

Scottish National Bouldering league

Round 6 Results and the Final Placings

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So that's it again for another season; the 2016-17 winter bouldering league completed its final round six at EICA Ratho on 18th March. The results are now up on the [Mountaineering Scotland website](#).

There were 24 competitors taking part in the Ratho round amongst nearly 100 competing on the day.

Junior Categories:

Out of the four contenders in the Junior male category, the fight developed between Jack Mckechnie and David Miedzybrodzki. Both competed against each other in previous rounds swinging between 1st and 2nd place each time. They competed against each other in the last round (each completing their minimum of 4 rounds) and at Ratho, for the second time, Jack beat David to 1st place in the round but not by much which meant Jack managed to hang on to the lead and take the SNBL win by just 20 points. Fraser Moodie took 3rd place. In the women's Junior the final winners were Kirsten Taylor in 1st place and Lucy Ross in 2nd.

Adult Female:

In the adult female category, the battle between Alison McDougal and Adja Remsker for top spot over the rounds was upset somewhat on the day. Adja did not compete at Dundee so her lead was just 9 points so she had to compete to win. Unfortunately she was unable to attend which left podium places possible for Lien Nguyen and Laura Begbie. However, Emily Eadie won this, her only SNBL round, placing her 8th overall and Tiffany Murray competing in her third event in the league took 2nd place which gave her 5th place overall. This meant that Lien, the closest contender to Alison, gained 4th in this event to place her on the SNBL podium in 3rd place overall, a result which pushed Laura Begbie off the podium by only 11 points and Alison's 3rd place at Ratho meant she took the overall SNBL win; Adja taking 2nd place.

Adult Male:

Richard Abel's position in 1st place in the adult male category had been decided by the last round as he was 109 points ahead of his rival Jay Carr. He need not have competed but he came along for the crack and to make up his 4 rounds. Richard won with Jay a close 2nd reducing Richards SNBL Points lead a little in the process. Nicholas Rodger was in 5th after his last competition in Aberdeen, but a 3rd place at Ratho meant he saw off his closest contenders Byron Jackson and Matt Berry as they did not compete. In the end Nicholas was just 0.5 points ahead of Byron to take 3rd overall.

The veterans:

There were only three competitors in the female vets category throughout the league and after Round 5 at Dundee, the fight to see who would take 1st place was between Koon Morris and Debbie Riley. But with 30 SNBL points ahead Koon was almost guaranteed the win had she competed. Unfortunately, she was unable to and Debbie took the win ahead of Koon and Avril Gall took 3rd place overall in SNBL. Going into this final round for the male vets, Gareth Yardly was in 1st overall having competed in 5 rounds and Dave Douglas was 2nd having competed in 3 rounds. But there was only 30 points between them. Each time the two had competed head to head Dave had taken 1st place, so Gareth had a hard fight on his hands. In the event Dave took the win and the league title and Gareth 2nd overall. Brendan Pollitt and Dave Hainsworth came 3rd and 4th respectively at Ratho,

but although John Sharples didn't enter Dundee or Ratho his higher ranking points in his other 4 rounds meant he retained 3rd place overall.

As an aside, out of a possible maximum of 400 SNBL Points available by coming 1st in all four rounds, only Dave Douglas (Vet Male) managed a complete 400 sweep, whilst close behind him was Richard Abel (Adult Male) with 390, Jack Mckechnie (Junior Male) with 380 and Debbie Riley (Vet Female) with 370.

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SNBL 2016-17 Winners:

Junior Female	1 st	Kirsten Taylor
	2 nd	Lucy Ross
	3 rd	
Junior Male	1 st	Jack Mckechnie
	2 nd	David Miedzybrodzki
	3 rd	Fraser Moodie
Adult Female	1 st	Alison McDougal
	2 nd	Adja Remsker
	3 rd	Lien Nguyen
Adult Male	1 st	Richard Abel
	2 nd	Jay carr
	3 rd	Nicholas Rodger
Veterans Female	1 st	Debbie Riley
	2 nd	Koon Morris
	3 rd	Avril Gall
Veterans Male	1 st	Dave Douglas
	2 nd	Gareth Yardley
	3 rd	John Sharples

See <http://www.mountaineering.scot/activities/indoor-climbing/competitions/adult-cometitions/snbl> for the full scores and ranking positions.