

Wise finishes second in World Cup halfpipe

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TIGNES, France – The final stop of the FIS World Cup halfpipe tour wrapped up under the lights in Tignes, France, with David Wise (Reno), Alex Ferreira (Aspen) and Brita Sigourney (Carmel) all snagging podium spots and Wise walking away with his first crystal globe as the halfpipe tour title winner.

A much anticipated men's final lived up to its hype with Wise taking an early lead and continuing to increase his score by landing a right double 1440. The crowd thought he had nailed the win, but on the last run, Canadian Mike Riddle outdid Wise to win the World Cup, knocking Wise to second place. X Games bronze medalist, Ferreira claimed third, stomping a clean first run.

"It always plays out interesting at the end of the season for the World Cup title," Wise said. "There's so much that goes into it. It's not just one event. It's not just one run. It's the whole season. So to come down with the crystal globe for the first time in my career is an amazing feeling."

Gus Kenworthy (Telluride, Colo.) who was also in the running to win the World Cup title in both halfpipe and slopestyle, fell during training and did not start in finals, settling for sixth place. Despite not competing in the Tignes finals, Kenworthy still held on for second place in the World Cup halfpipe title. Kevin Rolland of France took third.

On the women's side, Sigourney put down an impressive third run to earn third place behind Ayana Onozuka of Japan and Canadian Cassie Sharpe, respectively. Onozuka threw down one of the most impressive women's runs in history – going higher than most of the men on her second-to-last hit of the night –

and won the World Cup title and the crystal globe.

Devin Logan took fifth in the halfpipe finals, which sat her third place in the World Cup title chase for halfpipe. Annalisa Drew (Andover, Mass.) was eighth in Tignes.