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### **2018 DEW TOUR KICKS OFF FOUR-DAY WEEKEND WITH FOUR FINAL COMPETITIONS**

- ***Sildaru Returns to Competition to Dominate Ski Slopestyle Women's Final;***
- ***Strong and Huckaby Claim Men's and Women's Snowboard Adaptive Banked Slalom Final Presented by Toyota;***
- ***Team Atomic Crowned Champions in Team Challenge Ski Finals***

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December 13, 2018 (*Breckenridge, Colo.*)— The 2018 Winter Dew Tour presented by Mountain Dew<sup>®</sup> and TEN: The Enthusiast Network kicked off the four-day premier action sports festival at Breckenridge Ski Resort with four competitions that featured a new finals-only format and new elements to each course.

The event, which runs through Sunday, Dec. 16, showcases the world's best male and female skiers and snowboarders competing in both individual and Dew Tour Team Challenge competitions. More than 100 athletes representing 14 different countries and features Pyeongchang Olympians, including medalists from both the Olympics and Paralympics.

First up was the **Ski Slopestyle Women's** competition featuring a field of eight, where all eyes were on 16-year-old 2016 Dew Tour champion **Kelly Sildaru (EST)**, who made her return to competition after missing last year's competition season due to injury. From her very first jump, Sildaru comfortably pushed the boundaries of progression, as she swept the win with a right 900 tail, switch right 1080 mute and switch left 1080 mute in the first section that landed her a score of 92.00, followed by a front swap pretzel 450, k-fed, 360 nose drag, front 270 and switch 270 pretzel 450 that sealed a commanding lead over her opponents. In the Jibs section, Sildaru posted two high scores on her first two runs that allowed her to skip her third.

"I am super happy. The girls skied so good today and I am happy to ski with them. I just wanted to have fun, enjoy and do my thing," said Sildaru. "I liked the course today. The hip was a little bigger than I expected but I liked it - it's different."

**Tess Ledoux (FRA)** jumped up into second position ahead of **Maggie Voisin (USA)** after stomping a solid third run in the Jibs section. In both sections, Ledoux needed to earn big scores in order to put her in podium contention, which she successfully did twice by utilizing the wallride feature of the Jibs section, which no other competitor took advantage of, ultimately knocking Voisin into third position. Voisin also landed just one strong run per section that was enough to put her on the podium.

Next, the **Snowboard Banked Slalom Adaptive Men's & Women's Final Presented by Toyota** took center stage, featuring an international roster of talent, including four veterans from around the globe who displayed athleticism at the highest level. The competition called for the best time of three runs and was treated to bluebird sunny skies and near-perfect conditions.

On the men's side, **Evan Strong (USA)** dubbed the "Flyin' Hawaiian" showed why he is one of the best in the sport as he flew down the course with minimal mistakes and posting the fastest times in both of his runs. The biggest threat to Strong was **Matti Suur-Hamari (FIN)** who followed him with the second best time and Colorado local **Zach Miller (USA)** finished in third. Dew Tour will be Strong's only adaptive race of the 2018-2019 season as he takes a sabbatical after a busy 2018 competition year.

"I'm super pumped to come out and win Dew Tour again and hold my title here this week," said the Winter Paralympic gold medalist and defending Dew Tour champion. "This event is important to me because it's now the only event showcasing adaptive riders alongside all the rest of the best snowboarding pros in the world."

On the Women's side, two-time Paralympic gold medalist and defending Dew Tour champion **Brenna Huckaby (USA)** exuded dominance right out of the gate, leading the pack and edging out the second position by three entire seconds. Colorado local and fan favorite **Amy Purdy (USA)** finished in second and the youngest competitor of the field at 21-years-old, **Sandrine Hamel (CAN)** took third.

"This course was so fun and flowy. It was perfect for all riding abilities, which really made it competitive," said Huckaby. "I also love the energy of the Dew Tour because the crowd is super excited to watch and all the competitors just want to have fun and embrace the love of snowboarding."

Closing out the day was the always fun-to-watch **Team Challenge Ski** competition. Unique to Dew Tour, the Team Challenge events features six teams, representing endemic ski and snowboard brands that compete against one another on a three-part course including modified pipe, jib and jumps. Today's team competition highlighted ski companies **Faction, Armada, Head, Atomic, Volkl** and **K2**, where competition was fierce. Though the title was any team's to win, the day belonged to **Team Atomic** who was untouchable from the start. It was also a day of redemption for **Team Faction** who put on an astounding performance to finish in second place, after finishing in last position for the last two years.

