

BERLIN MASTERS 2013

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Today: Grand Prix Finals

After yesterday's All Around qualifier, today will be all about the Apparatus Finals. The competition starts at 1 p.m. and will determine who is the best gymnast with hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon respectively.

Only the results of the apparatus finals are taken into account for the Grand Prix ranking. Points and prize money will be awarded from places 1 to 12; first place receives 1,100 Euros, second place 850 Euros, third place 650 Euros, scaled down to 12th place (50 Euros).

At the end of the competition the overall winners of the Grand Prix Series will be honored for each apparatus and the best gymnast of the 2013 series will be awarded the "Winners Price".

Favorite is All Around gold medalist Margarita Mamun from Russia, though Silvia Miteva from Bulgaria is leading the Grand Prix results with ribbon and would like to claim that title. She earned a Bronze medal in the All Around and will perform in all four apparatus finals.

The German gymnasts Jana Berezko-Marggrander and Laura Jung managed to claim seven apparatus final spots. Jana will be a part of the hoop, clubs and ribbon finals, Laura earned a spot in all four finals.

Mamun won all-around – followed by Titova and Miteva

Two time World Champion Margarita Mamun won today's all around competition with a combined total of 72,650 points. She will compete in each of the four apparatus finals tomorrow. Jana Berezko-Marggrander finished fifth with 66,800 points and Laura Jung came in seventh. Seven is also the number of apparatus finals reached by the German gymnasts, the best result to date in 13 years of Berlin Masters.

With her extraordinary talent, 16-year-old Maria Titova from Russia was able to claim the All Around silver medal with 69,550 points and Bulgarian Silvia Miteva (69,500) managed to hold on to Bronze. German Olympian Jana Berezko-Marggrander (Schmiden) earned a spot in tomorrow's hoop, clubs and ribbon final respectively. The 18-year-old German National Champion was able to deliver in front of 1,600 spectators and placed fourth with hoop and clubs.

German National silver medalist Laura Jung (St. Wendel) will compete in all four apparatus finals. The third German gymnast, Daria Saifutdinova (Schmiden) wasn't as lucky. The 16-year-old gymnast made a huge mistake in her first routine that spoiled any chances for a good placement. Still, the Berlin native was able to proof her potential in front of a home audience.

Laura Jung defends "Miss Turnier" title

After having claimed the title in 2012, Laura Jung (18) from Germany was able to defend her title of "Miss Turnier". An estimated 500 spectators voted for the gymnast they thought had the best presentation, charisma and outfit.

The Apparatus Finals with Hoop, Ball, Clubs and Ribbon start on Sunday, 1 p.m. in the Max-Schmeling-Halle.

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Review yesterday's All-around

Germany's Jana Berezko-Marggrander is the first on the floor in the all around competition. And she does great – her hoop routine set to Spanish guitar music is an audience favorite and gives her a good score. She's flawless and receives 17,100 points.

27-year-old Bulgarian Sylvia Miteva is the most experienced gymnast of those present and moves into first with her clubs routine and 17,200 points.

You rarely see mistakes happen from Russian gymnasts: European Champion – with the hoop – Daria Svatkovkaia loses the hoop and has to fetch it from outside the floor. 16,100 points.

The competitions starts off even worse for former Berlin-girl Daria Sajfutdinova: her ribbon is in a knot at the beginning of the routine and it won't come off. In the end, she has to continue with the spare ribbon and is only able to show one third of her routine. Still, the audience cheers to carry her through. 7,450 points is all she can accumulate, however, there are three more apparatuses to go.

The World Champion doesn't leave a doubt as to who is calling the shots: Margarita Mamun scores 18,400 points with a difficult and dynamic hoop routine.

Israeli Victoria Filanovsky, last year's Berlin Masters bronze medalist, shares Jana Berezko-Marggrander's placement and score. She gets 17,100 with an entertaining and clean hoop routine.

Laura Jung is received with cheers and is as expressive as ever. Her hoop routine is a bit careful and earns her 16,350 points.

The young Russian gymnast Maria Titova finishes off the first rotation with a fascinating clubs routine. She does lose a club, still, the routine is impressive and the audience got a real treat! 16,350 points.

Unfortunately, Jana Bereko-Marggrander isn't as flawless in the second rotation. Her ball routine is bristling with small insecurities that, of course, don't go unnoticed. 15,850 points.

Next up is Silvia Miteva with a rather unusual ribbon routine set to folk music. But her interpretation is spot on, the audience enjoys it. 17,400 points.

Daria Svatkovskaya's ball routine is lyrical and elegant. Her transitions are exceptional and she rightfully earns 17,650 points.

Lala Yusifova presents a fresh and unique ribbon routine that has the audience going. She's not entirely without mistakes and gets a score of 16,250 points.

Daria Saifutdinova's second routine, with hoop, earns her 14,440 points. She loses the hoop twice but her performance is full of verve and the potential is obvious. The audience loves her.

Margarita Mamun is the reigning World Champion with the ball and it shows. She's mesmerizing with it, plays with it in her elegant routine. It's a feast for the eyes and after a short, involuntary interruption she gets a well-deserved score of 18,200.

Victoria Filanovsky delivers an athletic ball routine. As usual, she's fresh and unique. 15,850 points.



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Laura Jung also performs with the ball and does great. She has matured, is even more elegant and captivates the audience. They are cheering! 16,450 points.

Maria Titova chose music from "My Fair Lady" for her ribbon routine. She's a pleasure to watch, has excellent technique and a great connection with the audience – at 16! 17,250 points.

Margarita Mamun leads after the second rotation, Miteva and Svatkovskaya are in second and third respectively, with Titova in fourth. Filanovsky and Bereko-Marggrander share a fifth place and Jung is currently in seventh.

Jana Berezko-Marggrander opens the third rotation with an impressive clubs routine. It's flawless again and makes one want to see her again tomorrow during the apparatus finals. 16,900 points.

Silvia Miteva manages to stay within reach of a medal with a well-executed hoop routine. 17,200 points.

Daria Svatskovskaya's clubs routine is packed with difficulty and she performs it flawlessly. She scores the highest result for clubs so far with 18,100 points.

Daria Saifutdinova keeps improving. Even if her ball routine still wasn't entirely without mistakes, she scores 15,000 points.

Margarita Mamun does magic with clubs. She could probably teach a juggler a trick or two and when she performs, she does so with ease and elegance. That's technique and skill at their best. For that, she receives another best score: 18,400 points.

Maria Titova floats through Swan Lake with the hoop – she is an extraordinary talent and only just turned 16! 18,050 points.

Jana Berezko-Marggrander finishes the all around with enthusiastic cheers from the audience. She really saved the best for last with her ribbon routine. 16,950 points – that should be enough to claim a spot in the ribbon final.

Margarita Mamun also finishes the all around with ribbon. It's not entirely flawless this time, she has to fight for a catch. However, that doesn't distract the least from her presentation. She gets 17,650 points – that means the 17-year-old gets the All Around gold medal.

Laura Jung concludes her all around competition with ribbon as well, and just like the others with a top score. 16,350 points.

Maria Titova is the last gymnast to perform today. Her ball routine is pure elegance, it was certainly worth the wait. She earns the All Around silver medal!

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