IFSC Preview Press Release

It’s the final countdown:
Lead World Cup Inzai coming up on October 27th-28th

Winter is near and there’s only one more decision left in the IFSC Climbing World Cup 2012! This weekend the world’s best Lead climbers are fighting for decision-making points in this year’s second last competition in Inzai (JPN).

Eastern Asia is still the place to be for the world’s sport climbing elite these days: The Inzai Matsuyamashita Park Sports Arena, located in the important area of Japan’s northern Chiba Prefecture, is the venue of the third IFSC World Cup competition in a row in East Asia within two weeks. After two thrilling events in Xining (CHN) and Mokpo (KOR) it’s on the local heroes Sachi Amma, Momoka Oda & Co. to show a great performance in Inzai on October 27th-28th.

A close call for men and women
And the struggle for podium finishes is sharp in this year’s Lead World Cup. In the women’s ranking last year’s victress Mina Markovic (SLO) is still leading the field followed by Korea’s Jain Kim (1st place in Mokpo last weekend) and Johanna Ernst from Austria – all three ladies are separated by less than 100 points. In the men’s World Cup Japan’s Sachi Amma reconquered his leading position in the overall calculation with place two in Mokpo, followed by prior leader Ramón Julian Puigblanque (ESP) and Sean McColl from Canada, third-place
finisher in Korea. Reigning world champion Jakob Schubert (AUS) comes fourth in the current calculation, 97 points in arrears and still seizing his mathematical odds.

So tension is guaranteed in the Inzai Lead World Cup, starting with the qualifications on Saturday, October 27th, at 9:30 a.m. local time. Semi finals for men and women are following on Sunday, October 28th, at 9:30 a.m. local time. The kick-off for the Japanese finals is taking place at 2:30 p.m. local time – to be followed live on http://ifsc.tv!

Intermediate Ranking Worldcup Lead 2012 Overall
(after 8 out of 9 World Cups)

Men – Top 10:

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Women – Top 10:
1. Markovic Mina SLO 530.00
2. Kim Jain KOR 517.00
3. Ernst Johanna AUS 455.00
4. Janicot Hélène FRA 388.00
5. Oda Momoka JPN 299.00
6. Röck Magdalena AUS 292.00
7. Durif Charlotte FRA 291.00
8. Malamid Evgenia RUS 264.00
9. Posch Katharina AUS 257.00
10. Fakhritdinova Dinara RUS 244.00

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