

Truckee's Carroll lands on podium in halfpipe

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COPPER MOUNTAIN, Colo. – Spencer Shaw of Winhall, Vt., and Allyson Carroll of Truckee landed the top steps of the podium at the U.S. Revolution Tour's halfpipe snowboarding contest at Copper.

In a contest stacked with international and national riders, including Olympians, X Games and World Cup medalists, the United States swept the top spots. In addition to the challenging field of riders, athletes were faced with a long day attributed to the huge field forcing finals well into the late afternoon.

“(Tuesday) morning it was really nice. It was bluebird skies and warm. All the girls were happy and ready to go,” explained Carroll, who clinched the win with her first run. “But the day kind of slowed down and we had to wait because things were running late. Finally, finals came and everyone got pumped up again. We took our last run when the moon was coming up. It was pretty cool – a really long day. But it was worth it.”

Carroll, who landed both runs claimed the “W” with a frontside straight air to a backside straight air into a frontside straight air followed by a back 5 to a frontside straight air into a back 7, ending her run with a switchback 5. Sitting in second and third behind Carroll were Kirby Kelly of Algonquin, Ill., and Jenna Dramise of Henderson, Nev.

“My runs went really well. I was just happy to land them because visibility was so tough,” Carroll said. “Landing back-to-back runs is such an awesome feeling.”

In the men's contest, Shaw came back from a fall in his first

run to throw down his second run for the win – although it didn't go exactly how he planned.

The U.S. Revolution Tour at Copper continues today with the men's and women's slopestyle snowboarding contest.

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Men

1. Spencer Shaw, Winhall, VT
2. Kazuumi Fujita, Japan
3. Ryo Aono, Japan

Women

1. Allyson Carroll, Truckee, CA
2. Kirby Kelly, Algonquin, IL
3. Jenna Dramise, Henderson, NV