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Street, Miniramp, Girl's Jam

Double Victory at this year's European Skateboard Championships

Fourteen years old Axel Cruysberghs from Belgium not only rocked the miniramp, but also wiped out the competition in the street final with his large bag of tricks.

The 9th edition of the etnies European Skateboard Championships, presented by Carhartt, has come to end. Basel again welcomed 400 competitors who fought it out in juniors, street, miniramp and in the girl's jam. The sun was shining on the juniors as they kicked it off on Thursday followed by the qualifiers on Friday and Saturday. Despite Saturday's downpour of rain the level of talent was impressive keeping the ambience at an all time high. Over 3000 spectators turned out to support Sunday's finalists. Hailing from all over Europe, the skateboarders ripped the purpose built "Experimental" street course including a new double set and creative obstacles to defy gravity.

Following the rules of the experiment Sunday was a sunny day in Basel for the finals in street, miniramp and in the Girl's Jam. Almost 20 girls turned up for the Girl's Jam and the final on Sunday was very dedicated to Candy Jacobs from the Netherlands, who got first. On the second spot was Sabrina Göggel from Germany and third place went to Ianire Elorriaga from Spain.



1. Candy Jacobs
Tegelen, Netherlands
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SkullCandy



2. Sabrina Göggel
Hamburg, Germany
Trap, Volcom, Vans,
Electric, S-Store,
Pirate Love Tattoo



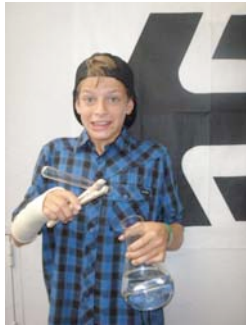
3. Ianire Elorriaga
Bilbao, Spain
etnies, Roxy, Alai
Skateboards

More than 50 skateboarders tried their best in a night session in the miniramp on Saturday night to get under the best 12. One of them was Martin Jurasek, who did a great job by impressing the audience with his show. Mickey Iglesias smoothly grinded and slid over the coping, mixing switch and "normal" skating in his amazing ways. The Marseille crew explored every possibility of vertical condition. They know how to ride a mini ramp! This time, Julien Dykmans came from his newly chosen hometown Berlin to prove that 33 is not an age. Jürgen Horrwarth, last year's miniramp champion, closed the finals with a beaut of a run for Basel. The youngest, 14-year-old Axel Cruysberghs from Belgium, rocked and desastered straight to his first ESC win.

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Red Bull, Zumiez,
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2. Micky Iglesias
Lausanne, Switzerland
Quiksilver, Vans, Ricta, 242
Skateboards, Independent
Fakie Ollie One Footer, Very
smooth and solid runs



3. Julian Dykmans
Berlin, Germany
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Eastpak, vonZipper, Wall
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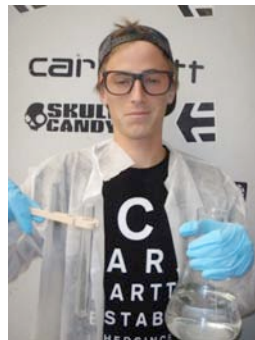
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The street course was a huge experiment in itself: For the street finals, the twelve best were picked from almost 300 skateboarders, and it was a tough decision to make – who was going to be European Champion 2009? Sven Klichenmann from Switzerland made it third and last year's champion Phil Zwijsen from Belgium was just second this time, because Axel Cruysberghs completely took over this year. Uncounted, amazing tricks, and solid runs on every obstacle of this experimental street course won him his second ESC title – in just one year.



1. Axel Cruysberghs
Poperinge, Belgium
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Bull, Zumiez, Bones

Kickflip into Wall, Frontside Flip Wall,
Backside Kickflip, Backside Smithgrind



2. Phil Zwijsen
Antwerpen, Belgiu
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Element, Bones Wheels,
Eastpak

Nose Blunt Tailgrab Drop in
Wall, Kickflip on the Wallride,
Bigspin – Heel Flip, Cruising
the complete course



3. Sven Kilchenmann
Zürich, Switzerland

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Switch Frontside Boardslide
Double Set, Switch
Boardslide, Switch Heelflip
Double Set

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We are now looking forward to the tenth edition in 2010!! Check out the live update and results at www.skateboardeuropa.com, follow us on twitter.com/ESC_Basel and download your etnies Mad Scientist photo from www.etnies.com.

Thanks to all this year's sponsors: etnies, Carhartt, Element, Skull Candy and TSG, IOU-Ramps and the city of Basel and to Oli Buergin for organizing such a great event! See you next year in Basel!

All photos attached by Eric Antoine www.ericantoinephoto.com
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About ESC:

etnies is one of the leading action sports brands since 1986 and organizers of worldwide, international skateboard events. Carhartt has actively been supporting the skateboard scene throughout Europe for more than a decade. This particular collaboration has made it possible to present the largest Skateboard Championships in the 3-country boarder-corner of Basel for the ninth time. For the continued support we'd like to thank Carhartt, etnies, Element and especially the city of Basel for their long term faith in Skateboarding.



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