

# SNBL 2018-19 Round 1 Report

This winter's bouldering league kicked off at Alien Bloc in Edinburgh on 26 October with Alien's first round of their own winter series. It was busy and included a Red Chilli rock shoe demonstration during the day by our sponsors. A massive turnout saw 57 competitors in the Alien 'Hard Category', 60 in the 'Intermediate Category' and 35 in the 'Easy Category' contesting for 'male', 'female', 'vet' and their new category of 'supervet' in each. Of these, 84 competitors signed up for the league. In the league we take their positions based on age and gender categories only and so their ranking points have been sorted and the following results for SNBL Round 1 are in...

In the Junior Female category, the battle was between Emma Davidson and Amy Mcrae with Emma gaining 2<sup>nd</sup> in the female hard category but winning the 100 SNBL points. The Junior Male category saw an increase in the numbers taking part than last year but it was inevitable that Matthew Fall would take the win as he is climbing so well just now. Matthew was joint 2<sup>nd</sup> in the male hard category but picks up 100 SNBL points. However, Euan Farmer was not far behind, coming 7<sup>th</sup> in the Alien hard category and gaining 80 SNBL points. 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the league went to Cameron Wood. There were 17 competitors in the SNBL Adult Female category and Ajda Remskar took a decisive win (as well as the win in the Alien female hard category – Emma Davidson coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and Louise Flockhart 3<sup>rd</sup>). Kirsten Taylor was SNBL 2<sup>nd</sup> and picks up 80 SNBL points and Alison Macdougall 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Adult Male category was the biggest, with 47 competitors, and it was a very on-form David Miedzybrodzki who took 1<sup>st</sup> place in both the Alien hard male category and SNBL by flashing everything (Sebastian Tam and Matthew Fall only one go behind him though!). There were a few new names to the SNBL top three in this category this year, with David Elder coming 2<sup>nd</sup> place (and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Alien hard category) and Nathan Noble in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Finally, but certainly not least as it has been one of the more interesting competitions of previous years, the vets category; we combined the Alien vets and supervets results for SNBL. In the female vets Koon Morris, competing in the Alien hard category, was as amazing as always and shared the win with Rona Russell, but with Rona not electing for SNBL Koon gets the 100 SNBL points. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Ali Nimmo competing in the Alien easy category. Our own ClimbScotland Director Avril Gall came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the SNBL rankings. The men's SNBL vets had 10 competitors, with Gareth Yardley (last year's winner) coming 2<sup>nd</sup> to Alien's own Reuben Welch who took the SNBL win. However, Paul Craven (of Edelrid and Red Chilli - sponsors of this year's league) came 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the Alien hard category, absolutely smashing it and showing up all the other 50+ climbers in the super vet category. Paul Diffley (film director of Hot Aches Productions) gained a SNBL ranking of 3<sup>rd</sup> in the vets.

*"It was a great comp, busy with an amazing atmosphere. Everyone buzzed off the problems, and we had a good spread of results through the categories".*

Tim Cross, Manager Alien Bloc

See [Alien Rock's website](#) for the full results for their competition.