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ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series 2014 Review

After the conclusion of the seventh and last event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series, the participants for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final on December 11 to 14 in Barcelona, Spain, have been determined.

Boyang Jin (CHN) is the top qualifier in the Men's and the only skater to win his two events. Shoma Uno (JPN) and Alexander Petrov (RUS) advanced with a win and a second-place finish to the Final. June Hyoung Lee (KOR), Sota Yamamoto (JPN) and Roman Sadovsky (CAN) have reached the Final as well. Defending ISU Junior Grand Prix Final Champion Jin and Petrov already competed in the Junior Final while the others are newcomers. Lee is the first Korean male skater to qualify for the Junior Final. The substitutes are He Zhang (CHN), Alexander Samarin (RUS) and Dmitri Aliev (RUS).

Reigning Junior Final silver medalist Serafima Sakhanovich (RUS) and Junior Final bronze medalist Evgenia Medvedeva (RUS) lead the Ladies standings with two victories on the circuit. Wakaba Higuchi (JPN) and defending Junior Final Champion Maria Sotskova (RUS) collected a gold and a silver medal to book their place in Barcelona. The other qualifiers are Yukai Nakai (JPN) and Miyu Nakashio (JPN). The three Russians return to the Final while the Japanese skaters will compete in their first Final. The substitutes are: Karen Chen (USA), Elizabet Turzynbaeva (KAZ) and Rin Nataya (JPN).

In the Pairs event, Julianne Seguin/Charlie Bilodeau (CAN) and reigning Junior Final silver medalists Maria Vigalova/Egor Zakroev (RUS) won two gold medals in their events to qualify. Junior Grand Prix Final bronze medalists Lina Fedorova/Maxim Miroshkin (RUS), Kamilla Gainetdinova/Sergei Alexeev (RUS), Daria Beklemisheva/Maxim Bobrov (RUS) and Chelsea Liu/Brian Johnson (USA) advanced to the Final as well. The Canadians, the US pair and Beklemisheva/Bobrov will compete in their first Final. Gainetdinova returns with her new partner. The substitutes are Anastasia Gubanov/Alexei Sintsov (RUS), Renata Oganesian/Mark Bardei (UKR) and Ami Koga/Francis Boudreau Audet (JPN).

ISU Junior Grand Prix Final Champions Anna Yanovskaya/Sergei Mozgov (RUS) top the standings with two wins in the series, followed by Mackenzie Bent/Garrett Mackeen (CAN), Betina Popova/Yuri Vlasenko (RUS), Alla Loboda/Pavel Drozd (RUS), World Junior bronze medalists Madeline Edwards/Zhao Kai Pang (CAN) and Daria Morozova/Mikhail Zhirnov (RUS). Loboda/Drozd, Edwards/Pang and Morozova/Zhirnov qualified for the first time for the Final. The substitutes are Rachel Parsons/Michael Parsons (USA), Lorraine McNamara /Quinn Carpenter (USA) and Brianna Delmaestro/Timothy Lum (CAN).

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Overall 333 skaters/couples (142 Ladies, 105 Men, 22 Pairs, 64 Ice Dance couples) from 57 ISU Members participated in the seven events of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series. Morocco and Indonesia were represented for the first time. The series started in August in Courchevel (FRA), continued in Ljubljana (SLO), Ostrava (CZE), Aichi (JPN), Tallinn (EST), Dresden (GER) and ended in Zagreb (CRO).

For full results and standings of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series please refer to www.isu.org and to watch all the programs visit the ISU Junior Grand Prix YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/ISUJuniorGrandPrix>

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