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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP IMST 2015: BEST LEAD CLIMBERS VIE FOR GOLD IN IMST, AUSTRIA ON JULY 31 - AUGUST 1, 2015

Located in the Austrian federal state of Tyrol, Imst will host the 3rd IFSC Lead World Cup of the season on July 31 - August 1, 2015. A classic of the IFSC Lead World Cup Series, the spectacular sheltered outdoor climbing structure will once again welcome the Lead climbing elite for some outstanding action!

This is the 12th time that an IFSC Climbing World Cup will take place in the hometown of climbing legend Angela Eiter, and the venue is well known for hosting some of the highest caliber climbing competitions in the world. Once again, we can expect some great performances!

Too close to call in the men's field

The starting field in the men's category looks strong, with many of the international favourites attending the event. All eyes will be on local favourite Jakob Schubert (AUT), who won the IFSC Lead World Cup overall ranking 2014, and Adam Ondra (CZE), who took gold in Imst last year. Both already have a podium under their belt this season, with Adam Ondra finishing 2nd in Chamonix and Jakob Schubert placing 3rd in Briançon, and both look like they have not reached their full potential yet!

They will be competing against Briançon winner Gautier Supper (FRA) and Chamonix gold medallist Ramon Julian Puigblanque (ESP), as well as Minoru Nakano (JPN), Sean McColl (CAN) and Sebastian Halenke (GER). Any of them could win, and the top 8 looks strikingly homogenous this season. At this point, it can be anyone's game in Imst!

All eyes on the Austrian team

In the women's category, all eyes are on Austrian young guns Magdalena Röck and Jessica Pilz. Magdalena Röck

took gold in Imst last year on a particularly tough Final route. This season has not started very well for her, and she is currently 16th on the overall ranking after missing out on the Final in Chamonix and Briançon. This time, however, she will be competing in front of her home crowd, and we can expect her to set the bar high and ensure for some amazing competition!

Another Austrian young gun to watch this season is Jessica Pilz, who placed 3rd in Imst last year, and who is currently 2nd in the overall ranking, only 6 points behind all-time favourite Jain Kim (KOR). With 2 podiums in as many World Cups this year, she has established herself as a force to be reckoned with in Lead this season. This time, she is aiming for top spot, and she will be facing Jain Kim, Janja Garnbret (SLO), Mina Markovic (SLO) and Anak Verhoeven (BEL). With such a strong field of athletes lining up, the competition will definitely be riveting!

Join in the action!

For more information on the event and access to the live streaming of the semi-finals and finals, join us:

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LIVE BROADCASTING

Lead Semi-Finals: <https://youtu.be/3ZcKVmDhmjU>

Lead Finals: <https://youtu.be/uMBA5JE6vOo>

PROGRAM (GMT+2)

Friday, July 31st

09:30 - Male & Female Lead Qualification

18:30 - Male & Female Lead Semi-Finals (live broadcasting)

Saturday, August 1st

19:30 - Female Lead Final (live broadcasting)

20:20 - Male Lead Final (live broadcasting)

21:30 - Award Ceremony (live broadcasting)



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