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Simone Biles won the all-around title for a record fifth time at the World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany. For a third competition in a row in Stuttgart (qualifications and team finals) Biles hit all four events solid to score an impressive 58.999 to run away with her latest title. The American posted the highest score of the day on vault 15.233 for her Cheng (.1 ND for stepping over the line), beam 14.633/ 6.2 (triple wolf turn, ff-layout-layout, ff-ff full in) and floor 14.4/6.6 (triple twisting double tuck, double twisting double tuck dismount). “It feels great, but I have to stay grounded because I have four more finals”, she told the press afterwards. By winning her second gold medal in Stuttgart (also team) Biles’ tally of world gold medals goes to record 16, and her total medal count escalates to 22, the most by any female and one short of male gymnast **Vitaly Scherbo** who has 23.

Tang Xijing from China won the silver with a score of 56.899. Tang, who was 21st in the all-around after the qualifications, was a late replacement in the final for teammate

Liu Tingting

who had to withdraw just before the competition. Tang was impressive throughout the day. She posted 14.233 for her double twisting Yurchenko on vault, 14.533/6.0 on bars for her clean work (Maloney to Pak, Maloney half, Healy to Healy to full to el grip to piked Jaeger) and 14.6/6.1 for her typical textbook Chinese routine on beam (round off layout two feet, variety of ring jumps and leaps and round off double pike). “The silver medals means that I am just doing my job well”, Tang said after the competition. “I had a small mistakes on vault, but all of the other three events finished pretty well”, she added.

Angelina Melnikova from Russia won the bronze scoring 56.399. Melnikova who placed fifth last year in Doha had a clean competition minus a nervous routine on bars where she had to muscle her inside staldler blind turn and toe full pirouette before her full twisting double tuck dismount. The Russian was very stable on beam hitting a wobble free set, and presented a well balanced floor routine with strong tumbling (full twisting double layout, double layout, double pike dismount) and elegant presentation to secure her first ever-individual medal from world championships.

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Ellie Black was in a hunt for a medal throughout the day but finished in fourth. The Canadian was perfect on bars, beam and floor, and attempted a front handspring Rudi on vault (usually competes front handspring front full), despite landing it for a solid score of 14.566 she remained just 0.167 behind Melnikova. It also appeared that Black injured her ankle during the vault landing, which jeopardizes her participation in the balance beam final on Sunday.

Fifth was last year's fourth place finisher **Nina Derwael** from Belgium. Derwael posted the top score on bars 15.2/6.5. Home crowd favorite,

Elisabeth Seitz

, finished sixth with a 56.033. Seventh was Brazil's

Flavia Saraiva

with 55.732, while American

Sunisa Lee

placed 8th 55.632, after falling on her best event, bars, after a Pak salto. Ninth and tenth were

Li Shijia

from China and

Sarah Voss

from Germany.

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