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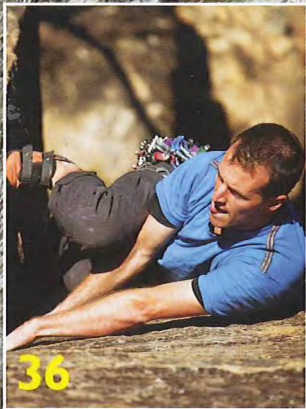
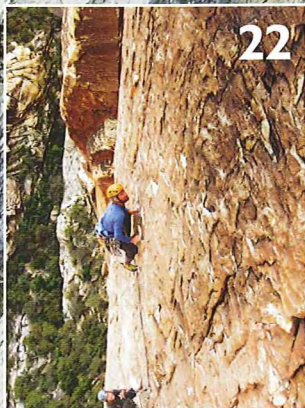
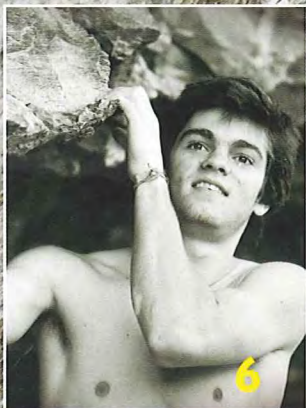
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# World Youth Championships 2011

*Rob Le Breton reports*

**IN AUGUST 2011**, 11 young Australian climbers participated in the IFSC World Youth Championships in Imst, Austria. They were among over 600 athletes from over 60 countries and, for the first time, from every populated continent on Earth. The event was held on the massive Imst Climbing Stadium, a freestanding tower boasting routes as long as 25 metres and a 15-metre World-Record Standard Speed wall.

After a week of training at the gyms in Imst and Innsbruck and the team settled into their accommodation, the first day of competition featuring the first qualification route for our climbers was suddenly upon them. With up to 90 climbers in the various categories, our climbers were spread throughout the day, and were always there to support each other as each one's turn came up. Day 1 concluded with the Opening Ceremony. The teams marched in procession from a nearby football field to the stadium where Daniel Fisher, Australian Team Captain, had the honour of reading the athletes' pledge.

Day 2 was the second qualification day and our climbers again gave everything on the routes. At the end of the qualification rounds, Daniel Fisher was sitting in 12th place in the

Junior Male rankings, qualifying for the Semi-Finals! In the Speed Qualifications, Art Ho-Bayly set a personal best time to qualify for the Round of 16 Finals.

On Semi-Final morning the weather had turned wet and cold, going from 35 degrees in the preceding days to about 15! Daniel climbed valiantly to finish in 19th place. By evening, the weather had cleared and the surrounding mountains were covered in snow as we watched the Lead Finals. The Finals were an inspiring show of climbing ability featuring athletes tackling routes between grade 29 and 31. Seeing the physical stature of many of the finalists, many made a promise to never use the 'too reachy' excuse again!

The final day was the Speed Finals where Art found himself up against the fastest qualifier. Stepping up a gear, Art set a new Australian record time of 10.31s for the 15m Standard Route and finished in 13th place. The enthusiasm and camaraderie of the team was a highlight of the experience for all of us. Trials for the 2012 Australian WYC Team are being held in March. See the SCA website or contact [president@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au](mailto:president@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au) for details. 🍷



Team Captain *Daniel Fisher* climbing high on the first Junior Male qualification route.

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