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DEW TOUR FINALS: MEN'S & WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD & SKIING SUPERPIPE AND ADAPTIVE SNOWBOARDING

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Olympic Qualifying Events Continue at Breckenridge Ski Resort

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December 15, 2017 (*Breckenridge, Colo.*)—Under clear, beautiful skies, day three of competition at the Dew Tour presented by Mountain Dew[®] and TEN: The Enthusiast Network went off without a hitch at Breckenridge Ski Resort. Today, the Superpipe competition took center stage with some of the best skiers and snowboarders in the world going for the win at this U.S. Ski & Snowboard Olympic qualifying event.

The day kicked off with 12 finalists during Men's Ski Superpipe Finals. The skiers took to the massive 22-foot Superpipe upping the ante during each pass of the three-run format. While he was already sitting pretty on the podium heading into his final run, Aspen local Alexander Ferreira (USA) decided to step it up even more with a right double 1260 mute, left double 1080 safety, switch right 720 Japan, left double 1260 mute and double 900 Japan, scoring him an impressive 94.66 and the Dew Tour title.

"My Dad is always telling me not to give up and that's what I kept telling myself," said Ferreira. "I've been working on that run for two years and to be able to put it down—I just wanted to land it so bad. It's best day of my life and I'm just happy."

Aaron Blunck (USA) out of Crested Butte also had a stellar day, scoring a 93.33 on his second run—enough to land him second on the podium. Kevin Rolland (FRA), who always brings his A-game, also had a great event ending with a 92.00 in third place.

The women showcased their incredible technical talents in the Women's Ski Superpipe finals with Cassie Sharpe (CAN), taking the win, after coming into today's competition as the first place qualifier. The judges scored her a 93.66 with a run consisting of a right cork 900, left flair tindy, right 360 safety, switch right 360 mute, straight air truck, left cork 900 tail and right flair tindy.

"Watching the boys and seeing them boosting fired me up to follow them and go big," said Sharpe. "I didn't really change anything in my run from the other day, but cleaning it up and taking it bigger and it worked out great for me."

Marie Martinod (FRA) finished in second place with a solid 92.00 and the 2014 Olympic gold medalist, Maddie Bowman (USA), scored a 90.33 which landed her in third.

The afternoon saw the heavyweights in snowboarding during Men's Superpipe Finals with Vail local, Jake Pates (USA) making an impressive comeback on his third and final run, scoring a 97.33. Pates' run consisted of a double Michalchuck indy, frontside double cork 1080 indy, cab double cork 1080 mute, frontside 900 tail, backside double cork 1260 tail (also referring to it as double McTwist), narrowly

surpassing Scotty James' (AUS) score of 96.00 who finished in second place. Winning today put Pates in the running for the U.S. Olympic Team, which he had a hard time putting into words.

"It's so surreal right now," said Pates. "I was at the top of the pipe on my last run, slide over the fence, took a deep breath and dropped in—then all of a sudden I was at the bottom. I kind of blanked out during the whole thing. It was insane and I was like 'what just happened?'"

Closing out the field on his final run as well was Olympic favorite, Ben Ferguson (USA), who was last to drop and ended up pushing Ayumu Hirano off the podium by one point, with a 92.00.

Women's Snowboard Superpipe finals saw an incredible group of eight riders going for their shot at the Dew Tour Title—and for the U.S. contenders, a solid ranking in the Olympic qualifying event. One of the most consistent (and happiest) riders, Chloe Kim (USA), was the only one to officially secure a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team with her first place win today. Her first run score of a 93.00 was more than enough to hold her through the event, with highlights that included a method backside air, frontside 1080 tail, Cab 720 mute, frontside 540 melon and McTwist indy.

"It hasn't sunk in yet that I'm going to the Olympics," said Kim. "It seems like a dream and I'm just trying to wake up. I'm so excited and when I get home today and it starts to sink, in I'm probably going to cry."

After taking a fall on the deck of the halfpipe in her second run, Kelly Clark (USA), did not pull back the throttle on her final stomping a solid run in true Clark fashion, scoring her a 90.00 and a second place finish. Colorado favorite Arielle Gold (USA) came in behind the pack with a 87.00, enough for a third place win.

For the first time in Dew Tour history the men's and women's World Para Snowboard (WPSB) sanctioned Nor Am snowboarding competition took place earlier today. The WPSB event presented by [Toyota](#) in partnership with World Para Snowboard, Adaptive Action Sports and the U.S. Paralympic Association showcased 11 women and 31 men on the banked slalom course.

