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ISU WORLD CUP 2016/17 – SHANGHAI (CHN) #WCShortTrack

The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Series 2016/17 resumed today for the second day of finals in Shanghai, China with the Ladies and Men's 1000 m, second 500 m and Relay events.

Elise Christie (GBR) and Dajing Wu (CHN) repeat wins in the second 500 m

Elise Christie (GBR) won her second event of the weekend, with back to back wins in the Ladies 500 m final. Once again, she dominated the race leading from start to finish, and crossing the line ahead of Arianna Fontana (ITA). Third place finisher was Natalia Maliszewska (POL), winning her second career World Cup individual medal. Evgeniya Zakharova (RUS) finished in fourth place. The win allows Christie to extend her lead in the World Cup classification for the distance.

On the Men's side, Dajing Wu (CHN) added to his win the previous day with another gold medal in the second 500 m final. He too led the race from start to finish, crossing the line ahead of Shaolin Sandor Liu (HUN). Sjinkie Knegt (NED) took the last podium place, finishing ahead of Semen Elistratov (RUS). The win allows Wu to move into the lead of the World Cup rankings for the distance, ahead of Abzal Azhgaliyev (KAZ).

Four medals for Korea in the Ladies and Men's 1000 m event

Korean skaters Min Jeong Choi and Ji Yoo Kim finished first and second respectively in the Ladies 1000 m event. The pair of Korean skaters finished ahead of a pair of Canadian skaters, with Marianne St-Gelais taking the third and final podium spot, ahead of her teammate Valerie Maltais. Choi's win now puts her in the lead of the World Cup classification for the distance.

On the Men's side, Shaoang Liu (HUN) had a strong race, leading all but the first lap to take the win in the 1000 m final. Close behind, were a pair of Korean skaters: Kyoung Won Lim (second) and Seung Soo Han (third). Liu's teammate, Viktor Knoch, finished in fourth place while Hongzhi Xu (CHN) finished fifth. Lim maintains his lead in the World Cup ranking for the distance.

Korean Ladies and Chinese Men take gold in the Relay events

The Korean women's relay team won a third relay final in as many World Cup events. The team finished ahead of Canada while Netherlands finished in third place. In the event, China was handed a penalty for a consecutive World Cup relay final. Korea further extends its lead in the World Cup classification for the distance.

The Men's 5000 m Relay was closely contested with the top three teams crossing the finish line separated by less than half a second. China edged out the Netherlands for the win. Korea finished in third place, while Hungary was fourth. The Netherlands maintains its lead the World Cup rankings for the distance.

For full results of the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Series 2016/17 please refer to <http://shorttrack.sportresult.com/> and <http://www.isu.org/en/speed-skating/series/isu-world-cup-speed-skating>

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The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Series resumes next week in Gangneung (KOR) on December 16-18, 2016.

About ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2016/17 Series

The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating circuit consists of six events across North America, Asia and Europe. For the third year the format of the Series will consist of one day of qualification and two days of World Cup Sessions which includes the Finals. At each competition the Men and Ladies Relay races will take place along with Men and Ladies individual races which will be held over 500m, 1000m and 1500m and single distances determine the winners. The series starts in Calgary (CAN) on November 4-6 and will move to Salt Lake City (USA) on November 11-13. Almost a month later the Series will continue in Asia with Shanghai (CHN) on December 9-11 and move to Gangneung (KOR) on December 16-18 which will be the official test event for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang. After a long break the World Cup will pick up again in Europe, with the first stop in Dresden (GER) on February 3-5 and finally in Minsk (BLR) on February 10-12. The full ISU Calendar of Events is available here: <http://www.isu.org/en/news-and-events/calendar-of-events>

The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Series is available as a live stream on the ISU Skating Channel. Please note that geoblocking may be required in certain territories <http://livemanager.eurovision.edgesuite.net/isu/index.html>

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ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Shanghai (CHN) medalists

Ladies 500m (2)

	Name of athlete	Nation	Time
1	Christie, Elise	GBR	42.734
2	CHOI, Minjeong	KOR	42.835
3	FAN, Kexin	CHN	42.913

Men 500m (2)

	Name of athlete	Nation	Time
1	WU, Dajing	CHN	40.368
2	LIU, Shaolin Sandor	HUN	40.584
3	KNEGT, Sjinkie	NED	40.720

Ladies 1000m

	Name of athlete	Nation	Time
1	CHOI, Minjeong	KOR	1:33.335
2	KIM, Ji Yoo	KOR	1:33.647
3	ST-GELAIS, Marianne	CAN	1:33.750

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Men 1000m

	Name of athlete	Nation	Time
1	LIU, Shaoang	HUN	1:27.428
2	LIM, Kyoung Won	KOR	1:27.509
3	HAN, Seung Soo	KOR	1:27.664

Ladies 3000m Relay

	Nation	Time
1	KOREA	4:10.826
2	CANADA	4:11.273
3	NETHERLANDS	4:11.947

Men 5000m Relay

	Nation	Time
1	CHINA	6:49.367
2	NETHERLANDS	6:49.551
3	KOREA	6:49.670