

Reno's Guldemon**d** barely misses Dew Tour podium

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BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. — Chas Guldemon**d** (Reno) earned a hard-fought fourth-place finish at the Winter Dew Tour on Saturday. Guldemon**d**, who landed his first triple cork in competition in the big air section on Friday, finished seventh in the rail portion on Saturday, for a combined score that placed him just off the podium.

The podium was a Canadian sweep: Mark McMorris won the jump section and was fifth in the rail section to take the win, Max Parrot had a standout rail section to put him in second and Sebastien Toutant rode well in both sections to earn the third overall spot.

The Dew Tour competition format was completely reinvented for 2016. Slopestyle athletes competed in two separate contests – a big air event on Friday, which combined the best two scores of four, and a rail section on Saturday, which took the best score of three. The scores were then combined to determine the overall winner, the greatest possible score being 200. Though there was apprehension going into the event, riders seemed to enjoy the format, saying that it gave them a chance to focus on individual obstacles vs. an overall slopestyle run.

Brandon Davis (Mammoth Lakes) had one of the best rail runs on Saturday, placing him in third place for the day. Unfortunately, Davis wasn't able to land a solid trick in Friday's snowy big air event and his combined score of 121.66 placed him in 11th overall.

Eric Willett (Breckenridge, Colo.) had a strong showing in the big air competition on Friday, landing a huge frontside 1440 and a switch backside 1260. Willett was fourth in big air but

struggled in the rail section. He had a stellar third run going but couldn't complete the rotation off his final rail and went down in the end corral. Willett's combined score of 110.65 put him 13th overall.

Brock Crouch (Mammoth Lakes) was eighth with a combined score of 135.99; Eric Beauchemin (Grand Blanc, Mich.) was ninth with a combined score of 128.66; Kyle Mack (West Bloomfield, Mich.) was 14th with a combined score of 105.32; Red Gerard (Silverthorne, Colo.) was 16th with a combined score of 95.66.