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IFSC WORLD CUP KAZO 2016

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA VICTORIOUS AGAIN

Shauna Coxsey of Great Britain stayed on top and Rustam Gelmanov earned another Gold for Russia at the second Bouldering World Cup of the 2016 season.

Kazo, Japan, welcomed back the IFSC on April 23rd-24th and showcased a thrilling rematch between the top international boulderers.

Highlights

Coxsey sent all four finals problems this weekend and Gelmanov completed three of four flash attempts. Kokoro Fujii and Miho Nonaka snagged two Bronze medals for the host nation, and Michael Piccolruaz of Italy made the first World Cup podium of his IFSC career.

Finals Problems and Results

The women started off the finals climbing with a strong first problem (W1). Most climbers struggled at the penultimate sloper, and only Coxsey stuck the concluding shoulder press. After the entire field eventually kept their balance on W2, Coxsey sealed the deal as the lone athlete to link all the crimps of W3 and stick the big finishing move. Although Nonaka sent W4 on her second go, Melissa Le Neve of France secured second place when she calmly squeezed between the two half-moon volumes and cut feet at the Top for a flash.

For the men, five of six finalists mastered the short and burly first problem (M1), but only Gelmanov and runner-up Piccolruaz did so on their first attempt. While a challenging M2 saw much creative and inspiring climbing, no athlete held it together to the finish. Piccolruaz kept things interesting by flashing a dynamic M3 slab problem, but Gelmanov pulled ahead by sending the overhung slopers, two-hand dyno and knee bar of M4

as well. Fujii settled for third after falling one move shy of the last Top.

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Up Next: Speed and Bouldering

The Bouldering World Cup will head to familiar Chongqing, China, next weekend for the third competition of seven to be held this season. While Coxsey and Gelmanov defend their place atop the podium on April 30th-May 1st, the world's best Speed athletes will face-off for the first Speed World Cup of the year.

Event information and live streaming of the semi-finals and finals can be found here:

<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/component/ifsc/?view=event&WetId=1640>

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RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CUP KAZO 2016

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	COXSEY	Shauna	GBR	4/74/7
2	LENEVE	Melissa	FRA	2/24/5
3	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	2/34/6
4	KLINGLER	Petra	SUI	2/33/4
5	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	1/12/4
6	CAULIER	Chloé	BEL	1/33/8

WOMEN Full Results:
<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition#!comp=1635&cat=5>

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	GELMANOV	Rustam	RUS	3/34/4
2	PICCOLRUAZ	Michael	ITA	2/24/8
3	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	2/44/8
4	BONDER	Jeremy	FRA	2/84/12
5	SHARAFUTDINOV	Dmitrii	RUS	1/23/8
6	RUGENS	Rolands	LAT	0/01/2

MEN Full Results:
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