

IFSC LEAD WORLD CUP BRIANÇON 2013: FIRST PODIUMS OF THE SEASON FOR KIM AND JULIAN PUIGBLANQUE!

Tension, turnarounds and high-level climbing have been the makings of the IFSC Lead World Cup Briançon 2013 last Saturday: Only in the finals both Jain Kim and Ramon Julian Puigblanque secured their victories in this season's kick-off competition!

Only a few days after the Lead and Speed European Championships in Chamonix the city of Briançon has been the venue of the second highlight competition for all climbing fans in France within a week. And after qualifications everything looked like a Chamonix redux at the outdoor venue of Berwick with fledgling European champions Dinara Fakhritdinova (RUS) and Romain Desranges (FRA) leading the field after the first round. But already in half-finals two other Lead climbing greats got into their strides: Sachi Amma and Mina Markovic, overall winners of the IFSC Lead World Cup 2012, took the lead after the semis - but only for a short time!

Catch-up race à la française

Because in the finals, everything came quite differently: At the quite difficult final routes (only one top in the women's competition, no tops for the men) Lead specialists Jain Kim and Ramon Julian Puigblanque started their races to catch up. Ranked sixth after the semis Korea's strong female Lead athlete was the only woman to top out in the finals while the Spaniard, starting from fifth place, went furthest in the men's final - first World Cup gold in 2013 for Jain Kim and Ramon Julian Puigblanque, the silver medals in Briançon went to halftime leaders Mina Markovic and Sachi Amma!

The Lead World Cup series 2013 continues with the competition in Imst (AUT) on August 9th-10th.

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Rank	NAME		Nation
1	KIM	Jain	KOR
2	MARKOVIC	Mina	SLO
3	JANICOT	Hélène	FRA
4	FAKHRITDINOVA	Dinara	RUS
5	DURIF	Charlotte	FRA
6	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN
7	POSCH	Katharina	AUT
8	RÖCK	Magdalena	AUT

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Rank	NAME		Nation
1	JULIAN PUIGBLANQUE	Ramón	ESP
2	AMMA	Sachi	JPN
3	LACHAT	Cédric	SUI
4	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO
5	ROMAIN	Manuel	FRA
6	GHISOLFI	Stefano	ITA
7	SUPPER	Gautier	FRA
8	TAUPORN	Thomas	GER

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