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DOHI, LETTNER SPORT CLIMBING'S 1ST YOUTH OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLISTS

Keita Dohi (JPN) and Sandra Lettner (AUT) became Sport Climbing's first Youth Olympic Games gold medallists this week in Buenos Aires, and Austria and Japan won four medals altogether. Vita Lukan (SLO) and Shuta Tanaka (JPN), Sam Avezou (FRA) and Laura Lammer (AUT) climbed to silver and bronze medals.

From 42 Game Changers to 12 Finalists

42 youth stars from 25 countries and 5 continents competed in Combined qualifications on Sunday and Monday, the first Youth Olympians of Sport Climbing. Athletes twice raced for top times on the Speed wall, pushed their bodies to the limit on 4 short Bouldering problems and endured pumped forearms on a long Lead route. Ranked by the combination of their results in each discipline, the top 6 women and top 6 men advanced to Combined finals in front of an enthusiastic crowd at the Urban Park in Buenos Aires. Valentina Aguado was not among them, but the Argentina native put on a show for her home crowd.

Austrian Teammates Stand on Olympic Podium

Quick steps in Speed, last second efforts in Bouldering and short rests in Lead, the smallest movements made the difference in the women's final on Tuesday. Lammer raced smoothly on the 15-metre Speed wall in the quarterfinal and edged teammate Lettner in a close semi-final to face Elena Krasovskaia (RUS). Early slips proved costly for Krasovskaia, and Lammer regained her footing high on the wall to place 1st. For 3rd place, Lettner got off to a fast start against Hannah Meul (GER) and never gave up the lead.

Blank volumes with tiny foot chips and sparse hand holds, dynamic starting moves, balance and power problems in Bouldering challenged the six women

finalists, who had four minutes to top each of the four problems. Lettner, Vita Lukan (SLO) and Mao Nakamura (JPN) found solutions to all four problems, Lettner creeping to the top hold with five seconds left on the third problem. Just one top attempt separated them, and Lukan placed 1st with a flash at the end.

Time made the difference on the forearm-pumping Lead route when Lettner, Lukan, Krasovskaia and Meul showed incredible endurance by rising to the very top of the towering Lead wall. Lettner, six seconds faster on the Lead route, tied Lukan in the Combined ranking and won the first gold medal for Sport Climbing at the Youth Olympic Games by placing better than Lukan in two of the three disciplines, the Combined tie-breaker. Bouldering winner Lukan won the silver medal and Lammer, tied as well with Meul in the Combined ranking, claimed Austria's second medal in Buenos Aires by scoring better than Meul in Bouldering and Speed. Meul placed 4th with the quickest top in Lead.

Two Medals for Japan on the #ClimbToTokyo

A new day, a new set of game changers set their eyes on Youth Olympic medals in the men's final on Wednesday. Avezou, fastest among losing athletes in the qualification races, rebounded in the next race against YuFei Pan (CHN) and didn't slip once. Exciting races for 1st and 3rd place concluded the Speed final. Pan held on to slap the pad less than two tenths of a second before Filip Schenk (ITA). Dohi scored only



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times below 8 seconds in the round but Avezou, behind at the start of the race, caught up just in time to place 1st in Speed by four hundredths of a second.

All six finalists topped the first two Bouldering problems in the late morning sun, and Pan and Schenk took an early lead by doing so on their first attempts. Their streak of tops ended on the slab problem, and Dohi took advantage of the opportunity by inching his way to the top hold on his first try. Petar Ivanov (BUL) and Tanaka stuck the big opening swing of the final problem which bested Avezou, but only Dohi and Schenk connected all the power moves. The sole athlete with four tops, Dohi took the lead in the Combined ranking with one discipline remaining.

The finalists put on a show of endurance on the men's Lead route, which culminated in a powerful traverse at the top just as foot holds disappeared. Pan executed well-placed heel-hooks to hang on for the first top but missed out on a medal in Buenos Aires.

Tanaka repeated the feat immediately after Pan in quicker time, putting him in good standing for a medal. Avezou and Schenk were in contention for gold until they fell at the concluding crux sequence. Dohi, already the first ever men's gold medallist in Sport Climbing at the Youth Olympic Games, rose to the penultimate hold in front of the cheering crowd for good measure. Silver medallist Tanaka made it two Japanese athletes on the podium with his quick ascent, two years before the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, and Avezou won France the bronze medal.

Replays & Results

Links to results, replays, highlights, photos, news and more can be found on the [Buenos Aires event page](#) at ifsc-climbing.org, and catch up on all the Youth Olympic Games action on social media at [#ClimbToBuenosAires](#) [#YOGjourney](#) [#GameChangers](#) [#YouthOlympics](#) [#BuenosAires2018](#)



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SPORT CLIMBING RESULTS OF YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

MEN

#	NAME	NATION	POINTS	POINTS	POINTS	POINTS
1	DOHI Keita	JPN	2	1	3	6
2	TANAKA Shuta	JPN	6	3	1	18
3	AVEZOU Sam	FRA	1	5	6	30
4	SCHENK Filip	ITA	4	2	4	32
5	PAN YuFei	CHN	3	6	2	36
6	IVANOV Petar	BUL	5	4	5	100
7	MARTIN Nathan	FRA	12	3	9	324
8	JANG Donghyun	KOR	1	20.5	19	389.5
9	HUANG DiChong	CHN	5	10	10	500
10	EOM Seongmin	KOR	6	13	7	546
11	TKACH Yaroslav	UKR	2	17	20	680
12	HERNANDEZ Galo	ECU	10	12	8	960
13	CHAN Chong	SGP	11	8	12	1056
14	RIVADENEIRA Nickolaie	ECU	4	20.5	14	1148
15	UZNIK Nicolai	AUT	18	11	6	1188
16	FRANCKAERT Lukas	BEL	20	4	17	1360
17	LINACISORO M. Mikel	ESP	8	16	15	1920
18	PEREIRA Bharath	IND	7	14	21	2058
19	KURIC Peter	SVK	16	18	13	3744
20	NAUDE David	RSA	17	15	16	4080
21	MIDDLEHURST Ned	AUS	21	19	18	7182



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WOMEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS	POINTS	POINTS	TOTAL
1	LETTNER	Sandra	AUT	3	3	2	18
2	LUKAN	Vita	SLO	6	1	3	18
3	LAMMER	Laura	AUT	1	4	5	20
4	MEUL	Hannah	GER	4	5	1	20
5	KRASOVSKAIA	Elena	RUS	2	6	4	48
6	NAKAMURA	Mao	JPN	5	2	6	60
7	KALUCKA	Aleksandra	POL	1	17	16	272
8	KALUCKA	Natalia	POL	2	12	14	336
9	AGUADO	Valentina	ARG	6	7	11	462
10	ROGORA	Laura	ITA	13	5	8	520
11	ARC	Nolwenn	FRA	21	10	3	630
12	CONTRERAS	Alejandra	CHI	5	14	10	700
13	RAKOVEC	Lucka	SLO	12	13	5	780
14	EMELEVA	Luiza	RUS	9	8	12	864
15	SAUREL	Lucile	FRA	7	11	15	1155
16	DISYABUT	Narada	THA	11	15	20	3300
17	HERMANN	Hannah	SUI	15	18	13	3510
18	CARKNER	Catherine	CAN	18	16	19	5472
19	ECKHARDT	Angela	RSA	19	20	17	6460
20	TOGNON	Annalisa	SUI	20	19	18	6840
21	TETZLAFF	Sarah	NZL	16	21	21	7056

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