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IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INNSBRUCK 2017 JAPAN, USA UNSTOPPABLE IN LEAD

American and Japanese athletes won every gold medal in Lead climbing at IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck on Thursday and Friday, moving Japan to first place in the medal table.

4 more medals for Japan, dynamic top for Duffy

Talented Youth B athletes put on the first display of Lead finals in Innsbruck. 13 male athletes joined 8 female athletes in the finals after six ties in semi-finals for the eighth spot. Two aesthetic lines with a diverse set of movements and holds challenged the young finalists. Saki Kikuchi of Japan set the first high point, falling between two slippery pinches early on the upper panel. Her teammate Futaba Ito, crowned Bouldering champion earlier this week, wowed the crowd by pushing through the crux section and just sticking the back-hand to the finishing hold for the first top. Camille Pouget of France matched Kikuchi's mark, leaving two Japanese athletes to decide the podium. Natsuki Tanii looked undaunted by the pressure and calmly marched to the top to join Ito on the podium. Ai Mori, who set a commanding high point in semi-finals, duplicated the feat, skipping a move at the crux and keeping it together for the top and gold medal.

On the finals route for the male athletes, multiple finalists struggled to surpass a difficult crux sequence of open handholds and slippery screw-on footholds. Zander Waller of the United States was the first athlete to connect all the moves, falling at the tiny crimps before the top hold. Hidemasa Nishida of Japan fought the pump to attempt the dynamic last move. American Colin Duffy followed and looked confident the whole way, dangling from one arm low on the route and completing the concluding dyno for a medal and wild applause. That medal turned to gold when Alberto Ginés López of Spain peeled off the final hold. Ginés López finished in second over Nishida by

countback to semi-finals, setting a new bench mark for Spain at the IFSC Youth World Championships.

Japan and USA make it a clean sweep

The following day, American and Japanese athletes continued to dominate the Lead climbing in Innsbruck. Youth A winner Shuta Tanaka of Japan was first to power past the steep mid-section of the male athletes' route and stick the signature dyno before the upper panel. He put on a show for the Friday night crowd, waving for applause after the move. Runner-up Nathan Martin of France fell trying to complete the jump to the jug, leaving the final climb for Filip Schenk. Schenk's feet spun off the wall midway up the route, and a strong fight from the young Italian was not enough for a spot on the podium. Mikel Asier Linacisoro Molina earned Spain a second medal in Lead climbing with a strong performance of his own.

On the finals route for the female athletes, beefy features at the middle of the route drained the energy out of the finalists, making the small undercling to start the upper panel even more challenging. Nolwenn Arc of France fell at the following move, and American Brooke Raboutou stormed into provisional first place after reaching the slopey penultimate hold. Bouldering champion Ashima Shiraishi ended the final by matching her teammate's high point for gold, extending her winning streak at the IFSC Youth World Championships to a perfect six victories.

The Juniors final followed, bringing 12 male athletes and 8 female athletes up nearly the same lines, with a few modifications for the older climbers. Also,

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Bouldering champion, Claire Buhrfeind carried her rope to the same spot as her American teammates to stand atop the podium. Aika Tajima of Japan fell moving past the undercling for second place, and Heloïse Doumont of Belgium matched on the signature hold to round out the podium.

Taito Nakagami of Japan was first out on the finals route for the male athletes and fell two moves before the jump, which his compatriot Meichi Narasaki completed later on for second place. Kai Lightner of the United States fell just before the jump to take third place above Nakagami by one move. Last to climb, Bouldering champion Yoshiyuki Ogata pleased the crowd by rising past Narasaki's high point for another Japan victory. The Lead climbing victories propelled Japan to first place in the medal table with 17 medals and the most gold (6), and the United States rose to second place in gold (5).

Combined Rankings

With their strong performances in Bouldering as well as Lead, Japanese athletes Ito, Tanii, Mori and Kikuchi all advanced to the Youth B Combined finals on Saturday. Lead finalist Luce Douady of France will join them, alongside her teammate Nailé Meignan who just missed the finals cut in Bouldering, Lead and Speed. For the male athletes, Bouldering winner Rei Kawamata, Ginés López, Nishida and Duffy all advance, and they will be joined by Bouldering medallists Ryohei Nukui of Japan and Semen Ovchinnikov of Russia.

