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## FISE MONTPELLIER 2022 BMX on the first days of the festival

### THE BMX GIRLS ARE BACK IN TOWN !

What a long way for female BMX riders. After a very remarkable debut on the Olympic scene, thanks in particular to an epic duel between Hannah Roberts and Charlotte Worthington, the new generation continues to amaze with accelerated progress.

Following the always stylish runs of the pioneers of the discipline, Angie Marino or Cory Coffey, time for contemporary references. Lara Lessman (Germany), Nikita Ducarroz (Switzerland), Minato Oike (Japan), Teresa Fernandez (Spain), and the famous Villegas sisters (Colombia) all ensured their run despite some capricious gusts of wind. Notice the first final from czech rider Iveta Miculycova, at only 16 years old.

They will join the two favorites this Saturday to raise the tone in the finals (**follow it live**). 9 months after the Tokyo final, would it be time for Hannah's revenge?

### A FIRST AND A LAST MINUTE

The rumor of a withdrawal from Matthias Dandois was heard behind the scenes of the FISE, the fault of a serious infection in the foot; but the champion is resilient and it is with a nice “panache” that he took the last train available to offer us a run on one leg. However, a leg from Dandois seems to be enough since he qualifies in second place behind Terry Adams. Fitter than ever, the American is on a roll after his podium at the recent contest in Zurich; he proposed a run full of energy that shows how rigorous training pays off.

He will have to confirm in the semi-final as he will ride last, a position that can be special to deal with. If there were no bad surprises among the most anticipated riders – Viki Gomez (Spain), Alex Jumelin (France), Pakphum Poosa-art (Thailand) going easily to the next round; the good surprise is called Shoji Yu qualified 3rd. For a first time in Europe, the 20-year-old Japanese seduced the judges with his explosive riding when he goes so quick from the rear wheel to the front wheel. It seems that the presence of a large and excited crowd did not impress him too much; which bodes well for Saturday's promising semi-finals.



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## AERIAL VIEW ON THE OBJECTIVE

### UCI BMX Freestyle Park Men Qualifications

There were nearly eighty of them mobilized at 9 a.m. to enter the first major competition of the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup post-Olympics, which means that the day was rich in brilliant actions on the park. The first to shine was Kevin Fabregue with an awakening front flip barspin. This was followed by Kieran Reilly who did not need to show his mind-blowing triple flair recently dropped in a private park. Back after a big injury last year Brian Fox comes back to the place of his famous highlights. Let us remember his stunning 1080, now a daily routine for him. His American compatriot Marcus Christopher imitated him with a run at coffee time for the crowd who came to appreciate the diversity of BMX riding. In this regard, we enjoyed the whole afternoon the outbreak of Japanese riders finding inspiration in the very particular style of Rim Nakamura who will represent them in the semi-final. We also appreciated the panache of the South Americans, Kevin Peraza as their stylish ambassador, who do not hesitate to explore different lines, transfers that will

also have tempted Anthony Jeanjean. The young Frenchman continues his impressive progress and shows more and more maturity, to the point of qualifying in first place... and passing over a photographer on one of these blind transfers and continuing despite the surprise with a triple whip, proof that he is totally...focus. He is ahead of the other top riders used to be at this level, starting with Logan Martin who did not particularly force himself and also came with a frame to offer to the "Share a bike, Share a smile" initiative helping riders in southern countries. When competition rhymes with solidarity, we can only be pleased to see the beautiful BMX family reunited here in Montpellier.

And it's only just the beginning as the Spine ramp welcomes right after these same champions for a first crazy evening on the esplanade of the town hall.

The UCI competition continues this Saturday with the highly anticipated women's final and the men's semi-finals.

**And now starts the most intense weekend of the year. Be ready !**

## THE GREAT TABLE

### **Don't forget the dessert of the BMX Spine Ramp**

The FISE weekend is a bit like a big family meeting where you sit down at the table for hours enjoying good food from BMX (all BMX), Skate, Breaking, Parkour. Then when you seem to be full, the dessert arrives, a cake called a Spine Ramp stuffed with past memories and drizzled with the cream of BMX riders. Difficult to resist for the gourmets we call festival-goers. And that's how the icing on the cake shines: Nose 540 by Kevin Peraza, an unprecedented flip bar to footjam to switch footjam down whip out (just that) for the very promising Colombian Luis Rincon, not to mention the impressive routines by Kieran Reilly and James Jones that carry on the British tradition on the Spine. It is now time to digest all this to quickly resume the program of the feast.

**Coming this Saturday the men's semi-finals of the UCI BMX Freestyle Park and BMX Flatland as well as the women's final in the Park and this evening the Spine Ramp final.**



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