



IFSC Press Release

Climbing & Paraclimbing World Championships

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More than 9 000 spectators were in Bercy today for the Finals of the IFSC World Climbing Championships 2012.

Mélanie Sandoz, the new Boulder World Champion 2012

« If someone has told me one month ago that I would be World Champion, I would not have believed it! It is totally magic to be at the top in France, especially in Bercy! » ... said the French woman Mélanie Sandoz, who still can not really realized what she has achieved. Only her main rival Anna Stohr, World Champion 2011, could have won the Final. But she fell and ended at the third place behind the Russian athlete Olga Iakovleva.

Kim Jain ahead of the overall ranking

The Korean athlete Kim Jain finished at the first place. The native Cécile Avezou took the second place with a big ovation from the public. Kingler Petra, the Swiss athlete, ranked third.





Victory of Urko Carmona Barandiaran in Paraclimbing

« It is a great victory to win the title in lead. Last year in Arco, I won in speed. I trained very hard this season, and this medal gives me the strength to stay at the top! »

Women Bouldering

- 1 Mélanie Sandoz (FRA)
- 2 Iakovleva Olga (RUS)
- 3 Stöhr Anna (AUT)

Women Overall

- 1 Kim Jain (KOR)
- 2 Cécile Avezou (FRA)
- 3 Klinger Petra (SUI)

Men amputee leg PD

- 1 Carmona Barandiaran Urko (ESP)
- 2 Ono Mineo (JPN)
- 3 Demartino Craig (USA)

Jakob Schubert won the Lead Male Final

The second part of the Finals started with the Lead Male. The Austrian Jakob Schubert won the Title giving the public a wonderful show : *« I have been dreaming of the this title for a long time but today the spectators pushed me forwards...Thank you Bercy ! »*.





Just behind him, Sean MacColl took the second place. The Canadian said « *Now, I can tell it, I'm very tired and I think I'm not going to climb until the next competition...next week-end! I had some chance, this route was for me and the spectators were fantastic, even when I was tired I pushed myself to carry on. I'm so happy by the result! »*

The third place was won by the Czech Adam Ondra.

In Speed, the Chinese athlete Zhong Qixin won for the 4th time the World Championships in 7'33 seconds, in front of the Czech Hroza Libor, who was the best in qualification. The Russian Dmitry Timofeev took the third place.

Sean McColl won the gold in male overall ranking, in front of the German Thomas Tauporn and the Swiss Cédric Lachat.

Male lead

- 1 Schubert Jakob (AUT)
- 2 McColl Sean (CAN)
- 3 Ondra Adam (CZE)

Male Overall

- 1 Sean McColl (CAN)
- 2 Thomas Tauporn (GER)
- 3 Cédric Lachat





Male speed

1 Zhong Qixin (CHN)

2 Hroza Libor (CZE)

3 Timofeev Dmitry (RUS)

More information on <http://www.worldclimbing2012.com/en/press>

Qualifications and finals are webcasted on www.IFSC.tv

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