

# Anderson snags win in snowboarding Grand Prix

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MAMMOTH – After six days of sunny snowboarding, the Sprint U.S. Snowboarding Grand Prix closed up shop at Mammoth Mountain on Sunday with Jamie Anderson (South Lake Tahoe, CA) and Chaz Guldemon (Reno, NV) winning the Paul Mitchell Progression Session.

Under bluebird skies and balmy temperatures, Anderson led the women followed by Isabelle Lalive (Breckenridge, CO) in second and Molly Wilson (Basalt, CO) third.



Jamie Anderson

Anderson threw out a frontside 3, back 180, tailpress to a 270 out of the box, ollie onto the down rail, indie over the step down, frontside 7 off the last kicker.

For Anderson, being able to throw a 7 was a huge step forward in her progression.

“I’m so happy. I don’t usually do 7s. I’ve been working on them, but they’re not one of my consistent tricks. So I was proud of myself to actually step it up and try because it wasn’t a guarantee that I was going to land,” Anderson said. “I was risking it. The first one I kind of fell on, but the second one I stomped, so I’m pumped.”

After landing her second set solidly, Anderson is ready to take on the rest of the season with a new level of confidence.

“I definitely want to step up my game and do bigger tricks at all the events this winter with X Games and the Dew Tours,” Anderson said. “Knowing that I have this trick dialed is a really good feeling.”

On the men’s side Guldemond put down cab 9, back12, half cab, 50/50 to back 3 out, gap to 50/50, backside rodeo, switchback 9.

Guldemond led with Tyler Flanagan (Encinitas, CA) in second and Brett Esser (Silverthorne, CO) in third.

For Guldemond, being on the podium, let alone winning, was a big step towards the success he’s been missing the last few months.

“I work really hard at what I do. Since last spring I haven’t been on the podium, let alone top 5, so I’m stoked to be back up here,” Guldemond said.

As for the second best reason for throwing a winning run, Guldemond has the spectators in mind.

“I just like to put on a good show for all the people around and it definitely boosts the confidence,” Guldemond.

Both Guldemond and Anderson now plan to fine tune their slope skills at the Winter Dew Tour, which will be Jan. 14-17 at Snowbasin resort in Utah.

As for the Grand Prix, it takes a little break prior to the two event finale at Park City Mountain Resort Jan. 22-23.

## **Men**

1. Chaz Guldemond, Reno, NV, 49.40
2. Tyler Flanagan, Encinitas, CA, 46.70

3. Brett Esser, Silverthorne, CO, 45.30
4. Spencer Link, Corona, CA, 43.30
5. Ryan Stassel, Anchorage, 42.00

**Women**

1. Jamie Anderson, South Lake Tahoe, CA, 48.40
2. Isabelle Lalive, Breckenridge, CO, 36.20
3. Molly Wilson, Basalt, CO, 34.20
4. Lynn Neil, Ogden, UT, 32.40
5. Kaitlyn Farrington, Sun Valley, ID, 31.60