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FISE WORLD SERIES MONTPELLIER THE GRAND FINALE!

When: 29th May - 2nd June

Where: Rives du Lez - Montpellier - France

It has been an epic 5 days of non-stop sports here in Montpellier.

Over 612 583 people turned out to watch the packed schedule of sports. Here is a round up of all the action from the final day.



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Last nights contest was insane. Kieran Reilly, the young rider from England was the first one to launch a crazy run and managed to stay high in

the standings (4th), thanks to an impossible 360 double whip to bar. Mark Webb presented another astonishing show, sending trick after trick. He got 2nd place on the spine ramp, much to the delight of the crowd. His connection with the Montpellier public is so unique that it is difficult to imagine this comp without him. The win went to the flying Argentinian Jose "Maligno" Torres. His 360's at 4 meters higher than the double coping are one of the most impressive things you can see on a BMX. He won easily with one of the highest scores ever to be achieved on the spine ramp.

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World champion Justin Dowell honoured his rainbow jersey with a powerful run. His combos and his signature trick completed on a transfer, earned him 91.20 pts, a score that was unbeaten by his rivals. Second place went to Irek Rizaev, who is getting closer to assuring himself and Russia a place at Tokyo 2020. He chose a unique line and landed his signature big 360 combos. Among the 3 Australians that rode in the last heat, only Logan Martin managed to pull a perfect run. 720 with a barspin in each of the two rotations is a huge points collector, the rest was solid and he ended up third. In the rankings of the nations, America took some points back from Australia in the race for that coveted first spot, which would give them an extra rider to take to the Olympics.

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Matthias Dandois was for sure the favourite today after an electrifying performance in yesterday's semi-final. He produced an exhilarating run but couldn't land his last link and ended up in second place. In first place was Czech rider Dominik Nekolny who completed a very precise and strong run. In third place was Japanese rider and style specialist Moto Sasaki.

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Having riders such as Courage Adams, Boyd Hilder and Dennis Enarson in an event is major and in between park and flatland finals, the street riders showed off a very different way of using their bikes. These days modern bmx street is often about long lines, linking obstacles together.

Australian Boyd Hilder showed the best consistency to take the win ahead of nose manual master Courage Adams. In the best trick competition french talent Anthony Perrin took the win and proved he was one of the best in the game with his bar to icepick on the rail linked with a manual to tooth over 180 on the next flat rail.

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Local rider Lisa-Marie Authié took third place with a high speed run which started with a massive misty flip on the fun box, and the crowd loved every second of it! The current FISE World Series champion, Manon Derrien from Bordeaux, skated her very best for a chance to grab the win in Montpellier. She laced a very clean run, only lacking a bit of speed and amplitude to climb higher than second place. On the top spot stood Chihiro Azuma, 22 years old, who took advantage of her first trip to France to lace two absolutely stunning runs. Smooth, stylish and technical, she simply owned this course from start to finish and rolled away with the gold!

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The level was very high in this competition and the temperature was rising. It was finally the Polish athlete Krystian Kowaleski who got the gold medal with an outstanding score of 27.5. The Russian athlete Evgenii Aroian, came in second place and won the silver medal with a score of 25.5. In third place was the Frenchman Johan Tonnoir with the same score of 25.5 (the two athletes were separated according to their marks during the qualifications). He made a run similar to his first try in qualifying but added two more tricks, which greatly increased the difficulty and quality of his performance.

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Good news! Hikari Izumi was able to participate in the final despite her shin injury yesterday and she even made it onto the podium. She finished 3rd with a run of 15.52 seconds despite her tibial injury. Stefanny Navarro (Spain), came in first place, with a run of 14.12 seconds. Saskia Neville (Netherlands) came second with a run of 15.07 seconds.

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It was an exciting afternoon at the Wakepark where 6 of the world's top riders were competing for the top prize. There was some serious style from Pedro Caldas (3rd) who took pride in riding the course his own way. Commitment and big tricks from Victor Salmon meant he took the win ahead of the young frenchman Jules Charraud.

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