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An explosion of youth at the Ticket to Rockstars - Teenage phenoms secure wildcards to the adidas ROCKSTARS Semifinal

On Friday morning, the top 20 professional women qualified for the adidas ROCKSTARS semifinal and in the late afternoon, six more climbers joined them by winning coveted wildcards in the Ticket to Rockstars Final presented by GORE-TEX. In Stuttgart's Porsche Arena, the young French women, Oriane Bertone and Luce Douady, topped all eight problems and finished as the best of the best in a very talented group of amateurs. American Kylie Cullen fought her way to third place and was quite satisfied with her results:

"It was a really fun competition and I'm glad I made it through to the semi-final. Some of these climbers are amazing! My skin isn't perfect after today but tomorrow I just want to have fun and give it my best."

Like 15 other female climbers, this trio qualified for the final in Stuttgart by winning Ticket to Rockstars events which were held all around the world earlier this year. Now they are headed to compete against their climbing idols in the semi-final on Saturday morning. Three other wildcards went to Lucia Doerffel (GER) Rahil Ramezani (IRI) and Olha Kulish (UKR) as they finished with the three best scores in the Open Jam amateur competition - also held on Friday afternoon.

The young French women, who are only 14 and 15-years-old, had a great performance on the eight boulders and they feel good about the fact that they will be able to participate in tomorrow's semi-final. "I am mega-happy", beamed the winner, Bertone. "That was tough, but it was a lot of fun." Her friend Douady also wore a wide grin on her face, thanks to conquering the difficult eighth route on her eleventh attempt. "It was really hard, but I really wanted to make it to the next round and I wanted to top the last boulder as well," she said. "We are looking forward to tomorrow's competition. It will be great."

Quite a few experts in the hall believe that these two wunderkinds could possibly make the jump to the final on Saturday evening and they could just as quickly become the next stars in the sport of climbing.

They will be joined at the semi-final by Dörffel, Ramezani and Kulish who were among the 35 starters that competed in the Open Jam. Of this group, Lucia Dörffel (19) was the strongest with five routes completed. "I didn't really expect to make it to the semi-final, but of course I'm happy about this result, especially since I have a bit of a cold". Rahil Ramezani (18) and Olha Kulish, who is a little more experienced at the age of 30, also made it into the competition on Saturday. Ramezani, who is from Iran, only received her travel visa shortly before her trip and is now fortunately allowed to pursue her favorite pastime one day longer in the Porsche Arena.



These wildcard winners will get the chance on Saturday morning at 11:00 to compete against top climbing stars like the defending champion adidas ROCKSTAR, Miho Nonaka (JPN), 2019 Boulder, Lead and Olympic Combined World Champion, Janja Garnbret (SLO) and 2016 Boulder World Champion, Petra Klingler (SUI)

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