



Russia claims 4 senior all-around crowns, Israel wins men's group

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Competition report of the senior all-around finals at #ACRO2017

The juniors provided an excellent built-up for the senior finals held a few hours later in Rzeszow's Podpromie Hall where several defending Champions took to the floor.

Men's Pairs

2 years ago in Riesa (GER), Belgium's Vincent Casse and Arne Van Gelder grabbed the all-around title ahead of Russians Igor Mishev and Nikolay Suprunov. At the World Championships in China last year, the roles were reversed. Then the Belgians decided to retire but were replaced by Vincent's younger brother Robin and his partner Kilian Goffaux who are definitely worthy successors. They proved that here by posting the top score for the dynamic exercise. Russia, however, was the only pair that managed to score above 29 points in qualification, scoring 29.020 for their balance routine. For the final routine, the Russians stood out with a brilliant choreography and skills that take your breath away. Above 29 points again, and the European title for Russia! Ukraine challenged Belarus for the bronze medal but came up 0.360 short.

1. Igor Mishev & Nikolay Suprunov (RUS) 86.450
2. Kilian Goffaux & Robin Casse (BEL) 85.550
3. Aliaksei Zayats & Artsiom Yashchanka (BLR) 84.290
4. Vitalii Nepomniashchyi & Dmytro Naumenko (UKR) 83.930
5. Tim Sebastian & Michail Kraft (GER) 82.970
6. Jake Phelan & Michale Hill (GBR) 82.450
7. Eyal Palgi Sadik & Timur Berg (ISR) 80.040
8. Rafael Planells & Javier Martinez (ESP) 78.120

Mixed Pairs

Incredible ... that's the only way to describe the reign of Marina Chernova and Georgiy Pataraya. Having already won all there is to win, they continue to improve and dominate the sport. 4 points that was the advantage they had accumulated the previous days going into the final. And they successfully defended their European all-around title by scoring almost 6 (!) points more than Belarussians Artur Beliakou and Volha Melnik. That's nothing less than impressive. Great Britain's Lewis Walker and Kitty Williams suffered a low score for their balance routine but recovered well in the final to claim the bronze medal.

1. Marina Chernova & Georgiy Pataraya (RUS) 92.240
2. Artur Beliakou & Volha Melnik (BLR) 86.370
3. Lewis Walker & Katherine Williams (GBR) 85.110
4. Bruno Tavares & Beatriz Ferreira (POR) 79.840
5. Wojciech Dackiewicz & Julia Kraj (POL) 78.530
6. Silvia Coronado & Guillem Martinez (ESP) 70.740

Women's Pairs

Another Russian pair that owns each competition: the Double Daria's... Daria Guryeva and Daria Kalinina: the European and World Champions who also won the recent World Games. With scores around 30 points for their exercises, they were no match for their rivals. Belgium's triple junior European Champions competed well but had to concede more than 4 points. Anyway, another silver for the talented Belgian pair. And another bronze for Israel's Mika Lefkovits and Roni Surzon!

1. Daria Guryeva & Daria Kalinina (RUS) 89.530
2. Noemie Lammertyn & Lore Van Den Berghe (BEL) 85.090
3. Mika Lefkovits & Roni Surzon (ISR) 84.910
4. Veronika Habelok & Iryna Nazimova (UKR) 79.810
5. Djenti Verbrugge & Nicole Eykelenboom (NED) 76.800
6. Martyna Wojnar & Malwina Sala (POL) 71.820

Women's Groups

There was no stopping reigning junior World Champions Polina Plastinina, Kseniia Zagoskina and Daria Chebulanka on their way to their first European title. Plastinina won silver in the age groups two years ago but with different partners. In the lead after qualifications, the Russians left all doubters behind with an excellent combined routine to extend their lead to 1.560 over their closest competitors, the British trio Isabel Haigh, Ilisha Boardman and Emily Hancock. Belarussians Karina Sandovich, Julia Ivonchik and Veranika Nabokina performed consistently for another bronze medal. A beautiful 4th place for the Netherlands is definitely also worth the mention!

1. Polina Plastinina, Kseniia Zagoskina & Daria Chebulanka (RUS) 87.560
2. Isabel Haigh, Ilisha Boardman & Emily Hancock (GBR) 86.000
3. Karina Sandovich, Julia Ivonchik & Veranika Nabokina (BLR) 83.790
4. Fem Van Os, Pleuie Van Mook & Mariska Van De Water (NED) 80.390
5. Andrea Verisimo, Belen Gomez & Alexandra Gonzalez (ESP) 79.710
6. Alina Heinowski, Annalena Kunz & Anna Hannemann (GER) 77.930
7. Florentina Gruber, Melanie Trautenberger & Victoria Loidl (AUT) 76.730
8. Margot Deschamps, Zoe Contargyris & Valentine Morgant (FRA) 74.030
9. Aleksandra Kotlinska, Izabela Matias & Wiktoria Zolkiewicz (POL) 70.230

Men's Groups

Just 0.030 separated the 2015 junior European Champions Lewis Watts, Conor Sawenko, Charlie Tate and Adam Upcott (GBR) and Israel's senior Champions Daniel Uraleivitch, Yannay Kalfa, Efi Efraim Sach and Lidar Dana after 2 exercises. The Israeli's started with a superb combined routine, which scored an enormous 30.710. Pressure was on Great Britain as they needed a perfect routine if they wanted to win. And the lads went for it! Getting the crowd on their side performing as veteran show men, they produced a magnificent routine. But with 30.250, they could not surpass Israel. Ukraine showed off the strengths of traditional acrobatics and were rewarded the bronze medal. The 4 Belgian men just started working together earlier this. This Europeans marked their first big competition, and they finished 4th. What an achievement!

1. Daniel Uraleivitch, Yannay Kalfa, Efi Efraim Sach & Lidar Dana (ISR) 89.230
2. Lewis Watts, Conor Sawenko, Charlie Tate & Adam Upcott (GBR) 88.800
3. Vladyslav Kukurudz, Stanislav Kukurudz, Yurii Push & Taras Yarush (UKR) 85.440
4. Noam Raj Patel, Bram Geusens, Jonas Anthoon & Hannes Garre (BEL) 83.190
5. Vadim Nabiev, Aleksandr Pchelnikov, Victor Grechukhin & Andrei Shkvarok (RUS) 83.090
6. Vincent Kuehne, Sebastian Grohmann, Erik Leppuhner & Tom Maedler (GER) 79.280