

2nd DC Rookie Contest DC Snowpark Kitzbühel stunning young blood action despite tricky weather conditions

Last Saturday, altogether 12 Rookies from Germany, Austria and the U.K. were braving the elements and against somewhat less than perfect weather conditions, they had a stoking session in the DC Snowpark Kitzbühel. Due to safety reasons, the contest was held on the jib-line. Nevertheless, the motivation remained unabated and the young snowboarders showed all their skills on the boxes and rails. In the end Julian Kossmann convinced the judges the most and won with his stylish tricks the 2nd DC Rookie Contest.

Snowfall and rather poor visibility were – so to speak – not the best conditions for the 2nd DC Rookie Contest on the Hangalm. But a true shredneck is not warded off by that so hence, 12 motivated Rookies from Germany, Austria and the U.K. were ready to destroy the DC Snowpark Kitzbühel in the morning of Saturday the 19th of March. As there simply wasn't enough visibility for hitting the big kickers, the whole park was declared as the contest setup and so the boxes and rails were jibbed. Starting in the upper park area, the line moved on to the elephant box, the down-rail, a flat/down rail and the DC Wallride at the end of the park.

After registration, the riders had time to warm up on the obstacles before the judges gave their instructions and explained the judging criteria for the contest. After that, the competition could start: the 12 rookies showed their best tricks on the boxes and rails without being impressed by the tricky weather conditions. A special feature of the contest was, that the youngguns had the chance to shred the park with Planet Sports and DC pro-teamriders. Miriam Hoffman, Marco Smolla and Philipp Strauss were at the rookies' sides not only to judge them but mostly to help them with their tips and tricks. Speaker of the event was Pleasure Mag dude "Öfi" who was thrilled by the high riding level, as were attending freestyler trainers from Tyrol, Saalfelden and Schladming.

In the end, DC Rookie Julian Kossmann (AUT) won ahead of Simon Reitsamer (AUT) and André Höflich (GER). *"The atmosphere amongst the riders was nice. It was only a pity that the weather was not playing along and so the kickers had to be excluded from the setup. Nevertheless, it was a fun day and I think everyone had a lot of fun and that we made the best out of it."*, said the winner of the 2nd DC Rookie Contest Julian Kossmann!

Winner of the "Best Trick" award became Philipp Kundratitz (AUT) from Innsbruck with a stylish hand-plant on the DC Wallride. All the winners were happy about the sweet goodies sponsored by DC and Planet Sports and the one year's subscription to the Pleasure Mag. The "Mini-Shred-Award" went to the youngguns Glen Ironside (UK) and Matthias Dornaus (AUT) who were the youngest participants and for that got some extra goodies by Planet Sports from marketing director Anne Schmidt personally.

Despite the slightly bad weather conditions, it was clearly visible that all riders had fun. Among them, second placed young gun Simon Reitsamer who comments on the day: "Sure at first the weather was a little moody, however when more and more riders arrived we had the whale of a time up there! At the second run I knew that the level of the riders was very high and I had to up the ante. So I tried combining style and technique and was really stoked that I went second. It was really a sick contest, I had tremendous fun and I hope it will take place next year again! Many thanx to DC, Planet Sports and all those who made this contest possible. Respect!!"

We can only hook up to that and also want to say thanks to all participants , guests and sponsors!

