



2017

SATURDAY  
29<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY

## IFSC WORLD CUP BRIANÇON 2017

# DESGRANGES WINS IN FRANCE, GARNBRET REMAINS UNBEATEN

Janja Garnbret of Slovenia extended her streak of IFSC World Cup wins to three today, and Romain Desgranges of France concluded the climbing in Briançon with a victory in front of his home crowd.

Thousands of fans gathered in downtown Briançon, France, for the third IFSC World Cup of the Lead season. Despite rain in finals, the best Lead climbing athletes in the world put on an impressive show.

### Strong showings from young athletes

Many rising stars were on the cusp of the finals cut on Friday. For Great Britain, Molly Thompson-Smith placed 11<sup>th</sup> and James Pope finished in 16<sup>th</sup> place at their first IFSC World Cup of the year. Sam Avezou finished 11<sup>th</sup> in front of his home crowd, and Brooke Raboutou, Viktoriia Meshkova, Julia Fiser and Vita Lukan also climbed well on the first day.

### Garnbret continues winning streak

Salomé Romain was first to climb in finals and energized the local crowd, with Briançon as her hometown. Like Margo Hayes and Jessica Pilz, she fell just before the headwall on a powerful sequence with slippery feet. Julia Chanourdie of France found alternative beta, fastening a toe hook and progressing four moves further. Her high point lasted until the last three finalists, a formidable trio finishing among the top four athletes at every Lead event this season. Korean Jain Kim secured a spot on the podium by pushing well into the upper section, followed shortly by Anak Verhoeven of Belgium who set the bar two moves further. Janja Garnbret, frontrunner in the women's Lead rankings, was last to climb. She ascended steadily throughout the route, sustaining enough strength to grab one more

move than Verhoeven for her third consecutive IFSC World Cup win. She has yet to lose this Lead season.

### Crowd-pleasing finish from Desgranges

The men's final was immediately difficult, with multiple athletes falling early. Among them was IFSC World Cup Chamonix winner Marcello Bombardi of Italy. A challenging two-hand dyno separated the next competitors, with both Sean Bailey and Masahiro Higuchi failing to complete the move statically. Stefano Ghisolfi of Italy and Canadian Sean McColl succeeded by cutting feet, and McColl pushed well into the upper section. With Romain Desgranges as the last climber, the stage was again set for an exciting finish. Beginning the crux statically, the Frenchman switched mid-sequence and cut feet for an excited crowd. He continued on to collect two more holds than McColl, winning at home and expanding his lead in the men's rankings.

### Next up: Bouldering grand finale in Munich

The next IFSC Lead World Cup will take place on August 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> in Arco, which will also resume the IFSC Speed World Cup season. In the meantime, the seventh and final IFSC Bouldering World Cup of 2017 will take place in Munich on August 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Tune-in for the LIVE streaming on the IFSC homepage:

[www.ifsc-climbing.org](http://www.ifsc-climbing.org)

The starters, schedule, 2016 highlights and more information can be found on the [Munich event page](#).

IFSC PARTNERS:



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Joseph ROBINSON - Pierre-Emmanuel DANGER, IFSC Press Officers  
Mobile: +33 651485215 - +33 672230735 | Email: [press@ifsc-climbing.org](mailto:press@ifsc-climbing.org)



2017  
SATURDAY  
29<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY

## RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CUP BRIANÇON 2017

### Men Lead

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	DESGRANGES	Romain	FRA	41
2	MCCOLL	Sean	CAN	39
3	GHISOLFI	Stefano	ITA	35
4	HIGUCHI	Masahiro	JPN	29
5	BAILEY	Sean	USA	28•
6	BOMBARDI	Marcello	ITA	27
7	SHIMATANI	Naoki	JPN	22.5
8	HALENKE	Sebastian	GER	13•

### Women Lead

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	GARBRET	Janja	SLO	39•
2	VERHOEVEN	Anak	BEL	38•
3	KIM	Jain	KOR	36•
4	CHANOURDIE	Julia	FRA	30•
5	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	26•
6	HAYES	Margo	USA	26•
7	ROMAIN	Salomé	FRA	26•
8	MARKOVIC	Mina	SLO	20•