



Blind Takes Team Challenge Honors and 14-year-old Keegan Palmer Wins Am Bowl Finals on Day Three of Dew Tour Long Beach 2017

Alex Sorgente also Comes Out on Top in Pro Bowl Qualifiers Heading into Tomorrow's Finals

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June 17, 2017 (Long Beach, Calif.) — Day three of the 2017 Dew Tour presented by Mountain Dew® and TEN: The Enthusiast Network showcased the best teams in skateboarding competing for the coveted Dew Tour Team Title, along with eight amateurs going for it in the Am Bowl Finals. The sizzling Cali sun didn't stop skaters from putting the heat on each other and constantly upping their game run after run.

The huge crowd witnessed a spectacular display of team unity today among the nine endemic teams, but in the end, it was Team Blind, with a total combined score of 351.00 out of total 400.00, who took the title as the best team in skateboarding for the second year in a row. With Yuto Horigame (JPN) competing in Gaps, Micky Papa (CAN) in Rails, TJ Rogers (CAN) in Tech and Trey Wood (USA) in the Bowl, Team Blind reclaimed their title with ease, more than 25 points ahead of second place.

"These guys are true professionals and such great athletes," said Blind Team Captain Bill Weiss. "This is just how they skate everyday individually, and it's awesome to have the team event and have them recognized together."

"We usually skate against each other, so it's obviously different to be competing together," said Rogers who also took the individual win in Tech. "This format is just so fun though, and we couldn't be happier to win the title again at Dew Tour."

Team Flip rallied hard behind Blind, securing second place honors with a total score of 324.40, with Team Santa Cruz rounding out the podium, scoring a 303.40.

During the Am Bowl Finals, the competitors skated their hearts out, knowing the immensity of the Dew Tour Title was at stake. While the majority of the amateurs entered a contest via the Podium Skate App to make it into the competition, the win meant huge exposure for the winner. After sending it in the bowl for a solid half hour, it was Australian grom Keegan Palmer who landed atop his first Dew Tour podium, scoring an 87.40 out of possible 100.00. "I just had so much fun out there skating with my friends," said Palmer. "I'm so stoked I won. I can't believe it." Tate Carew from San Diego ended in second with an 84.20, and ten-year-old Gavin Bottger from Oceanside, Calif. in third with a 79.00.

Pro Bowl Qualifiers also took place this afternoon, with four heats of 24 total skaters throwing down in the bowl that's nearly doubled in size from last year. Alex Sorgente (USA), scoring an 89.00, ended up in the top position moving into tomorrow's finals. Heimana Reynolds (USA) of Honolulu, HI was next with 88.00 points and Cory Juneau (USA) with 86.00 points.

Tonight there will be a FREE outdoor concert at Rainbow Lagoon starting at 7 p.m. featuring Metro Boomin, Cam'ron and Amine. Dew Tour will close out the weekend with Am Street Finals, Pro Bowl Finals and Pro Street Finals tomorrow.

Dew Tour Long Beach is FREE and open to the public from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. However, dads and their kids are welcome to come skate the public skate park tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in celebration of Father's Day. For fans who can't make it in person, catch the live webcast of the final day beginning at 11 a.m. PST on DewTour.com. For the complete schedule, contest highlights, rider profiles and more check out DewTour.com and download the free app.

RESULTS

TEAM CHALLENGE FINALS

1. Blind | 351.00

TJ Rogers (CAN), 89.60, Tech
Micky Papa (CAN), 90.00, Rails
Trey Wood (USA), 81.00, Bowls
Yuto Horigame (JPN), 90.40 Gaps

2. Flip | 324.40

Matt Berger (CAN), 84.40, Tech
Alec Majerus (USA), 89.00, Rails
Curren Caples (USA), 70.00, Bowl
Louie Lopez (USA), 80.80, Gaps

3. Santa Cruz | 303.40

Tom Asta (USA), 86.40, Tech
Dylan Williams (USA), 61.60, Rails
Erick Winkowski (USA), 90.20, Bowl
Blake Johnson (USA), 65.20, Gaps

INDIVIDUAL SECTION WINNERS

Tech: TJ Rogers, Blind, 89.60
Rails: Micky Papa, Blind, 90.00
Bowl: Erick Winkowski, Santa Cruz, 90.20
Gaps: Yuto Horigame, Blind, 90.40

AM BOWL FINALS

1. Keegan Palmer (AUS), 87.40
2. Tate Carew (USA), 84.20
3. Gavin Bottger (USA), 79.00
4. CJ Collins (USA), 77.00
5. Roman Pabich (USA), 73.00
6. Mikee Zion O'Friel (USA), 71.40
7. Jake Wooten (USA), 71.00
8. Jett Eaton (USA), 64.20

PRO BOWL QUALIFIERS

1. Alex Sorgente (USA), 89.00
2. Heimana Reynolds (USA), 88.00
3. Cory Juneau (USA), 86.00
4. Tom Schaar (USA), 83.60
5. Ivan Federico (ITA), 83.00
6. Clay Kreiner (USA), 82.00
7. Willy Lara (USA), 80.40
8. Chris Russell (USA), 80.00

About Dew Tour

Dew Tour is an innovative contest series and content platform that brings together the world's best skateboarders, snowboarders, skiers, artists, brands and fans in a celebration of creativity and style.

In 2016, TEN: The Enthusiast Network, publisher of TRANSWORLD SKATEBOARDING, TRANSWORLD SNOWBOARDING, SNOWBOARDER, POWDER, NEWSCHOOOLERS, and GRINDTV became the official strategic partner to lead content production, execution and event staging for the Dew Tour. Working in close collaboration with TEN's core action sports media brands and in partnership with DEW®, Dew Tour continues to progress events and content, bringing millions of action sports fans engaging stories and experiences across digital and broadcast mediums. In addition to Dewtour.com and TEN's digital network, Dew Tour's summer and winter events are broadcast on NBC.

About TEN: The Enthusiast Network

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