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IFSC COMBINED QUALIFIER TOULOUSE 2019 COMBINED MEN: TWO MEDALS FOR JAPAN SIX NEW OLYMPIANS

At the conclusion of the first day of the IFSC Combined Qualifier Toulouse 2019, six men had already secured their spots for Tokyo 2020, but the battle for the last gold medal of the season was still to be held.

France Wins Speed

For the speed specialists, a win in the first round of the combined competition was imperative to find a spot at the top of the final rankings. Crowd favorite, and winner of the IFSC Speed World Cup 2019 series, Bassa MAWEM (FRA) gave his all in the qualification round to finish in first place with a total speed of 5.68 seconds, which earned him a spot in the finals and a quota place for Tokyo 2020 alongside his brother, Mickael MAWEM. He followed up the Thursday win with another during the final on Saturday to ultimately finish the event in fourth place.

A Crucial Number of Attempts

Both Bouldering competitions at the Combined Qualifier came down to the final problems to determine the winners. During the qualifications, ten of the twenty-two competitors walked away with three tops and four zones each, leaving the final results down to the number of attempts. It was China's YuFei PAN who finished at the top of the rankings for this discipline, to claim his country's first Olympic quota place.

During the finals, the routes were less forgiving with only seven total tops among the eight climbers, many requiring nine attempts to reach a crucial hold. Meichi NARASAKI (JPN) was the one who walked away with the win this time, putting him in first overall going into the Lead event. His compatriot, Kokoro FUJII was close behind, also with two tops but missed out on the win due to attempts.

Standing Ovation for ONDRA

While the lead wall saw no tops today, several climbers came close. Adam ONDRA (CZE) really showed his skill as the undisputed lead winner, coming in first in both the qualification and final rounds. To his relief and that of the climbing community around the world, he officially found a place on the road to Tokyo and received overwhelming cheers from the crowd when he returned to the ground. However, it wasn't enough to stand on the highest step of the combined podium, having to settle with a silver medal in Toulouse.

FUJII came in second again, falling only one move short of ONDRA. Paired with his earlier results he clinched the gold at the IFSC Combined Qualifier. The final climber of the night was NARASAKI and despite an upsetting fall low on the route, his overall score was enough to grant him a bronze medal.

Complete results and highlights can be found on the [official event page](#) located on the IFSC website.

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Olympics Bound

The following athletes have officially qualified for the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games at the end of the IFSC Combined Qualifier Toulouse 2019:

1. Adam ONDRA (CZE)
2. Bassa MAWEM (FRA)
3. Jan HOJER (GER)
4. YuFei PAN (CHN)
5. Alberto GINÉS LÓPEZ (ESP)
6. Nathaniel COLEMAN (USA)

All qualification places are provisional until confirmed by each athlete's National Olympic Committee (NOC). Formal invitations will be sent by the IFSC to the relevant NOCs within five days of the conclusion of Combined World Championships. The NOCs will then have two weeks to confirm the quota places.

What's Next?

The women's finals take place tomorrow, Sunday, 1 December at 2pm (GMT+1). The event will be streamed live on the IFSC website and the final Olympic quota places for Toulouse will be determined. Join in the conversation on Twitter with the hashtag, #IFSCtoulouse.

RESULTS OF THE IFSC COMBINED QUALIFER TOULOUSE 2019

MEN Combined

#	NAME		NAT.	Score
1	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	20.00
2	ONDRA	Adam	CZE	24.00
3	NARASAKI	Meichi	JPN	28.00
4	MAWEM	Bassa	FRA	64.00
5	HOJER	Jan	GER	70.00
6	PAN	YuFei	CHN	72.00
7	GINÉS LÓPEZ	Alberto	ESP	105.00
8	COLEMAN	Nathaniel	USA	144.00