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Wakeboarder entertain Izmit with their European Championships

Already after the end of the Open categories' finals at 15:00 it's pretty obvious that this European Championships exceeds all previous expectations. For the first time millions of people had the chance to follow such a tantalizing final live. 7 cameras made it possible to celebrate wakeboard at its finest here at the Gökay Park.

Right on time at 13:00 started the live broadcast of 12th the European Championships with the Open Men. Like in past years everything was possible for this final with some of the world's best wakeboarders. 5 Riders had justified chances to get the title. After 2 exciting and exhausting runs Mike Ketellaper (NL) definitely showed that he still has his board under control took the number 1 spot for this year's European Championships. 2nd place after loosing the handle on his last trick is titleholder Dominik Guehrs (GER) and Steffen Vollert (GER) took the third place after risking everything in his second run. After years of Maxine Sapulette's domination things have changed and everything was open in the Open Ladies category. Already at the World Championships Kirsteen Mitchell from Great Britain surprised when she took the title. And she did it again: Kirsteen Mitchell (GBR) is European Champion 2010 and Maxine Sapulette (NL) risked too much in her second run, crashed unfortunately and got second. Denise de Haan (NL) had two solid runs and takes place 3 for her comeback to the cablewakeboard-scene.

As expected Frederic von Osten (GER) took the title for the Junior Men, Declan Clifford (GBR) landed on the second spot and titleholder Rocco van Straten got third.

Especially remarkable is the big interest that was generated by cablewakeboarding in a very short time. One of the main reasons is that this is the third big IWWF competition in Turkey after 2 successful international events in Bursa. For the opening of the Gökay Park more than 5.000 spectators came to see Turkish rock-group "maNga" who performed live on a stage in the middle of the lake.

Press downloads and high quality pictures at:

cablewakeboard.net/en/press-box-european-championships-2010.html

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