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SPORT CLIMBING'S JANJA GARNBRET NOMINATED AS A FORBES 30 UNDER 30 **FOR EUROPE**

Slovenian Sport Climbing athlete Janja Garnbret, aged 20, has been nominated as a Forbes 30 Under 30 for Europe.

The fifth annual 30 Under 30 Europe aims to recognise outstanding young people across the continent over several categories, including arts, science, and sport. Following an incredibly successful 2019 season, in which she became the first Sport Climbing athlete in history to sweep an entire season by climbing her way to claim the gold medal in each IFSC Bouldering World Cup of the year, Forbes has this year added Janja Garnbret (SLO) to the list of candidates.

In 2019, the Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe list for Sports and Games included the likes of top athletes such as Great Britain's athletics champion Dina Asher-Smith and Italy's speed skating star Arianna Fontana. Professional gamers and video game designers were also featured in this category.

Forbes has yet to confirm the full 2020 list for Europe following a review from this year's judges, but the IFSC is delighted to announce that 2019 Bouldering and Combined World Champion Janja Garnbret has received recognition for her performance. Garnbret is therefore the first Sport Climbing athlete to be nominated for the Forbes 30 Under 30 list for Europe, following in the footsteps of women's Speed World Record holder Aries SUSANTI RAHAYU (INA). who made the 2019 list for Asia.

"As Sport Climbing becomes increasingly more prominent in the public eye, the IFSC feels a great sense of pride in seeing our athletes achieve the acknowledgement they deserve for their accomplishments. Both on and off the wall, our athletes are an asset to Sport Climbing, "says IFSC President Marco Maria Scolaris.

Having qualified for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 seeded in first (1st) position (as of 26th February 2020), Garnbret is set to take to the first summer Olympic Sport Climbing walls this August in Tokyo, Japan. Since her first international competition in 2013. Janja has achieved a podium position 71 times, winning an incredible 51 gold medals to date (33 senior and 18 youth).

Earlier this year Garnbret was also nominated for <u>The World Games Athlete of the Year 2019</u>, in which she placed fourth (4th) out of a total of 25 nominated athletes.

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