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Slovenian Sport Climbing athlete Janja Garnbret, aged 20, has been nominated as a Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe.

The fifth annual 30 Under 30 Europe aims to recognise outstanding young people across the continent over several categories, including arts, science, and sport. Following an incredible successful 2019 season, in which she became the first Sport Climbing athlete in history to sweep an entire season by climbing her way to claim the gold medal in each IFSC Bouldering World Cup of the year, Forbes has yet to confirm the full 2020 list for Europe.

Forbes has confirmed that 2019 Bouldering and Combined World Champion Janja Garnbret has received recognition for her performance. Garnbret is therefore the first Sport Climbing athlete to be nominated for the Forbes 30 Under 30 list in Europe, following in the footsteps of women's Speed World Record holder Aries Susanti Rahayu (INA), who made the 2019 list for Asia.

Having qualified for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 seeded in 1st position as of 20th February 2020, Garnbret is set to take to the first summer Olympic Sport Climbing walls this August in Tokyo, Japan. Since her first international competition in 2014, Janja has achieved a podium position 21 times, winning an incredible 8 gold medals to date (33 senior and 18 youth).

In 2019, the Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe list for Sports and Games included the likes of top athletes such as Great Britain’s athletics champion Dina Asher-Smith and Italy’s speed skating star Arianna Fontana. Professional gamers and video game designers were also featured in this category.

As Sport Climbing becomes increasingly more prominent in the public eye, the IFSC feels a great sense of pride in seeing our athletes achieve the acknowledgment they deserve for their accomplishments. Both on and off the wall, our athletes are an asset to Sport Climbing,” says IFSC President Marco Maria Scolaris.

Earlier this year Garnbret was also nominated for the World Games Athlete of the Year 2019 in which she placed fourth (4th) out of a total of 25 nominated athletes.

In 2018, the IFSC’s Women’s World Cup of the Year took place at the historic Mont Blanc Massif in Chamonix, France. Janja Garnbret was one of the athletes to compete in the women’s Sport Climbing category, where she secured a gold medal. Her performance was so impressive that she set a new world record in the category, becoming the first female Sport Climbing athlete to achieve this feat.

The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) is a world governing body for the sport of sport climbing, which includes three discipline areas: bouldering, lead and speed climbing. The IFSC organizes competitions at various levels, from local club competitions to major international events such as the World Cup and the World Championship.

The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 is a major milestone for Garnbret, as it marks her first opportunity to compete at the highest level of international sport climbing. Garnbret has been training and competing for years, and her dedication and hard work have paid off.

With her nomination for the Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe list, Garnbret has achieved another important milestone in her career. She has already achieved so much in her young career, and it’s clear that she has the potential to achieve even greater things in the future.

The IFSC is proud to support Garnbret and other talented young athletes in their pursuit of excellence in the sport of sport climbing.