

StarClassNewsletter



StarClass season took off from Dresden on October 24th-26th with the Junior A and B categories and the new Ladies and Men categories. 135 skaters from 43 Clubs representing 10 different Countries were at the start at the EnergieVerbundArena for the first qualifying event of the season.

The Junior B men category was the most crowded with 40 skaters; Stijn Desmet from Belgium was the undisputed leader in this category winning all three distances. Second and third on the podium were Tjerk De Boer and Jasper Brunsmann respectively, both from the Trias Shorttrack Club in the Netherlands.



The Junior B Podium
(Courtesy Trias Shorttrack website)

The 8 Ladies joined the 13 Junior A skaters forming one combined category giving all skaters involved the opportunity of skating more and better thanks to the all-final system. The two categories will continue racing together throughout the season; separate Starclass classifications are kept for the purpose of determining the qualifiers to the Europa Cup Final. Winner of this combined category was Agne Sereikaite from Lithuania; second place for

Charlotte Gilmartin from Great Britain and third for Bianca Walter from the local club in Dresden. The three best Junior A skaters were Nicole Botter Gomez from Italy, Gloria Malfatti also from Italy and Tineke Den Dulk from the Netherlands.



The Ice Stadium in Grenoble: La Patinoire Pole Sud

Second stop and first event for the Junior C and D categories was in Grenoble (France) on November 28th- 30th. 127 young skaters from 39 clubs representing 9 countries reached the French Alps to compete in their first qualifying event of the season.

Ladies Junior C beat the Men 36 to 35 in numbers; Erika Lindgren from Sweden was the undisputed winner of this category, followed by Evelien Van Kerckvoorde from Belgium and Nina Hogeveen from the Netherlands. Winner of the Men Junior C category was Pietro Marinelli from Italy followed by Camille Viganne from France; third was Luca Spechenhauser also from Bormio, Italy. The Club from Bormio went home with a 1,2,3 in the Junior D ladies where Elisa Confortola, Viola De Piazza and Elisa Bresciani took the first three positions of the podium.

The D men classification sees Augustin Géré from Luxembourg in the lead followed by Hessel Van Berkum from the Netherlands and Johann Kaiser from Germany.

All is ready in Hasselt for the next Starclass event for the Senior categories; entries from 44 Clubs representing 13 Countries have been received on shorttrackonline, where all competitions can be followed LIVE in streaming and results, classifications and statistics are always updated.