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Da Costa Upsets Diedericks; Levey, Platinum Qualify

Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa, May 26, 2013—Newcomer Carla Nunes da Costa has dethroned last year's Africa Regional winner, Rika Diedericks, to qualify for the CrossFit Games in July in Carson, Calif. Meanwhile David Levey established enough of a point gap between himself and his closest competitor to be No. 1 among the men. And of the two teams that remained in the competition, CrossFit Platinum took top honors. Only one woman, one man and one team from the Africa Region qualified for the Games.

Individual athletes completed two events on the final day, as did teams.

For the individual athletes, the morning brought Event 6, which was 100 double-unders, 50 handstand push-ups, 40 toes-to-bar, 30 shoulder-to-overhead with an axle at 100 lbs. for the women and 160 lbs. for the men, and then a 90-foot walking lunge with the same axle in the front-rack position for time. The final event of the competition was four rounds for time of two 15-foot rope-climb ascents, a 100-foot sprint, four squat cleans at 135 lbs. for the women and 225 lbs. for the men, and another 100-foot sprint.

Organizers structured the team events similarly with a curveball. Event 6 for the squads was for time: one man and one woman complete 100 double-unders (50 each), 50 handstand push-ups while partner holds a handstand, 50 toes-to-bar while partner hangs from the bar, 50 shoulder-to-overhead with the axle (100 lbs. and 160 lbs.) while partner holds axle in the front-rack position. Then both partners take a 90-foot walking lunge with the same axles in the front-rack

position. And finally, the last team event was: one male and one female complete three rounds of two 15-foot rope-climb ascents and two squat cleans (135 lbs. and 225 lbs.), then one male and one female each complete three rounds of two 15-foot rope-climb ascents and three squat cleans, then one male and one female each complete three rounds of two 15-foot rope-climb ascents and four squat cleans.

At the end of the day, the overall standings were as follows:

Men

1. David Levey (17 points)
2. Neil Scholtz (35 points)
3. Jason Smith (60 points)

Women

1. Carla Nunes da Costa (18 points)
2. Rika Diedericks (21 points)
3. Mona Pretorius (26 points)

Teams

1. CrossFit Platinum (11 points)
2. CrossFit PBM (14 points)

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