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

The third round of the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Series 2016/17 began today in Shanghai (CHN) with the following events: Ladies and Men's 500 m (1) and 1500 m finals and the relay semi-finals.

Elise Christie (GBR) and Dajing Wu (CHN) win the first 500 m of the weekend

Elise Christie (GBR) won the first Ladies 500 m final of the weekend, leading all but the first lap of the race. Minjeong Choi (KOR) finished in second place ahead of Marianne St-Gelais (CAN). Kexin Fan (CHN) finished in fourth place. The win allows Christie to move back into the lead of the World Cup classification for the distance.

On the Men's side, Dajing Wu (CHN) won the 500 m (1) final in dominant fashion, leading the race from start to finish. Shaoang Liu (HUN) finished in second place, ahead of Victor An (RUS), a six-time World Champion. World Cup classification leader, Abzal Azhgaliyev (KAZ), finished in fourth place and maintains his lead in World Cup rankings for the distance.

Korea claims gold double in the 1500m: Suk Hee Shim (Ladies) and Jung Su Lee (Men)

Suk Hee Shim (KOR) won her third 1500 m final in as many World Cup events. She took the lead with five laps to go and finished ahead of her teammate Ji Yoo Kim. Suzanne Schulting (NED) finished in third place. Charlotte Gilmartin (GBR) finished in fourth place ahead of a pair of Chinese skaters: Yihan Guo and Yize Zang. Arianna Fontana (ITA) finished seventh place. The win allows Shim to extend her lead in the World Cup classification for the distance.

On the Men's side, Jung Su Lee (KOR) won a very competitive 1500 m final: there was less than seven tenths of a second separating the seven skaters in the race at the finish line. Lee crossed the line ahead of Semen Elistratov (RUS). Sjinkie Knegt (NED) finished in third place and maintains his lead in the World Cup classification for the distance. Da Woon Sin (KOR) finished in fourth place ahead of Thibaut Fauconnet (FRA). Vladislav Bykanov (ISR) and John-Henry Krueger (USA) finished sixth and seventh respectively.

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 500 m (2) and 1000 m events. The teams advancing in Ladies 3000 m Relay are: Korea, China, Netherlands and Canada. Tomorrow's Men's 5000 m Relay final will see Korea, China, Netherlands and Hungary competing.

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

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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 (1)

			Time
1	CHRISTIE, Elise	GBR	43.590
2	CHOI, Minjeong	KOR	43.612
3	ST-GELAIS, Marianne	CAN	43.682

Men 500m (1)

			Time
1	WU, Dajing	CHN	40.618
2	LIU, Shaoang	HUN	40.701
3	AN, Victor	RUS	41.161

Ladies 1500m

			Time
1	SHIM, Suk Hee	KOR	2:28.937
2	KIM, Ji Yoo	KOR	2:29.062
3	SCHULTING, Suzanne	NED	2:29.073

Men 1500m

			Time
1	LEE, Jung Su	KOR	2:20.224
2	ELISTRATOV, Semen	RUS	2:20.306
3	KNEGT, Sjinkie	NED	2:20.390

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