

Sylvester @ Hip-Notics 2011 - Press Release

Antalya, Turkey, Hip-notics cable park, December 30-31th, 2011

On Friday and Saturday, the 30th and 31st of December, Antalya Turkey, Hip-notics Cable Park hosted the Sylvester IWWF Cable Wakeboard and Wakeskate International competition, the 4 star ranked final event of the year that also determined the best ranked riders for IWWF Ranking list 2011.

The competition was held over two days, with qualifications on Friday and finals on Saturday. Riders from Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Russia and Turkey competed in four categories, showing their skills to the devoted spectators that remained with us despite the rainy final day after a week of sunshine.

The youngest category, Wakeboard Junior Men, proved to be very strong as usual and concluded with the German podium: Miles Toller 1st, Andre Botta 2nd and Christopher Klein in 3rd place. With stylish rails, front blind tail grab, 90210, switch mobe and a TS BS 720, Miles won this competition and confirmed his success as the 1st ranked Junior Men at IWWF World Ranking list 2011.

Wakeboard Open Ladies drama ended with Sophia Reimers in 1st, Denise de Haan in 2nd and Ginger Pfennings in 3rd place, giving judges hard time to make a close call for the first two podium places. Sophia and Denise both had runs with altogether similar quality, but Sophia's switch mobe finally brought her the deserved victory. AND with the 2nd place today, Denise de Haan of Netherlands just made it on the very last day of 2011 to the very first position of the IWWF World Ranking list 2011 in Open Ladies, winning the prestigious title and prize with 16 points in front of Australia's Angelica Schriber. Well done Denise!

Wakeboard Open Men, again German podium: Tom Richter 1st, Rene Conrad 2nd, Mike Hilgers 3rd. After Rene Conrad made the best performance in qualifications, Tom Richter started just before him in the finals and immediately set the high standard with an impressive first run including stylish rails, huge front blind, not any smaller 90210, switch mobe and tootsie roll over the kicker. Rene followed with unfortunately sketchy landed craw mobe, nice 313, bel air blind, bat wing over the kicker, but not enough to overtake Tom's result. In the second run Rene knew he had to deliver 100% and started off with nice big craw mobe, followed by huge raley 5 but unlucky fell and only made it back with a thumbleturn when he already lost the biggest part of his second run so Tom's first run result was also his final score and the winning place in Wakeboard Open Men. This was a good conclusion of the season for the two Germans that performed at numerous contests this year travelling together as good friends. Still, Rene's 2nd place confirmed his 4th place at the IWWF World Ranking list 2011 in Open Men category.

Wakeskate Open Men: Kai Kissmann got 3rd, Lukas Winkelmann 2nd and the young gun Marcel Tilwitz won the Open Wakeskate Final. Kai Kissmann had to start first in the finals because of a bad qualification run. He started with a Backlip Frontside 270 out on the Table. Then showing some solid flattrick skills, like Shuv-it's, Bigspins and Frontside 360. Unfortunately he fell on the kicker. Lukas Winkelmann couldn't beat him with his first run, because he fell on a Backside Bigspin just before the motor tower. Marcel Tilwitz, also known as Tilli showed a controlled, stylish and technical run. He started with an olli on to Frontboard

at the Table then Flattricks like 360 Shuv-it to revert, Backside Bigspin, Bodyvarial-Shuvit- combination and switch 360. On the kicker he showed a massive Heelside Frontside 360. After that he ollied with a 270 into a Frontsideboardslide on the Wall of the Funbox to end up his solid First run.

Lukas couldn't beat Tilli with his second run. But showing for example a huge 3Shuv'it, Backside Bigspin, and Frontside 360 was enough to put Kai into the third Position. Kai fell on the 2nd run and couldn't get the 2nd place back. So Marcel "Tilli" Tilwitz won the competition with his first run and showed some amazing skills in his second run just for fun. This dude is riding amazing.

Hip-Notics consists of three man-made lakes, continually fed by cool mountain run-off water on its way from the Taurus Mountains to the Mediterranean Sea. The lakes are approximately 170 cm deep; shallow enough to keep the water pretty warm most of the year. Located at the foothills and on the main Antalya-Manavgat road, Hip-Notics is as convenient as it is beautiful. Hip-Notics' lakes cover approximately 90,000 square meters of the property's total land area of about 200,000 square meters. Hip-notics Is the biggest cable park in Turkey located in Antalya. The facilities are open all year long with pleasant weather conditions. The lake has 7 obstacles; Left kicker, right kicker, 1 transfer fun-box, 1 king rail, 1 rail, 1 table, 1 big a-frame.

With cable wakeboard having been recently put on the short list of sports being considered for the 2020 Olympic games, this competition was one of particularly important high ranked events this year for the younger riders to gain valuable experience and results.

For more information on Hip-Notcs park pls visit www.hip-notics.com or contact info@hip-notics.com.tr

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Denise de Haan, best female cable wakeboarder by IWWF World Ranking list: I believe this is the best reward one can get after a season of hard work and I would like to thank Red Bull, O'Neill and Hyperlite for their support. It's a great way to finish 2011, happy New year to everyone and let's hope for even better 2012!!

Finally, on behalf of IWWF Cable Wakeboard Council and Hip-Notics crew, we wish you a splendid and sunny 2012 with lots of good riding! And now we have to hurry up to paaaaaaaarty ©