

PODIUM REVISITED: STÖHR AND SHARAFUTDINOV WIN THE FIRST IFSC BOULDERING WORLD CUP OF THE SEASON

The 2013 season's first bouldering competition in Chongqing, China, offered no surprises on the winners' podium with last year's Overall Bouldering World Cup winner, Anna Stöhr, and reigning world champion, Dmitrii Sharafutdinov, clearly demonstrating their prowess in bouldering, while Aleksandra Rudzinska and Stanislav Kokorin climbed to gold in the speed climbing competition.

It was a great climbing event that welcomed the world's best bouldering and speed climbing athletes back to the World Cup. Several thousand fans and visitors came to watch IFSC kick-off competition in China's megacity, Chongqing, last Saturday. Everyone had the privilege of witnessing thrilling moments of climbing here in East Asia: Anna Stöhr, last year's overall winner, was the only athlete to top out on all four bouldering problems in the women's semi-final. In the finals, Austria's two-time world champion topped out on three of the four boulder problems – gold for Stöhr, followed by Japanese youngster Momoka Oda, and American climber Alex Puccio!

Reigning world champion on top

In the men's competition Dmitrii Sharafutdinov continued to build on past success, wrapping up his first victory of this brand new season. With the absence of top boulderers Kilian Fischhuber and Sean McColl, Sharafutdinov was the only one to top out on all four of the final boulder problems – second and third place went to Austria's Jakob Schubert, third overall in last year's Bouldering World Cup, and a surprisingly strong Tsukuru Hori from Japan.

Fast, Faster, Kokorin & Rudzinska

For the first speed climbing competition of the year, 2012's overall World Cup champion, Stanislav Kokorin, was again the fastest man on the wall, followed by Libor Hroza (CZE) and hometown boy Qixin Zhong (CHN). Poland's Aleksandra Rudzinska walked away with the gold medal in the women's competition, ahead of Russian duo Yuliya Levochkina and Iuliia Kaplina.

This First IFSC Climbing World Cup was also a great test for IFSC's new digital tools. Webcasting on www.ifsc-climbing.org garnered 20,000 viewers during the 2-day competition. Live tweeting was also a success, with hundreds of followers sharing their questions, feelings and excitement on [twitter.com](https://twitter.com/IFSCwc) thanks to #IFSCwc!

This opening event launches what will most certainly be a great 2013 sport climbing season.

The next IFSC Bouldering World Cup event will be in Millau (FRA) on April 5th and 6th. For full results and a detailed schedule head to www.ifsc-climbing.org.



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_IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP (B,S) - CHONGQING (CHN) 2013 MARCH 22-23, 2013

FINAL RESULTS MEN BOULDERING

Rank	Name	Nation	Final
1	Sharafutdinov Dmitrii	RUS	4t9 4b9
2	Schubert Jakob	AUT	3t5 3b5
3	Hori Tsukuru	JPN	3t6 3b6
4	Gelmanov Rustam	RUS	3t9 3b9
5	Caleyron Thomas	FRA	2t5 3b7
6	Glairon Mondet Guillaume	FRA	2t15 3b16

Link to full results Men:

<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition/calendar#!comp=1451&cat=6>

FINAL RESULTS WOMEN BOULDERING

Rank	Name	Nation	Final
1	Stöhr Anna	AUT	3t5 4b6
2	ODA Momoka	JPN	2t3 3b3
3	Puccio Alex	USA	2t3 3b4
4	Noguchi Akiyo	JPN	2t5 3b6
5	Coxsey Shauna	GBR	1t1 3b3
6	Retschy Monika	GER	0t 3b3

Link to full results Women:

<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition/calendar#!comp=1451&cat=5>

FINAL RESULTS MEN SPEED

Rank	Name	Nation
1	KOKORIN Stanislav	RUS
2	HROZA Libor	CZE
3	ZHONG Qixin	CHN

Link to full results Men:

<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition/calendar#!comp=1451&cat=23>

FINAL RESULTS WOMEN SPEED

Rank	Name	Nation
1	RUDZINSKA Aleksandra	POL
2	LEVOCHKINA Yuliya	RUS
3	KAPLINA Luliia	RUS

Link to full results Women:

<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/worldcompetition/calendar#!comp=1451&cat=24>

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