

# Anderson snars 5th U.S. Open title

By USSA

VAIL, CO – The American slopestyle snowboarders reigned supreme at the 35th edition of the Burton U.S. Open on Friday. Kyle Mack (West Bloomfield, Mich.) scored his first major slopestyle win and fellow Michigander Eric Beauchemin (Grand Blanc, Mich) finished right behind him in second. On the women's side Jamie Anderson (Meyers) took home her third-consecutive U.S. Open title and Karly Shorr (Milford, Mich) took second.

Anderson's win was her fifth overall U.S. Open title, and she clinched with trademark style on her first run, which included a tailslide to 270 on one of the bigger rail features and a textbook frontside 720.

"I personally try to come out here and see what works for me," Anderson said of her run. "I try to stay true to what I want to do."

Shorr took second with a solid first run to earn her first U.S. Open podium. She appreciated the 2016 course, which featured unique lines and options that allowed the riders to be creative.

"It was the most fun course I've ridden in a long time," Shorr said after her first run. "Any chance I get to do something different I always try. I actually haven't landed a run at the US Open in a couple of years so I'm just so thankful."

The other three American women in the field were unable to put a full run down: Jessika Jenson (Rigby, Idaho) finished seventh, Hailey Langland (San Clemente) was eighth and Julia Marino (Westport, Conn.) was 12th.

It was the first time an American man has topped the slopestyle podium at the U.S. Open since Eric Willett (Breckenridge, Colo.) won in 2011. Mack earned one of the sport's most-prized titles with a run that included back-to-back triple corks, including a first-in-competition triple cork Japan. Mack, who first competed at the U.S. Open at the age of 7, was thrilled.

"It's been an 11-year journey," Mack said. "To win here in Vail is amazing—I couldn't be more hyped. It's pretty much a dream come true to win this."

Beauchemin (clad in a head-to-toe Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle outfit) had a nearly flawless run to take second to his good friend. "I'm so hyped for my boy Kyle," he said. "We're really good friends so we've been riding together for a long time. There are a lot of good riders that come out of Michigan because they love snowboarding so much. It's crazy – there must be something in the water."

It was a strong showing for the American men: Redmond Gerard (Silverthorne, Colo.), fifth; Brandon Davis (Mammoth Lakes), sixth; Chris Corning (Arvada, Colo.), seventh; Lyon Farrell (Haiku, Hawaii), 10th; Nikolas Baden (Steamboat Springs, Colo.), 14th; Brock Crouch (Mammoth Lakes), 15th; Chas Guldemon (Reno), 19th; Ryan Stassel (Anchorage), 20th; Eric Willett (Breckenridge, Colo.), 21st; Judd Henkes (San Diego), 27th; Shaun White (Carlsbad), 31st.