

Maytum Takes Buffalo Bill Downhill

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Inaugural Colorado Downhill Skateboard Race Triumphs Over Inclement Weather

International field of professional skateboard racers converges on mountain road to battle the challenging course and Mother Nature

Forty-eight Downhill skateboard racers travelled from as far as the Czech Republic to participate in the first Buffalo Bill Downhill, held in Golden, CO, on May 9th & 10th. For many, the one-mile mountain course was demanding enough in itself, but rain and heavy fog on Sunday morning left some of the favorites watching rather than participating in the finals. The racers had Saturday to practice, develop their strategies, and test out their equipment. Few were prepared to deal with the next day's wet surface conditions and poor visibility.

In the end, a racer and a manufacturer hailing from nearby Boulder found themselves at the top of the podium. Zak Maytum beat all of his opponents by a decisive margin on a fresh set of Seismic 77mm Speed Vent wheels. Maytum won four preliminary rounds from start to finish before prevailing in the finals against Louis Pilloni from Los Angeles, CA, and Brian Elderkin from Vancouver, Canada. This weekend Maytum will race on Speed Vents at the Danger Bay event in British Columbia.

Also on Seismic 77mm Speed Vent wheels, Will Brunson, from Santa Fe, NM, won all of his preliminary heats and finished 3rd in the Buffalo Bill finals. Only one week earlier, the multi-talented Brunson rode Seismic wheels to several podium spots at the Ditch Slap, a completely different type of racing competition held in Albuquerque.

Dan Gesmer, founder of Seismic Skate Systems in Boulder, was pleased with the success of the race and with the results. "We're happy to be involved with this premiere event coming to Colorado. Our state has long been recognized as a destination for serious skateboard racers."

When asked about the two podium placings, Gesmer stated, 'We've always known that our proprietary "Black Ops" urethane formula offers superior grip and speed, but until now we haven't been aggressive about proving it. The Speed Vents, with their advanced weight-saving core, now seem to be the "go-to" wheel for racers seeking a higher speed/control ratio.'

This event marked the beginning of the Downhill racing season in North America, with competitions to follow in Washington, California, Europe, Australia, Canada, and South Africa. With the success of the first Buffalo Bill Downhill, serious competitors now have a new proving ground.

Photos courtesy of Katie Meade check out her portfolio @ <http://www.katiemeade.com/>

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