The best time in the women's field today was Lisa Bunschoten (NED) with a 1:14.65 time and Evan Strong (USA) with a best time of 1:06.74.

"Being able to have our sport showcased in an arena like Dew Tour gets the message out about what these athletes are capable of and really delivers a message to everybody about what we're *all* capable of," said Adaptive Action Sports Executive Director, Daniel Gale.

The Women's Ski Slopestyle Qualifiers got a second shot this afternoon and 21 ladies gave it their all for a chance at one of eight spots for tomorrow's finals. Tess Ledeux (FRA) secured first position with an 93.33 on her second run. Isabel Atkin (GBR) followed with an 87.33 and Sarah Hoefflin (SUI) just a few points behind with an 85.33.

Ski Men's Superpipe Finals

1. Alexander Ferreira, USA, 94.66
2. Aaron Blunck, USA, 93.33
3. Kevin Rolland, FRA, 92.00
4. Torin Yater-Wallace, USA, 91.33
5. Noah Bowman, CAN, 90.66
6. Miguel Porteus, NZL, 84.33
7. Mike Riddle, CAN, 83.00
8. Taylor Seaton, USA, 79.33
9. Kyle Smaine, USA, 77.33
10. David Wise, USA, 75.66

11. Gus Kenworthy, USA, 23.66

12. Birk Irving, USA, 4.66

Ski Women's Superpipe Finals

1. Cassie Sharpe, CAN, 93.66

2. Marie Martinod, FRA, 92.00

3. Maddie Bowman, USA, 90.33

4. Devin Logan, USA, 83.66

5. Sabrina Cakamakli, GER, 82.00

6. Brita Sigourney, USA, 73.00

7. Carly Margulies, USA, 40.00

8. Annalisa Drew, USA, 23.00

Snowboard Men's Superpipe Finals Results

1. Jake Pates, USA, 97.33

2. Scotty James, AUS, 96.00

3. Ben Ferguson, USA, 92.00

4. Ayumu Hirano, JPN, 91.00

5. Iouri Podladtchikov, SUI, 87.33

6. Danny Davis, USA, 83.33

7. Chase Josey, USA, 82.66

8. Gabe Ferguson, USA, 77.66

9. Greg Bretz, USA, 77.00

10. Jan Scherrer, SUI, 60.00

11. Markus Malin, FIN, 50.00

12. Ryan Wachendorfer, USA, 31.66

Snowboard Women's Superpipe Finals Results

1. Chloe Kim, USA, 93.00

2. Kelly Clark, USA, 90.00

3. Arielle Gold, USA, 87.00

4. Maddie Mastro, USA, 84.33

5. Hannah Teter, USA, 80.00

6. Mirabelle Thovex, FRA, 74.00

7. Queralt Castellet, SPA, 72.00

8. Elena Hight, USA, 59.66

Snowboard Women's Banked Slalom Adaptive Final Results

*Lower Limb 2 Imp. Winner

Lisa Bunschoten, NED, 1:14.65

*Lower Limb 1 Imp. Winner

Brenna Huckaby, USA, 1:15.24

*Upper Limb Imp. Winner

Peggy Martin, USA, 1:31.66

Snowboard Men's Banked Slalom Adaptive Final Results

*Lower Limb 2 Imp. Winner

Evan Strong, USA, 1:06.74

*Lower Limb 1 Imp. Winner

Noah Elliott, USA, 1:08.94

*Upper Limb Imp. Winner
Michael Minor, USA, 1:09.94

Ski Women's Slopestyle Qualifiers Results

1. Tess Ledeux, FRA, 93.33
2. Isabel Atkin, GBR, 87.33
3. Sarah Hoefflin, SUI, 85.33
4. Johanne Killi, NOR, 84.66
5. Dara Howell, CAN, 83.66
6. Maggie Voisin, USA, 81.33
7. Darian Stevens, USA, 79.66
8. Devin Logan, USA, 73.33

Starting at 6pm MST tonight in downtown Breckenridge, the Ski and Snowboard Streetstyle competition will take place with live highlights on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube @DewTour. And be sure to check out the livestream of the Ski and Snowboard Slopestyle finals tomorrow on dewtour.com starting at 9am MST if you can't be at Breckenridge in person.

There are also still tickets available for The Floozies and Anomalie tomorrow night, December 16, at the Riverwalk Center in downtown Breckenridge. Tickets are on sale at dewtour.com. The all-ages show will start at 7pm and doors open at 6:30pm.

The 2017 Dew Tour will officially come to a close Sunday with the Team Challenge event starting at 9:30am MST. All Dew Tour competitions and fan zones both on and off-mountain are free and open to the public.

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