In Juniors, six male athletes and six female athletes will also be competing in the Combined finals this weekend. Buhrfeind was the only athlete in Innsbruck to place first in Bouldering, Lead and Speed among athletes who competed in all three disciplines. She will climb with teammate and Lead finalist Margo Hayes and Tajima, as well as Bouldering finalists Iuliia Panteleeva of Russia and Austrian Laura Stöckler. Franziska Sterrer will also represent Austria. Male Lead finalists Narasaki, Ogata, Lightner and Yannick Flohé of Germany qualified, in addition to all-around standouts Kai Harada of Japan and William Bosi of Great Britain.

With IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck serving as a major qualification event for the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018, 20 male athletes and 20 female Youth A athletes advanced to the Combined finals taking place this weekend. Schenk and Shiraishi currently lead after their outstanding Bouldering and Lead performances.

Watch it LIVE

Tune-in to the IFSC homepage to watch the LIVE streaming of every Bouldering, Lead and Speed round of the Combined finals on September 9-10:

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The schedule, Combined rankings and single discipline results, highlights and more can be found on the [Innsbruck event page](#).

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LEAD RESULTS OF IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INNSBRUCK 2017

Youth B Male

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	DUFFY	Colin	USA	Top
2	GINÉS LÓPEZ	Alberto	ESP	41+
3	NISHIDA	Hidemasa	JPN	41+
4	WALLER	Zander	USA	40+
5	KAWAMATA	Rei	JPN	36+
6	BALDUCCI	Nicolò	ITA	36+
7	MCARTHUR	Hamish	GBR	36+
8	BUCHER	Tim	SUI	35+
9	SLEZÁK	Ondrej	CZE	34+
10	HOFHERR	Johannes	AUT	34+
11	HERSON	Connor	USA	34+
12	BAUDRAND	Victor	CAN	29+
13	MOUTAULT	Noé	FRA	29+

Youth B Female

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	MORI	Ai	JPN	Top
2	TANII	Natsuki	JPN	Top
3	ITO	Futaba	JPN	Top
4	POUGET	Camille	FRA	35+
5	KIKUCHI	Saki	JPN	35+
6	DOUADY	Luce	FRA	33+
7	WATILLON	Lucie	BEL	33+
8	MICHALKOVÁ	Vanda	SVK	32+



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Youth A Male

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	TANAKA	Shuta	JPN	47 ⁺
2	MARTIN	Nathan	FRA	41 ⁺
3	LINACISORO MOLINA	Mikel Asier	ESP	37 ⁺
4	SCHENK	Filip	ITA	37
5	AVEZOU	Sam	FRA	32 ⁺
6	GUNDOLF	Louis	AUT	29
7	FERRERA	Léo	FRA	24 ⁺
8	SCHERZ	Stefan	AUT	14 ⁺

Youth A Female

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	SHIRAISHI	Ashima	USA	44 ⁺
2	RABOUTOU	Brooke	USA	44 ⁺
3	ARC	Nolwenn	FRA	41 ⁺
4	ROGORA	Laura	ITA	41
5	LETTNER	Sandra	AUT	40 ⁺
6	SCHAFFERER	Chiara	AUT	39 ⁺
7	SCHOIBL	Celina	AUT	37 ⁺
8	AGUADO	Valentina	ARG	37
9	TESIO	Giorgia	ITA	31 ⁺

Juniors Male

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	OGATA	Yoshiyuki	JPN	50 ⁺
2	NARASAKI	Meichi	JPN	47 ⁺
3	LIGHTNER	Kai	USA	40 ⁺
4	NAKAGAMI	Taito	JPN	39 ⁺
5	MONCHOIS	Nao	FRA	35 ⁺
6	DUVAL	Arsène	FRA	35 ⁺
7	RUANA	Rudolph	USA	35
8	BOSI	William	GBR	35
9	LEHMANN	Sascha	SUI	33 ⁺
10	PARMENTIER	Hugo	FRA	29
11	LEE	Minyoung	KOR	24
12	FLOHÉ	Yannick	GER	23

Juniors Female

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	BUHRFEIND	Claire	USA	43 ⁺
2	TAJIMA	Aika	JPN	41 ⁺
3	DOUMONT	Heloïse	BEL	41
4	PERKINS	Victoria	USA	39 ⁺
5	HAYES	Margo	USA	39
6	SLANEY	Hannah	GBR	38 ⁺
7	HULLIGER	Michelle	SUI	38 ⁺
8	BRINKMANN	Joanne	SUI	22 ⁺