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ISU WORLD CUP 2016/17 – CALGARY (CAN) #WCShortTrack

The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Series 2016/17 debuted today in Calgary (CAN) at the Olympic Oval, home of the “Fastest ice in the World”. Many national and personal records were broken today during the Ladies and Men’s 500 m and 1500 m events.

Fan Kexin (CHN) and Samuel Girard (CAN) win the first 500 m of the weekend

Fan Kexin of China won an excitement-filled Ladies’ 500 m, the first of two such event this weekend. Kexin took advantage of the fact that both Marianne St-Gelais (CAN) and Arianna Fontana (ITA) fell with two laps to go. Kassandra Bradette (CAN) received a penalty in the race for causing the fall, giving her teammate the second place finish. Fontana earned third place World Cup classification points despite not finishing the race,

On the Men’s side, Samuel Girard of Canada, cheered on by the home crowd, claimed the win in the 500 m event. He had to contend with some tough competitors as Dajing Wu (CHN) and Victor An (RUS) were right on his heels. Wu finished in second place, while Victor An (RUS) finished in third place. Abzal Azhgaliyev (KAZ) crossed the line in fourth place while Shaoang Liu (HUN) did not finish the race.

Suk Hee Shim (KOR) and Sjinkie Knegt (NED) claim wins in the 1500 m

Korea claims the top two spots on the podium in the Ladies’ 1500 m event. Suk Hee Shim (KOR) won the event ahead of her teammate Minjeong Choi. Shim took the lead with one lap to go from Suzanne Schulting (NED), who finished the race in third place. Ekaterina Efremenkova (RUS), Katherine Reutter (USA) and Kim Boutin (CAN) finished fourth, fifth and sixth place respectively, all earning valuable World Cup classification points.

Sjinkie Knegt (NED) took his first win of the season, finishing first in the Men’s 1500 m event. He took the lead with one lap to go from Vladislav Bykanov (ISR). Bykanov, who trains with the Dutch team, finished second in the event. Semen Elistratov (RUS) held on to third place, crossing the line ahead of Pascal Dion (CAN). Kai An (CHN) and Da Woon Sin (KOR) were fifth and sixth, while Shaolin Sandor Liu (HUN) did not finish the race.

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>

Racing resumes tomorrow with the Ladies and Men 1000 m and the second 500 m events. The teams advancing in Ladies 3000 m and Men 5000 m Relays are the same ones: Canada, Hungary, Korea and Netherlands.

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

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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 Calgary (CAN) medalists

Ladies 500m (1)

			Time
1	FAN, Kexin	CHN	44.096
2	ST-GELAIS, Marianne	CAN	57.283
3	FONTANA, Ariana	ITA	DNF

Men 500m (1)

			Time
1	GIRARD, Samuel	CAN	1:25.446
2	DAJING, Wu	CHN	1:25.626
3	AN, Victor	RUS	1:25.737

Ladies 1500m

			Time
1	SHIM, Suk Hee	KOR	2:23.359
2	CHOI, Minjeong	KOR	2:23.500
3	SCHULTING, Suzanne	NED	2:23.755

Men 1500m

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1	KNEGT, Sjinkie	NED	2:13.490
2	BYKANOV, Vladislav	ISR	2:13.620
3	ELISTRATOV, Semen	RUS	2:13.744