



IFSC WORLD CUP VILLARS 2016 FAMILIAR ATHLETES ON TOP

Marcin Dzienski of Poland and Anouck Jaubert of France seized the lead in the World Cup rankings with victories in Villars, Switzerland, only days after winning in Chamonix. For Lead, Slovenian Janja Garnbret repeated as well, and reigning Overall champion Sean McColl of Canada added another Gold to his profile.

Fans of Sport Climbing and IFSC athletes endured brisk weather for the Speed and Lead Finals on Friday and Saturday at the first ever World Cup in Villars. New climbers cracked the top ranks, but in the end many familiar faces were smiling atop the podium.

Speedy Repeats

Speed fans witnessed a few surprises on Friday, including the ousting of former frontrunner Libor Hroza of the Czech Republic early in the Finals by Arsenii Shevchenko. His Russian teammate, Stanislav Kokorin, bested Bassa Mawem of France in the quarter-final by one hundredth of a second and earned a podium spot after Dmitrii Timofeev - also a Russian - fell in the Bronze medal match. Despite a significant slip from Danyil Boldyrev of Ukraine in the final face-off, Dzienski still posted a blistering 5.99 for Gold.

For the women, top-ranked Polish speedsters Aleksandra Rudzinska and Klaudia Buczek were knocked out of the Finals in the first round. Anna Brozek fared better, but their Polish teammate lost in the Bronze medal race to sixteen-year-old Elma Fleuret of France, who donned her first World Cup hardware. Iuliia Kaplina of Russia rebounded after missing the Finals in Chamonix, but Jaubert held her ground in the last contest whereas Kaplina miscued.

Surprises and Confirmation in Lead

The Lead Finals for the Women wrapped up in identical fashion to Chamonix due to the same two-hand dynamic move to slopers near the Top. A countback to Semi-Finals earned Anak Verhoeven of Belgium another Silver and Jain Kim a third-place finish, while Austrians Jessica Pilz and Magdalena Röck missed out on the podium. Only Garnbret left the crowd speechless by fighting the pump until one move from the Top.

Many strong climbers missed the Men's Final, including Chamonix winner Domen Skofic of Slovenia. Sean Bailey impressed the crowd early in his first Finals, but Frenchman Thomas Joannes and Keiichiro Korenaga of Japan snagged one sloper more, with Korenaga taking Silver in a countback to the Semi-Finals. It was the first World Cup medal for them both. In the end, McColl touched more holds than them all.

Up Next: Back to the Hexagon

Our Lead athletes return to France for the third World Cup of 2016 on July 22nd-23rd in Briançon. Visit the IFSC website for updates:

<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org>

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JULY**RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CUP VILLARS 2016****WOMEN LEAD**

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	48+
2	VERHOEVEN	Anak	BEL	41+
3	KIM	Jain	KOR	41+
4	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	41+
5	RÖCK	Magdalen.	AUT	41+
6	SCHRANZ	Christine	AUT	26+
7	KOBAYASHI	Yuka	JPN	26+
8	ROMAIN	Salomé	FRA	15

MEN LEAD

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	MCCOLL	Sean	CAN	28+
2	KORENAGA	Keiichiro	JPN	25+
3	JOANNES	Thomas	FRA	25+
4	BAILEY	Sean	USA	24+
5	PRIMOZIC	Urban	SLO	22
6	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	19
7	HIGUCHI	Masahiro	JPN	19
8	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	17

WOMEN SPEED

#	NAME		NAT.	TIME
1	JAUBERT	Anouck	FRA	8.15
2	KAPLINA	Iuliia	RUS	10.13
3	FLEURET	Elma	FRA	8.74
4	BROZEK	Anna	POL	9.95
5	SARISSON	Aurelia	FRA	8.58
6	CHUDZIAK	Patrycja	POL	8.83
7	ROPEK	Edyta	POL	9.40
8	TSYGANOVA	Anna	RUS	10.41

MEN SPEED

#	NAME		NAT.	TIME
1	DZIENSKI	Marcin	POL	5.99
2	BOLDYREV	Danyil	UKR	8.51
3	KOKORIN	Stanislav	RUS	6.09
4	TIMOFEEV	Dmitrii	RUS	Fall
5	MAWEM	Bassa	FRA	6.12
6	MORO	Guillaume	FRA	6.24
7	SHEVCHENKO	Arsenii	RUS	6.42
8	ALIPOURSHEN.	Reza	IRI	Fall

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