

Anderson claims Sprint Grand Prix title

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MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN -- Jamie Anderson (South Lake Tahoe) took the Sprint U.S. Grand Prix overall slopestyle title and a \$10,000 cash prize with her win Saturday at Mammoth Mountain.

Karly Shorr (Truckee) put down a progressive run to land second while Jessika Jenson (Rigby, Idaho) took third. Nominations for the first U.S. Olympic team for slopestyle snowboarding will be announced Sunday after the final halfpipe qualifier.

In addition to Olympic qualification, athletes have been competing for a total of \$500,000 in cash prizes throughout the Sprint U.S. Grand Prix tour, including a \$10,000 bonus for Jamie Anderson for winning the Sprint U.S. Grand Prix Tour overall.

Anderson's winning run: 50-50 on down rail, gap to boardslide switch out, cab tail 270 out, switch backside 540, backside 540 and cab 720.

"I didn't have to compete today but I chose to just because it's really good practice going into X Games next week. More than anything it's snowboarding and it's so fun," Anderson said. "It's beautiful weather, the park is all time and I'm just having a good day. It's not just the local Tahoe community; it's the entire U.S. and even my friends throughout that world that are supporting me. It's really special to come together for the Olympics because of how much love you get from your country and representing your nation. It's like nothing I've ever done before."