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## IFSC LEAD WORLD CUP BRIANÇON 2019 ANOTHER GOLD FOR SEO; 4 MEDALS FOR JAPAN

The competition in Briançon was the third event in as many weeks and featured plenty of crimp holds and endurance heavy routes that pushed the climbers to their limits to yield fewer ties than its predecessors.

### An All Japanese Podium

With so many big names in the men's circuit missing from the competition, the first-place position on the podium was open for the taking, making this a particularly fascinating final. Hidemasa NISHIDA (JPN) was the first climber on the wall and as he smoothly made it to the final panel and pressed toward the top, it appeared as if this route could be an easy top for the rest athletes.

However, as each climber took their turn on the route, it started becoming clear that the section just passed the headwall was the ultimate crux. Each competitor fell one after another just below NISHIDA's highpoint, granting him the first podium of his career. His compatriots, Hiroto SHIMIZU and Shuta TANAKA finished in second and third.

Team USA finally saw their first men's competitor to a final with Sean BAILEY finishing in fifth place. There were a few repeat finalists this event with Domen SKOFIC (SLO), William BOSI (GBR) and Sean McCOLL (CAN) returning for a second final this season to continue their climbs up the overall rankings.

### A Rising Star

After The top athletes of the women's lead season are starting to become more apparent with many of the Briançon competitors making a repeat finals appearance this season. Janja GARNBRET (SLO) returned with hopes of redeeming herself after missing finals in Chamonix, while

the up-and-coming Chaehyun SEO (KOR) was seeking another gold medal.

GARNBRET was the sixth climber to attempt the women's final and with a spectacular jump, she was the first competitor of the day to top a route. After needing a second to clip in, she sat at a tentative first place with two other climbers left. Japan's Natsuki TANII was the next up and easily made her way up the wall falling on the jump to the top hold, landing just behind GARNBRET in the rankings. All Chamonix gold medalist SEO had to do now to win her second world cup was get to the top. After landing the move and heel-hooking the final hold to secure the final clip she earned the first-place spot on the podium for the second week in a row.

The complete list of starters, results and event highlights can be found on the dedicated event page.

### What's Next?

In a little over three weeks, the athletes will make their way to Hachioji, Japan for the IFSC Climbing World Championships 2019 and a chance to qualify for Sport Climbing's Olympic debut. The world championships will be held from August 11 to 21 at the Esforta Arena Hachioji and will include bouldering, speed, lead and combined competitions. Learn more about the upcoming world championships on the dedicated event page on [www.ifsc-climbing.org](http://www.ifsc-climbing.org).

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## RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CUP BRIANÇON 2019

### Men Lead

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	NISHIDA	Hidemasa	JPN	39+
2	SHIMIZU	Hiroto	JPN	38+
3	TANAKA	Shuta	JPN	38+
4	BOSI	William	GBR	38
5	MCCOLL	Sean	CAN	38
6	BAILEY	Sean	USA	34+
7	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO	34+
8	BOMBARDI	Marcello	ITA	34+

### Women Lead

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	SEO	Chaehyun	KOR	Top
2	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	Top
3	TANII	Natsuki	JPN	41+
4	KRAMPL	Mia	SLO	36
5	SHIRAIISHI	Ashima	USA	36
6	ZHANG	YueTong	CHN	33+
7	LUKAN	Vita	SLO	32+
8	ARTHAUD	Nina	FRA	24+

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## PROVISIONAL WORLD LEAD RANKINGS

AS OF 19.07.2019 AFTER IFSC CLIMBING WORLDCUP (L) - BRIANÇON (FRA) 2019 (19.07.2019)

### MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	MEGOS	Alexander	GER	165.00
2	LEHMANN	Sascha	SUI	152.00
3	BOSI	William	GBR	122.00
4	PAN	YuFei	CHN	117.00
5	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO	110.00
6	MCCOLL	Sean	CAN	104.00
7	NISHIDA	Hidemasa	JPN	100.00
7	ONDRA	Adam	CZE	100.00
9	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	89.00
10	STRANIK	Martin	CZE	84.00

### WOMEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	SEO	Chaehyun	KOR	280.00
2	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	217.00
3	ZHANG	YueTong	CHN	164.00
4	TANII	Natsuki	JPN	145.00
5	KRAMPL	Mia	SLO	137.00
6	MORI	Ai	JPN	120.00
7	RAKOVEC	Lucka	SLO	114.00
8	SHIRAISHI	Ashima	USA	102.00
9	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	96.00
10	LUKAN	Vita	SLO	94.00

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