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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP KRANJ 2015: IT'S THE FINAL COUNTDOWN: 2015 IFSC WORLD CUP SEASON WRAPS UP IN KRANJ, SLOVENIA, ON NOVEMBER 14-15

The 2015 IFSC World Cup season will wrap up in Kranj, Slovenia, with a Lead competition. A classic of the IFSC Lead World Cup circuit, Kranj will once again be the determining factor in the IFSC Lead World Cup rankings 2015 and the last chance for our athletes to taste World Cup glory this year!

One month after the last IFSC Lead World Cup in Wujiang, China, the world's best Lead climbers are returning to Europe for one final competition and one last chance to lay it all on the line for a World Cup medal!

The IFSC Lead World Cup rankings 2015 are very close, and the results of this last competition will determine the Lead World Cup Champions 2015. With the title at stake in both categories, the 2015 IFSC World Cup season's grand finale will definitely be riveting!

Close race for gold in the men's category

In the men's Lead field, four climbers are less than 40 points apart in the Lead World Cup ranking 2015. With two gold medals to his name so far this season, Gautier Supper (FRA) currently leads the Lead World Cup ranking 2015 with 400 points. On his heels, Adam Ondra (CZE) is 2nd with 390 points, Jakob Schubert (AUT) is 3rd with 378 points, and Domen Skofic (SLO) is 4th with 362 points.

All these athletes have won at least one IFSC Lead World Cup this season, and they all look like very serious contenders for the title. Fresh from his victory in Wujiang and from a 9b first ascent in southern France that only took him a couple of tries, Adam Ondra seems to be in particularly great shape at the moment. Yet, anything can happen during a competition, and he knows it. The race for the Lead World Cup title has never been so close, and at this point, it can be anyone's game in Kranj!

Can Mina Markovic take back the title ?

The women's podiums have seen only two competitors on top so far this season: Mina Markovic (SLO) and Jain Kim (KOR) with 3 gold medals each. The two are now ranked 1st and 2nd respectively, and their legendary rivalry will once again reach an apex in Kranj as they compete for the title. Mina Markovic has not won the IFSC Lead World Cup ranking since 2012, and she stands a good chance of taking back the title this year. She has a history of doing very well in front of her home crowd, and Jain Kim will have to climb her absolute best to defend her title!

Another climber to watch out for in Kranj is Jessica Pilz (AUT), who is currently ranked 3rd. She will be facing Anak Verhoeven (BEL), who is still in the running for the Lead World Cup 2015 bronze position. It will all come down to this last IFSC World Cup for these top-ranked athletes!

One competition, three podiums

As always, the IFSC World Cup season will end in Kranj with 3 podiums in each category (male and female), for a total of 6 winners. There will be one podium for the IFSC Lead World Cup Kranj 2015, one podium for the IFSC Lead World Cup Ranking 2015, and one podium for the IFSC World Cup Combined Ranking 2015. Adam Ondra and Jain Kim currently lead the combined ranking, but the competition is fierce, with many top-climbers eager to grab a podium spot!



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PROGRAM (GMT+1)

Saturday, November 14th

- 09:00 Male Lead Qualification
- 14:00 Female Lead Qualification
- 20:00 Male & Female Lead Semi-Finals (live broadcasting)

Sunday, November 15th

- 18:45 Presentation and Observation Male & Female (live broadcasting)
- 19:00 Start Final Males, after Males, Start Final Females (live broadcasting)
- Award Ceremony (live broadcasting)

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