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ISU WORLD CUP 2016/17 – DRESDEN (GER) #WCShortTrack

The fifth round of the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Series 2016/17 concluded today with the Ladies and Men 500 m, second 1500 m and Relay Finals.

Marianne St-Gelais wins second event of the weekend in the Ladies 500 m

Marianne St-Gelais (CAN) won her second individual event of the weekend in the Ladies 500 m final, in a race that included three Canadians, Arianna Fontana (ITA) and Ye Jin Kim (KOR). St-Gelais led the race from start to finish, crossing the line ahead of Kim. Jamie Macdonald (CAN) finished the race in third place ahead of her teammate Kassandra Bradette. Fontana received a penalty in the race. The win allows St-Gelais to move into the lead of the World Cup classification for the distance, ahead of Elise Christie (GBR).

On the Men's side, the Liu brothers from Hungary finished first and third. Shaolin Sandor Liu dominated the race from the start to take the win. His brother Shaoang was sitting in second place until Dae Heon Hwang (KOR) moved into that spot with one lap to go, splitting the brothers at the end of the race. Charles Hamelin (CAN) finished in fourth place while Alexander Shulginov (RUS) finished in fifth. Despite not competing this weekend, Dajing Wu (CHN) maintains his position at the top of the World Cup rankings for the distance.

Suzanne Schulting (NED) and Sjinkie Knegt (NED) claim top spots in 1500 m (2) events

Suzanne Schulting (NED) took the lead with five laps to go and went on to win the Ladies 1500 m (2) final, earning her second individual World Cup medal of the weekend. Ah Rum Noh (KOR) earned her first individual World Cup medal with a second place in the race, finishing ahead of Valerie Maltais (CAN). Yutong Han (CHN) finished in fourth place while Kim Boutin (CAN) was fifth. Aoi Watanabe (JPN) was the other skater in the final and finished sixth. Despite not competing this weekend, Suk Hee Shim (KOR) clinched the World Cup title for the distance with one more event to go.

On the Men's side, Sjinkie Knegt (NED) led much of the race to win the second 1500 m final of the weekend, and his third win in the distance this World Cup season. The win allows Knegt to move back into the lead of the World Cup classification for the distance. Csaba Burjan (HUN) earned his first career individual World Cup medal with a second-place finish in the race. Vladislav Bykanov (ISR) finished in third place, crossing the finish line ahead of John-Henry Krueger (USA). Finishing fifth to seventh were: Byeong Jun Kim (KOR), Hyo Been Lee (KOR) and Hiroki Yokoyama (JPN).

Netherlands (Ladies) and Russia (Men) take gold in the Relay events

The Netherlands won today's Ladies 3000 m Relay final, a race that they led from start to finish. Italy finished a very close second while Canada finished in third. Japan was the other team in the event and ranked fourth. Korea continues to lead the World Cup classification, although Netherlands has closed the gap with one event left.

The Men's 5000 m Relay was won by Russia, in a race that saw all four teams in the final take the lead at some point and finishing within three-tenths of each other. Netherlands finished in second place followed by Korea. Hungary received a penalty in the race, and loses the lead in

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the World Cup rankings for the distance to Netherlands.

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>

The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Series concludes next weekend in Minsk, Belarus from February 10-12, 2017.

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 Dresden (GER) medalists

Ladies 500m

	Name of athlete	Nation	Time
1	ST-GELAIS, Marianne	CAN	42.963
2	KIM, Ye Jin	KOR	43.027
3	MACDONALD, Jamie	CAN	43.289

Men 500m

	Name of athlete	Nation	Time
1	LIU, Shaolin Sandor	HUN	40.617
2	HWANG, Dae Heon	KOR	40.742
3	LIU, Shaoang	HUN	40.755

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Ladies 1500m (2)

	Name of athlete	Nation	Time
1	SCHULTING, Suzanne	NED	2:37.857
2	NOH, Ah Rum	KOR	2:37.942
3	MALTAIS, Valerie	CAN	2:38.011

Men 1500m (2)

	Name of athlete	Nation	Time
1	KNEGT, Sjinkie	NED	2:24.688
2	BURJAN, Csaba	HUN	2:24.984
3	BYKANOV, Vladislav	ISR	2:25.047

Ladies 3000m Relay

	Nation	Time
1	NETHERLANDS	4:11.121
2	ITALY	4:11.286
3	CANADA	4:12.543

Men 5000m Relay

	Nation	Time
1	RUSSIA	6:43.009
2	NETHERLANDS	6:43.177
3	KOREA	6:43.288