"I am so proud of the boys who landed insane runs today. This is one our most favorite events all year since it started at Dew Tour two years ago," said Jossi Wells, team captain for Atomic. "This is a special time for us to ride as a team and to come together and represent one thing. Skiing is such an individual sport and to have this opportunity to build morale is amazing."

Competition continues tomorrow at 9 a.m. MT with **Ski Modified Superpipe Women's Final Presented by Toyota, the Snowboard Slopestyle Women's Final, the Gerhard Gross Memorial Race (Snowboard Banked Slalom), Team Challenge Snowboard Final** and the **Snowboard and Ski Streetstyle Finals**, which will take place in downtown Breckenridge in the evening. Visit [Dewtour.com](http://Dewtour.com) for the week's schedule, which includes livestreams of the finals Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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### **Ski Slopestyle Women's Final Results**

*(jump score + jib score = total slopestyle score)*

1. Kelly Sildaru, EST, 92.00 + 93.67 = 185.67
2. Tess Ledeux, FRA, 82.67 + 80.67 = 165.67
3. Maggie Voisin, USA, 82.67 + 81.67 = 164.34
4. Johanne Killi, NOR, 72.00 + 85.00 = 157.00
5. Giulia Tanno, SUI, 70.00 + 73.33 = 143.33
6. Elena Gaskell, CAN, 79.00 + 63.67 = 142.67
7. Sarah Hoefflin, SUI, 76.67 + 60.67 = 137.34
8. Mathilde Gremaud, SUI, 16.67 + DNS = 16.67

## **Snowboard Adaptive Banked Slalom Men's & Women's Final Presented by Toyota Results**

### **Snowboard Adaptive Men's Banked Slalom Final Results**

1. Evan Strong, USA, 38.53
2. Matti Suur-Hamari, FIN, 38.91
3. Zach Miller, USA, 39.99
4. Ben Tudhope, USA, 40.41
5. Keith Gabel, USA, 40.80
6. Alex Massie, CAN, 40.98
7. John Leslie, CAN, 41.49
8. Simon Patmore, AUS, 41.67
9. Owen Pick, GBR, 41.69
10. Mike Minor, USA, 41.69
11. Dustin Fleming, USA, 42.53
12. James Barnes-Miller, GBR, 43.79
13. Tyler Burdick, USA, 47.22
14. Alex RIVERA, USA, 48.30
15. Daniel Strausbaugh, USA, 50.91

### **Snowboard Adaptive Women's Banked Slalom Final Results**

1. Brenna Huckaby, USA, 45.82
2. Amy Purdy, USA, 48.21
3. Sandrine Hamel, CAN, 51.58
4. Michelle Salt, CAN, 51.64
5. Brittani Coury, USA, 53.80
6. Peggy Martin, USA, 54.94
7. Arlene Cohen, USA, 57.74
8. Danae Russell, USA, 1:02.70
9. Kiana Clay, USA, 1:14.19

### **Team Ski Modified Superpipe Final Results**

1. Atomic- Miguel Portes (Pipe) 82.67, Fabian Boesch (Jumps) 94.00, Gus Kenworthy (Jibs) 83.67  
Total 260.34
2. Faction - Antti Ollila (Pipe) 72.67, Mac Forehand (Jumps) 91.67, Alex Hall (Jibs) 91.33, Total  
255.67
3. K2 - Birk Irvin (Pipe) 77.67; Ferdinand Dahl (Jumps) 84.33; Colby Stevenson (Jibs) 61.00, Total  
223.00
4. Head - Aaron Blunck (Pipe) 63.00; Evan McEachran (Jumps) 92.67; Jesper Tjader (Jibs) 86.67,  
Total 242.34
5. Armada - Torin Yater-Wallace (Pipe) 80.67, Torin Yater-Wallace (Jumps) 72.00, Henrik Harlaut  
(Jibs) 76.67, Total 229.34
6. Volkl - Hunter Hess (Pipe) 73.33, McRae Williams (Jumps) 75.00, Alex Beaulieu-Marchand (Jibs)  
89.76, Total 238.00

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