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With a dominant display of gymnastics, Russian **Nikita Nagornyy** won the all-around title at the World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany. Nagornyy, who was third in the all-around last year in Doha, scored 88.772 to win his first ever-individual gold medal by a wide margin. Nagornyy was impressive on floor competing his Liukin (triple back) with confidence, and he also stuck a double front piked half out and 2 ½ twists to punch double front to post a 15.041/6.4. His 6.2 pommel horse routine was well executed for respectable 14.566. On rings the 22 year-old posted 14.633, the highest score on the event of the day despite not sticking his double twisting double tuck. He made up for the landing on vault where he stuck his Dragulescu for another top score of the day at 15.066. At this point in the competition Nagornyy had a slight lead ahead of the rest of the field. He hit his p-bar routine cold (front toss, peach to one bar, Healy from one bar, peach half, Makuts, Healy, Diamidov, Diamidov full, double front half twist stuck) for 15.3/6.4 to establish almost a .6 lead ahead of

Xiao Ruoteng

who was standing in second. Competing last in the competition, Nagornyy delivered a great routine on high bar under pressure to secure the coveted gold medal. This was Nagornyy's first individual world championships gold medal.

Finishing second with 87.165 was last year's champion **Artur Dalaloyan**. The Russian posted the top score on floor, 15.2/6.5 for his impeccable routine (front layout to double front piked half twist, front full to front double pike, 1 ½ twists to Randi, double twisting double tuck, 2 ½ twists to front double full and stuck triple twist) to take the lead after the first rotation. He almost sat down his Blanik (front handspring double front piked) vault to drop in the standings. But two strong performances on p-bars and high bar propelled him to the silver, his second world all-around medal.

With a consistent performance, **Oleg Verniaiev** took the bronze posting 86.973. The Ukrainian started on pommel horse and recorded an impressive 14.866 for the most difficult routine in the final (D-score 6.6). Verniaiev was steady on rings and vault, and posted the top score on p-bars 15.475 where he also performed the routine with the most difficulty (6.7). The 26-year-old was just solid enough on the last two events, high bar and floor, to capture his first ever all-around medal from world championships, and the first all-around medal in history for Ukraine.

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Fourth was 2017 all-around champion, Xiao Ruoteng. Being behind almost .6 with one rotation to go the Chinese took a big risk and went for a high difficulty routine on high bar. He started with a Liukin (full twisting layout Tkatchev), which he performed very well, but on the next combination of layout Tkatchev to Tkatchev to Tkatchev half he came in too close to the bar and had to jump off. Had he not fallen on the event, Xiao would have secured the silver medal.

Hitting six-for-six **Sun Wei** from China and **Kazuma Kaya** from Japan placed fifth and sixth scoring 86.523 and 85.899, respectively.

Sam Mikulak

, who led after three rotations, was in the hunt for a medal until his fifth event. The American suffered a fall on pommel horse on his Busnari, which cost him, and he placed seventh at the end with 85.697. Eighth was

Joe Fraser

from the Great Britain with a total of 85.098.

The world championships continue tomorrow with the first day of individual event finals (men's floor, pommel horse and rings, and women's vault and uneven bars).

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