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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP & PARACLIMBING CUP BRIANÇON 2018 GOLDEN PARACLIMBING DEBUT FOR 3 NATIONS, MEGOS WINS FIRST, GARNBRET ON TOP AGAIN

France, Great Britain, Italy claimed multiple gold medals at the first Paraclimbing Cup of 2018, Alexander Megos (GER) won his first IFSC World Cup and Janja Garnbret (SLO) finished on top again in Briançon.

France, Great Britain, Italy Excel in Paraclimbing

As day turned to night on Wednesday and the sun set over "Parc des Sports," the new competition venue in Briançon, France, elite Paraclimbing athletes competed for gold medals in 10 categories at the 2018 [Paraclimbing Cup debut](#). Visually impaired athlete Abigail Robinson began the Paraclimbing finals with a quick top of the side wall. Forearm amputee Matthew Phillips wowed the crowd with a leaping effort to the final hold, missing the top but securing a second victory for Great Britain. 2017 season champion Hannah Baldwin made it three wins in a row for Great Britain, finding a top in the RP category (limited range, power or stability). France and Italy took charge during the climbing that followed on the overhanging wall. Matteo Stefani caught the crux which bested other finalists, and his Italian teammates Giulio Cevenini and Alessandro Neri also set high points. Leg amputee Thierry Delarue held on multiple times by only his hands to reach the top panel, and his French teammate Lucie Jarrige closed the round with a crowd-pleasing victory. RP athletes Behnam Khalaji of Iran and Korbinian Franck of Germany also won gold medals.

First IFSC World Cup Victory for Megos

Lead qualifications and semi-finals took place on Friday, followed by the final round of the third IFSC Lead World Cup in 2018 on Saturday. The traditional

resistance route-setting in Briançon required smart and strong climbing to connect all the static, technical moves. Stefano Ghisolfi (ITA), winner last week, began the high climbing and showed his high level of fitness by resting and chalking up at the first crux moves on the upper panel, falling a few holds from the top in the concluding traverse. 2017 Briançon winner Romain Desgranges (FRA) held on two moves more to take the lead in front of his home crowd, and 2018 season leader Jakob Schubert (AUT) fell in between their marks to place 4th. First in qualifications with two tops and second in semi-finals, Alexander Megos (GER) conserved enough energy to solve the second crux traverse, falling at the final hold for his first IFSC World Cup victory. Domen Skofic of Slovenia matched Schubert's score to win bronze on countback.

Four Slovenian women competed in finals, the first time since 2007, including Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 qualified athlete Vita Lukan. Also on the climb to Buenos Aires, Nolwenn Arc kicked-off the women's final by reaching the last section of the wall in front of her home crowd. Fresh off her victory last week, Jessica Pilz (AUT) again cruised to the top in finals, and Anak Verhoeven (BEL) fell lunging to the top hold for a spot on the podium. Last to climb, 2017 season champion Janja Garnbret of Slovenia showed her power by launching for the finishing jug from a lower foothold for her second victory in 2018 and sole possession of

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first place in the season rankings. For more results, visit the [Briançon event page](#) on the IFSC website.

YOG Watch: Lukan Matches Best Finish in Lead

With her 6th place finish in finals, Lukan matched Shuta Tanaka (JPN) for the best finish at an IFSC Lead World Cup by a Youth Olympic Games qualified athlete. Reigning youth world champion Sam Avezou of France,

Lukan's teammate Lucka Rakovec and Laura Rogora of Italy also competed in semi-finals with Arc and Lukan.

Next: Action-Packed Month Continues in Arco

A July packed with top Sport Climbing action continues next week at the 4th Lead and 6th Speed IFSC World Cups on July 27th-28th in Arco, Italy. Visit the [Arco event page](#) for the schedule, starters and 2017 highlights.

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RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CUP BRIANÇON 2018

Men Lead

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	MEGOS	Alexander	GER	45+
2	DESGRANGES	Romain	FRA	43
3	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO	42+
4	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	42+
5	GHISOLFI	Stefano	ITA	42+
6	JOANNES	Thomas	FRA	34+
7	LEHMANN	Sascha	SUI	32
8	SHIMIZU	Hiroto	JPN	28+

Women Lead

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	Top
2	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	Top
3	VERHOEVEN	Anak	BEL	46+
4	SHIRAISHI	Ashima	USA	39+
5	MARKOVIC	Mina	SLO	39+
6	LUKAN	Vita	SLO	33+
7	KRAMPL	Mia	SLO	33+
8	ARC	Nolwenn	FRA	33+

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RESULTS OF PARACLIMBING CUP BRIANÇON 2018

Men AL2 (Leg Amputee)

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	DELARUE	Thierry	FRA	46
2	CARMONA BARANDIARAN	Urko	ESP	34+
3	GASC	Julien	FRA	32+

Men AU2 (Forearm Amputee)

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	PHILLIPS	Matthew	GBR	28+
2	BLANCO BARRIOS	Pablo	ESP	24+
3	BAND	Andreas	GER	9

Men B1 (Visual Impairment)

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	STEFANI	Matteo	ITA	40+
2	MOINEAU	Nicolas	FRA	24+
3	AGUILAR AMOEDO	Francisco Javier	ESP	24+

Men B2

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	CEVENINI	Giulio	ITA	21
2	SALVAGNIN	Simone	ITA	20+
3	ANA	Florin Alin	ROU	18+

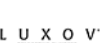
Men RP1 (Limited Range, Power or Stability)

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	FRANCK	Korbinian	GER	19+
2	HELSPER	Nils	GER	10+
3	DEPKE	Sebastian	GER	9

Men RP2

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	KHALAJI	Behnam	IRI	33+
2	HROZEK	Philipp	GER	31.5+
3	SABZI	Amir	IRI	28

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Men RP3

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	NERI	Alessandro	ITA	34
2	SELAK	Gregor	SLO	31+
3	BOWES	Dave	GBR	28

Women B2

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	ROBINSON	Abigail	GBR	Top
2	GLUSIC	Tanja	SLO	27+
3	HEILI	Roxane	FRA	23

Women RP2

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	BALDWIN	Hannah	GBR	Top
2	PIRET	Solenne	FRA	28+
3	PRAT	Marlene	FRA	23+

Women RP3

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	JARRIGE	Lucie	FRA	25+
2	ORBAEN	Elodie	BEL	14+
3	PAOLINI	Tiziana	ITA	14+

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