule, starters, videos, photos and more can be found on the official [event page](#).

RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HACHIOJI 2019

MEN Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	NARASAKI	Tomoa	JPN	2T4z 12 20
2	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	0T3z 0 10
3	FLOHÉ	Yannick	GER	0T3z 0 13
4	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	0T3z 0 18
5	DOHI	Keita	JPN	0T2z 0 9
6	ONDRA	Adam	CZE	0T0z 0 0

WOMEN Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	3T3z 8 8
2	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	2T2z 4 2
3	COXSEY	Shauna	GBR	2T2z 6 6
4	KAZBEKOVA	levgeniia	UKR	1T2z 3 4
5	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	1T2z 5 6
6	KURA	Nanako	JPN	0T1z 0 1

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