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2020 WINTER DEW TOUR OPENS FOUR-DAY WEEKEND FESTIVAL WITH TEAM CHALLENGE EVENTS AT COPPER MOUNTAIN

- *Snowboard Industry Pioneer Jake Burton Carpenter Celebrated in Tribute*
- *Oakley and Atomic Crowned Champions in Snowboard and Ski Team Challenge Finals*
- *Men's Ski and Snowboard Slopestyle Qualifications Postponed to Finals-Only Competition on Saturday Due to Weather*

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February 6, 2020 (Copper Mountain, Colo.)— The 19th annual premier action sports competition and festival [Winter Dew Tour](#), presented by MTN DEW® and Adventure Sports Network Group (ASNG), kicked off day one in its new home at Copper Mountain, Colo. The Snowboard and Ski Team Challenge Finals, and Gerhard Gross Memorial Banked Slalom Race did not disappoint as athletes united and cheered one another on, displaying team camaraderie amongst peers in what is typically an individual-based competition.

Though Mother Nature posed weather challenges throughout the day for Men's Ski and Snowboard Slopestyle qualifiers -- which will now be held on Saturday with a new finals-only format -- a good time was had by all as each competitor in Team Challenge acclimated to weather challenges and put on a show in fresh snow for the crowd.

The day belonged to **Team Oakley** (Snowboard) and **Team Atomic** (Ski) who took home the win in Team Challenge, though it was anyone's game as each team continuously overtook the lead with the combined scores format. Today also marked the first time the world's best female athletes represented their brands in the event. Team Challenge is unique to Dew Tour where three of snowboarding and skiing's top brands select one male and female athlete who compete in Modified Superpipe, Slopestyle and Streetstyle. The total of all three sections combined points is the team's final score.

Prior to the start of the Team Challenge Snowboard Modified Superpipe final, a tribute to celebrate the life of snowboard industry pioneer Jake Burton Carpenter brought together athletes from the past and present in a snake tribute run down the Modified Superpipe. [Link to tribute video here.](#)

In the **Team Challenge Snowboard Final**, Team Oakley showed a determination to win out of the gates and easily took the lead in both the Slopestyle (Jamie Anderson (USA) and Stale Sandbech (NOR)) and Streetstyle (Anderson and Rene Rinnekangas (FIN)) portions of the competition. Though Burton claimed the Modified Superpipe section, Rinnekangas and Anderson sealed the win as the anchors in the Streetstyle Final. Anderson pulled double duty in both sections on behalf of Oakley, a strategy which proved successful.

In the Modified SuperPipe section, Danny Davis (USA) showed the world why his name is synonymous with progressive pipe riding. Davis, who was also serving as Burton's team captain, threw a frontside 360, cab 900 over the knuckle with back-to-back tricks to dethrone dominant superpipe force Scotty James (AUS).

Despite Burton's win in the Modified Superpipe section, Team Oakley still led by 10 points over Burton heading into Streetstyle.

"Team Challenge is super fun! It's way more laidback, we're just out there joking around and talking to each other and it's just fun - pure fun," said Sandbech.

Anderson added, "It really embodies the true good community of snowboarding. Me and Stale helped out in Slopestyle this morning. Haruna (Matsumoto, JPN) and Scotty James in the pipe and then me and Rene on the jib course. It was really fun."

In the **Ski Team Challenge Final**, Team Faction took a commanding lead over Teams Atomic and Volkl in Slopestyle, but Atomic answered back in the Modified Superpipe that put them 10 points over Faction. In the end, Team Atomic claimed a three-peat in the Team Challenge event.

In Modified Superpipe, where others struggled getting out of the pipe with over five inches of fresh powder and relentless snowfall, Alex Ferreira (USA) oozed style and control showing why he is one of the world's best. In his second run, Ferreira wasted no time launching into spins and boosting huge amplitude out of the quarter pipe with a double flat 720 with Japan grab into the traditional portion of the Superpipe.

Dew Tour rookie Grace Henderson (USA) pulled her weight on behalf of Team Volkl in all three sections. In Streetstyle, Oystein Braaten (NOR) upped the ante for Team Volkl in Streetstyle with much-needed points as he stomped out two technical runs consisting of a clean 450 backspin off the top to a forward front into a 450 backside switch and a 270 off the last electric box feature to earn a score of 82.33.

However, Atomic continued to assert their dominance as team skiers Megan Oldham (CAN), Teal Harle (CAN) and Lukas Mullauer (AUT) clinched the final win for the overall Ski Team Challenge title. Mullauer stepped in as the anchor for Harle last minute due to a pre-existing injury and clinched the title for the win.

"It's fun and I think that's the deal about street - hard but still really fun," said Mullauer. "It's a super sick competition, I like it. It's fun compared to other single comps because you can compete with your friends."

"It is absolutely amazing to be here in the first place so to be able to represent Team Atomic - I'm so grateful," said an elated Oldham.

In the spirit of team competition, the second annual **Gerhard Gross Memorial Banked Slalom** also took place this afternoon and united the industry that he dedicated his life to. Peers, friends and athletes raced in an open and fun competition that resulted in two winners - Paralympic silver medalist and Dew Tour Adaptive Snowboard athlete Brittani Coury (USA) and Snowpark Technologies Operations Director Chris Casteneda (USA). Gerhard Gross was a snowboard industry veteran and prior to his passing served as the Dew Tour content director.

Winter Dew Tour continues tomorrow with world-class competitions and the Dew Tour experience for fans, including meet and greets, games, giveaways and much more, all located in Copper Mountain's Center Village. Visit Dewtour.com, which includes livestreams of the finals Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as updated news and schedules. **The Winter Dew Tour is FREE and open to the public throughout the weekend.**

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Team Snowboard Final Results

(Slopestyle scores + Modified Superpipe scores + Streetstyle Scores = total slopestyle score)

1. **Oakley** - Slopestyle (100), Modified Superpipe (85), Streetstyle (100) = 285 Total
2. **Burton** - Slopestyle (75), Modified Superpipe (100), Streetstyle (75) = 250 Total
3. **Volcom** - Slopestyle (85), Modified Superpipe (75), Streetstyle (85) = 245 Total

Team Ski Final Results

(Slopestyle score + Modified Superpipe score + Streetstyle Score = total slopestyle score)

1. **Atomic** - Slopestyle (85), Modified Superpipe (100), Streetstyle (100) = 285 Total
2. **Faction** - Slopestyle (100), Modified Superpipe (75), Streetstyle (75) = 250 Total
3. **Vokl** - Slopestyle (75), Modified Superpipe (85), Streetstyle (85) = 245 Total

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