Paris, 13th September 2012 – Three qualification rounds took place today in the Paris Bercy sports arena. From 9.00am, male athletes opened the competition with lead qualifications. 102 athletes competed. A total of 7 competitors including French climber Romain Desgranges were tied for first place heading into the semi-final round. Joining the French climbers in the semi-final, were climbers from Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Norway, Spain and Switzerland.

Paraclimbing qualification rounds for the second routes began at 10.00 am. The paraclimbers competed in separate categories including visually impaired, amputee and arthritis, neurological and physical disability. Athletes representing India, Italy, Russia and the USA qualified first in their respective category.

The women bouldering qualifications started at 12:00pm with 70 women including Mélanie Sandoz who took the lead of the provisional ranking with the American athlete Alex Puccio, in front of Mélissa Le Névé who ended at the third place.
Tomorrow the competition starts at 10:00am with women bouldering semi final.

**Male Lead**

1 Romain Desgranges  
1 Cédric Lachat (SUI)  
1 Adam Ondra (CZ)  
1 Midtboe Magnus (NOR)  
1 Sean McColl (CAN)  
1 Jakob Schubert (AUT)  
1 Ramon Julian Puigblanque (ESP)  
9 Thomas Ballet  
11 Manuel Romain  
17 Thomas Joannes

**Female Bouldering**

1 Mélanie Sandoz  
1 Alex Puccio (USA)  
3 Mélissa Le Névé  
13 Cécile Avezou
Female Visually Impaired
1 Rakhmankulova Dilyara (RUS)
4 Roxane Heili

Male Visually Impaired
11 Stefani Matteo (ITA)
4 Moineau Nicolas
6 Arvin Vadoud

Amputee (Leg)
1 DeMartino Craig (USA)
7 Yves Le Bissonnais

Arthritis, neurological, Physical Disability
1 Kumar Manikandan (IND)
3 Mathieu Besnard
4 Noel Collin
10 Philippe Ribière
12 Jean Cheminade
13 Louis Gabriel Perez

Qualifications and finals are webcasted on www.IFSC.tv

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