

Bend snowboarder qualifies for US Open Championships

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BURLINGTON, Vt. â€“ Two Oregon athletes, one East Coaster and one Mid-Westerner rode their way to success as they won wildcard spots into the US Open Snowboarding Championships, after winning the Burton AM Series Halfpipe and Slopestyle Men's and Women's competitions at Mt. Hood Meadows February 17-18, 2008. Katie Williams of Bend and Matt Guess of Portland qualified to participate in the championships.

In the Slopestyle, Matt Guess (Portland, Ore.) won the Men's competition and Katie Williams (Bend, Ore.) took the Women's event. In Halfpipe, Spencer Shaw (Litchfield, Conn.) won the Men's competition and Mackenzie Matters (Eagan, Minn.) won the Women's competition.

The Burton AM Series is an all-new U.S. six-stop competition series that gives amateur riders around the country a chance to compete for spots in the US Open Snowboarding Championships at Stratton Mountain, Vt. on March 17th â€“ 23rd, 2008. All Burton AM Series stops in the US are part of the annual Burton Demo Tour Super Stop events, where riders can test ride the latest Burton Snowboard gear for free at their favorite local resort.

AM Series events are open for all amateur competitors and feature men's and women's Slopestyle and Halfpipe competitions. Men's and women's first place winners in each discipline will receive a wildcard entry into the US Open Snowboarding Championships. Equal prize money will be awarded to both men and women in the Slopestyle and Halfpipe competitions: \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd and \$250 for 3rd, in addition to Burton product including boards, bindings, bags and ANON goggles and shades.

Men's Slopestyle Finals, February 17, 2008

Rank, Name, Age, Hometown, Sponsors, Bib #, Avg. Score

1. Matt Guess*, 23, Portland, Ore., Northern Alliance, Signal, Neff, Rockstar, 37, 91.33
2. Austen Sweetin, 16, Lake Forest, Wash., Oakley, Ride, Pow Gloves, Vitamin Water, 12, 90.67
3. Corey Noble, 22, Portland, Ore., Ride, Dakine, Smith, Kicker Audio, Northern Alliance, 36, 85.00

4. Clifford Whetstone, 19, Wrightwood, Calif., Forum, Special Blend, Dragon, Hundreds, 3, 79.00

5. Seth Hill, 20, Boulder, Colo., Amplid Boards, K2 Boots, Electric, Bern, Elm, 16, 74.33

6. Cole Ortega, 13, Bend, Ore., Nitro, Quiksilver, Side Effect, D-Foot Socks, Mount Bachelor, 5, 72.33

Women's Slopestyle Finals, February 17, 2008

Rank, Name, Age, Hometown, Sponsors, Bib #, Avg. Score

1: Katie Williams*, 18, Bend, Ore., 66, 91.67

2. Hattie Tehan, 16, Sisters, Ore., 64, 86.00

3. Devyn Schnake, 13, Bend, Ore., Mt. Bachelor Groom Squad, 67, 65.33

4. Taylor Simoneau, 17, Bend, Ore., Skjersaas, Swix, 62, 55.67

Men's Halfpipe Finals, February 18, 2008

Rank, Name, Age, Hometown, Sponsors, Bib #, Avg. Score

1: Spencer Shaw*, 15, Litchfield, Conn., O'Neill, Swix, Vitamin Water, Scott, 117, 93.67

- 2: Jesse Birt, 18, Jackson, Wyo., Burgess Customs, Low Rider, Avalon 7, 115, 90.00

- 3: Andrew Stern, 18, Shoreline, Wash., Analog, Anon, Burton, Snowboard Connection, 125, 79.33

- 4: Seth Hill, 20, Boulder, Colo., Amplid Boards, K2 Boots, Electric, Bern, Elm, 121, 79.00

- 5: Colin Wright, 29, Oak Grove, Ore., Smoked Monkeys Brotique, Volcom, Anarchy, 108, 78.00

- 6: Ben Ferguson, 12, Bend., Ore, Burton, Anon, Red, Side Effect Boardshop, Mt. Bachelor, 102, 76.00

- 7: Dustin Anderson, 27, Albuquerque, N.M., Burton, Red, Anon, 133, 75.33

- 8: Joel Fuquay, 17, Welches, Ore., Battalion Ocean Earth, Volcom Pow Gloves, 130, 72.00

- 9: Jeremy Black, 19, Hailey, Idaho, Burton, Smith, 116, 71.67

10. Kris Rada, 20, Welches, Ore., 126, 71.33

11. Blake McCoy, 28, Portland, Ore., Premonition Films, Northern Alliance, 105, 59.66

12. Cris Blattnor, 32, Madison, Wis., All Star Adventure Skate Camps, 110, 50.66

Women's Halfpipe Finals, February 18, 2008

Rank, Name, Age, Hometown, Sponsors, Bib #, Avg. Score

1: Mackenzie Matters*, 22, Eagan, Minn., Northwave, Drake, Bakoda, Purl Wax, Be Fashion Boutique, 75, 78.33

2: Summer Fenton, 13, San Francisco, Calif., Adidas, Burton, Roxy, SFO Snowboard Shop, 71, 72.00

3: Katie Williams, 18, Bend, Ore., 72, 70.00

4: Kelly Underwood, 16, Zig Zag, Ore., 78, 69.00

5: Jenny Looper, 26, Truckee, Calif., 70, 65.33

6: Kalyn Benaroya, 24, Portland, Ore., Ride, US Outdoorstore, Girl Powder, 73, 54.66

Remaining AM Series Events:

Feb 23â€“24: Boyne Highlands Resort â€“ Harbor Springs, Mich.

Mar 8â€“9: Waterville Valley Resort â€“ Waterville Valley, N.H.

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