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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP WUJIANG 2015: BEST LEAD AND SPEED CLIMBERS VIE FOR GOLD IN WUJIANG, CHINA, ON OCTOBER 17-18

The IFSC Lead and Speed World Cup Series 2015 will stop in Wujiang, China on October 17-18. This event will be the last of the Speed World Cup Series 2015, and it should mark a turning point in the race for the Lead World Cup overall title!

After exciting finals in Chamonix, France, the world's best Speed climbers are returning to China for one final competition and one last chance to lay it all on the line for a World Cup medal, while the Lead climbing elite fights for decision-making points one month before the end of the season.

Fighting for decision-making points in Lead

In the men's Lead field, Gautier Supper (FRA) has definitely established himself as a force to be reckoned with in competition climbing. With two gold medals to his name so far this season, he maintains a firm lead on the overall ranking. Yet, Jakob Schubert (AUT) and Romain Desgranges (FRA) are not far behind, and with only one month to go before the Lead World Cup Series 2015 are history, they will tackle Wujiang's impressive climbing structure with only one medal in mind: the gold!

Meanwhile, the women's podiums have seen only two competitors on top so far this season: Mina Markovic (SLO) with 3 gold medals and Jain Kim (KOR) with 2. The two prodigies are now ranked 1st and 3rd respectively, while Jessica Pilz is 2nd. The Austrian young gun has been incredibly consistent this season, missing out on the podium on only one occasion. On their heels, Anak Verhoeven (BEL) is pushing hard to grab an overall podium spot, and with the end of the season fast approaching, the competition between the four will definitely be riveting!

Wrapping up the Speed World Cup Series 2015

In the women's category, it will all come down to this last World Cup for Anouck Jaubert (FRA) and Iulia Kaplina (RUS), who both lead the Speed provisional ranking with 310 points. Their rivalry should make for a historic grand finale as both athletes race up the wall faster than ever to grab the Speed overall title. On their heels, Mariia Krasavina (RUS) also looks like a serious contender for the title. At this point, it can be anyone's game in Wujiang!

In the men's field, Qixin Zhong has already locked up the overall Speed World Cup victory. Not to rest on his laurels, however, the Chinese strongman should stay true to his competitive spirit and try to finish the season on a high with another victory in front of his home crowd. Behind, Speed heavyweights Libor Hroza (CZE) and Danyil Boldyrev (UKR) are only two tiny points apart, and they will fight hard to secure the overall silver medal!

Join in the action!

For more information on the event and access to the live results, join us: <http://www.ifsc-climbing.org>

Due to technical issues, and in order to offer the best show possible, we will not live stream the semi-finals and finals. The replays will be available shortly after the event on our YouTube channel, so stay tuned!



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PROGRAM (GMT+8)

Saturday, October 17th

- 09:00 - 09:30 Opening Ceremony
- 09:40 - 12:30 Male & Female Lead Qualification - Route 1
- 14:00 - 17:00 Male & Female Lead Qualification - Route 2
- 18:30 - 20:00 Male & Female Speed Qualification
- 20:30 - 21:30 Male & Female Speed Finals

Sunday, October 18th

- 10:00 - 12:30 Male & Female Lead Semi-Finals
- 15:30 - 15:45 Presentation and Observation of finalists
- 16:00 - 18:00 Male & Female Lead Finals
- 18:30 - 19:00 Award Ceremony

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