

Press Release
Etnies Bowlmasters
17.-19. June 2005
Brixlegg, Austria

ETNIES BOWLMASTERS 2005

Omar Hassan goes first!

Already for the 4th time the Etnies Bowlmasters happen from 17 -19 June 2005 at the The Cradle Skatepark in Brixlegg, Austria presented by Powerade. Meanwhile this event develop to an international meeting point for poolriders all over the world. Omar Hassan got first and was for his first time in Brixlegg, persuaded the judges and spectators with his heelflip indy air in the deep end and 360 judo air over the hip.



Benji Galloway from South Carolina, USA made all his way through with impossible combinations of tricks like miller flip over the spine and 360 rodeo over the spine on to the 2nd place. 3rd place went to Brian Patch from California for a fakie 540s over the hip and backside 360s in the deep end.

Tony Trujillo from San Francisco was one of the consistent skateboarders of the whole weekend with an endless list of tricks not just 4th place was his also the award for Best Line.



On the 5th place was Daniel Cardone from Italy, flying all over the Cradle skatepark including chesthigh frontside flips in the deep end and 5 feet high tuckneers over the hip. Daniel ruled the park with his style!



And the 6th place went to Thomas Madsen from Copenhagen, Denmark for his solid transfer combi lines in the deep and shallow end. First day was for qualification only and the skateboarders, which were not qualified through World Cup Skateboarding were skating in two runs a 60 seconds.

On Saturday it was time for round one: 48 skateboarders competed in heats of 4, always 2 advanced to the quarterfinals, which also happened on the same day. The heats contained an introduction run of 60 seconds and a jam session of 10 minutes. In total there were 12 heats. Always the 3rd places of the heat got onto the 2nd chance round on Sunday morning.

It was a sunny day on Sunday morning after a long night at the party at the skatepark and first thing on the schedule was the 2nd chance round and the decision who was going for the semi finals: Locals Roman Astleitner and Roman Hackl as well as Nicky Guerrero were the lucky ones.

Powerade posted some cash for Best Trick on the Street course and the kids were ripping.

Semifinals started with the first heat of Benji Galloway, Daniel Cardone, Alex Cocchini from France, Roman Hackl from Austria and Julien Benoliel from France. It was sure a "straight to the finals" for Daniel Cardone with his smooth and outstanding lines. Benji proofed his experiences from last year, when he got 5th, and showcased an amazing and unique combinations of tricks – like layback frontside rock'n'roll slides and miller flips over the spine.

The second session consist of Omar Hassan, Thomas Madsen, Nicky Guerrero, Otavio Neto from Brazil and local Oliver Gordon from Kufstein. Thomas Madsen was not only one of the few who was all four times to the Etnies Bowlmasters and attacked this time as well the deep end with backside, frontside airs and crail slides and was definitely a candidate for the finals. Omar skated his way through with lip and tail slides roll ins, Madonna airs and 11 o'clock cradle carves.

Jam Session number three was dedicated to Brian Patch, Tony Trujillo, Alex Giraud from Marseille, Roman Astleitner and Allan Mesquita from Brazil. Brian Patch is well known in the Cradle for his huge method airs and for sure Tony Trujillo could not be missing in the finals.

But first it was time for the Etnies Girls Jam, Sandrine Dunaz from France got third, Jenee Chatowsky from USA went 2nd with solid carves in the cradle and Caylen Dakin, who even dislocated out her shoulder during her double carve in the cradle and repeated it again after Benji Galloway popped back her shoulder back during the jam session. Hopefully Etnies Girls Jam will be established at all the Etnies Bowlmasters!

The sun was still bright in the mountains when it was time for the Finals, 6 brave men were chosen: Thomas Madsen from Denmark,

Danile Cardone from Italy, Tony Trujillo from California, Brian Patch from USA, Benji Galloway from USA and Omar Hassan from USA. Best Trick of the weekend was no handed nose pick transfer from Julien Benoiel from France. Highest Cradle Carve was battle out between Mathias "Cradleboy" Trobos – going backside and Australian concrete park builder Tim "Dorfes" McDougall going frontside. Both of them decided to split the prize money with Daniel Cardone who was also going for the Highest Cradle Carve

Congratulation for Omar Hassan for first place and good luck for the Quiksilver Bowlriders in Marseille next week. All the skateboarders are on the way in the Quiksilver nighliner with a stop in Bologna, Italy to Marseille, their journey can be viewed live on

<http://www.quiksilver.com/bowlriders>

Thanks to the Cradle Skatepark, Etnies, Quiksilver, Powerade and Eastpak and as Dave Duncan from World Cup Skateboarding said "this is one of the most beautiful places in the world" thanks to the cities of Brixlegg, Kramsach and Rattenberg, which support skateboarding by building a Dreamland skatepark. More news on powerade.com, etnies.com and skateboardeurope.com soon!

This brand new concrete park was built 2001 by the dreamland builders who also built the Burnside skatepark in the United States and are now finishing a new park in Bologna, Italy. The whole area is 11 000 m2. An overview of this amazing concrete paradise is available at <http://www.skatethecradle.com>

See you next year at the cradle! Full report by Eric Antoine soon available www.skateboardeurope.com

RESULTS:

Mens Finals

1. Omar Hassan USA
2. Benji Galloway USA
3. Brian Patch USA
4. Tony Trujillo USA
5. Daniel Cardone Italy
6. Thomas Madsen Denmark

Girls

1. Caylen Dakin USA
2. Jeneene Chatowsky USA
3. Sandrine Dunaz France
4. Ro Brannon UK

Best trick

Julien Benoliel (no handed nosepick transfer) France

Best Line

Tony Trujillo USA

Highest Cradle ride

Matthias Trobos (backside) Austria

Tim "Dorfes" McDougall (frontside) Australia

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