



WINTER DEW TOUR 2021 Friday, Dec. 17 Results, Highlights and Quotes

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Winter Dew Tour kicked off the first day of final competitions featuring **Women's Ski Superpipe Final presented by Toyota**, **Men's Slopestyle Final**, **Men's and Women's Snowboard Adaptive Banked Slalom Final presented by Toyota** and **Women's Ski Slopestyle Finals**.

Women's Ski Superpipe Final presented by Toyota

The women put on a strong performance to open the day, with technical prowess and progression that resulted in high scores from every competitor. The showdown was between three-time Dew Tour champ **Kelly Sildaru** (EST) and Dew Tour rookie **Eileen Gu** (CHN). In the end, Gu, who was new to the contest scene in 2020 and has been on top ever since, solidified her dominance with two high scores in the 90s by landing the most technically difficult runs in the competition. Gu also took home a second place in the Ski Slopestyle Final and is scheduled to compete in a third discipline of Streetstyle tomorrow afternoon.

"It's amazing to be here at Copper and Dew Tour," said Gu. "There's so much prestige and being able to be here among the cream of the crop of action sports athletes is a huge honor to me. And especially in this pipe at Copper, because I grew up competing in USASA nationals. Hanna (Faulhaber) and I have competed together since we were nine years old in this pipe."

Hanna Faulhaber (Carbondale, Colo., USA) took third, showing that the next generation of progressive skiers have arrived - the podium winner's ages are 17 (Faulhaber), 18 (Gu) and 19 (Sildaru).

Ski Slopestyle Men's Final

Ski Slopestyle Men's ended with an American sweep of the podium. **Alex Hall** (Salt Lake City, Utah) was at the top of the leader board until fellow Park City competitor **Colby Stevenson** came from behind to overtake the lead as the last competitor in the field on run three. Both are also scheduled to compete in Streetstyle tomorrow. Two-time Dew Tour champion and two-time Olympic medalist **Nick Goepfer** (Lawrenceburg, Ind.) took third.

"A win is so insane after all the years I've competed at Dew Tour without a good result," said Stevenson. "I learned that nosebutter double cork on the first jump today. But it's insane to come out here and win a Dew Tour, talk about a dream! And with all three Americans on top - it's different at every comp - but it shows our team has been putting in work and also shows what is to come."

Men's & Women's Snowboard Adaptive Banked Slalom presented by Toyota

The banked slalom course featured a hard and fast course - ideal for racing conditions. The competitors customized their prosthetics, which are adapted specifically for the course and sport. The women's lineup highlighted a field of brand new athletes and the competition proved that the level of skill in the sport continues to grow.

The men's podium resulted in an international finish: **Matti Suur-Hamari** (FIN) in first, **Owen Pick** (GBR) who lost his leg while serving in Iraq and **Ben Tudhope** (AUS) who came from behind in his second to claim the last position.

"It was pretty cool. We had really good weather and the course was holding up pretty good," said Suur-Hamari. "I think I was a bit lucky to get the fastest time today. There were really good riders with me. It was cool, cool to be here, and always good to be here with Adaptive Action Sports and Toyota and Dew Tour. It's always a pleasure."

Kiana Clay (USA) who is Burton Snowboard's first sponsored adaptive athlete, led the charge after Run 1 and was successful in sealing her win in the finals. An avid surfer and motocross athlete, Clay is classified as an athlete with an upper limb disability, which she is pushing for inclusion in future the Paralympic Games. Peggy Martin (USA) took home her second consecutive Dew Tour podium finish and Annika Hutsler (USA) from Aurora, Colo., who was invited to Dew Tour just a few days ago, took third place.

"It's awesome [to compete at home mountain Copper] being in an environment that's very familiar to you, a place that I started snowboarding at Copper adaptively after my accident so this has been a very home-feeling to me," said Clay. "I love Copper and they're super supportive with adaptive action sports and with everything that we do here."

Ski Slopestyle Women's Final

Tess Ledeau (FRA) came out swinging with a 91.50 score, consistent on jumps and smooth on rails. She was the only one in the competition to hit a score in the 90s in challenging weather conditions. In her victory lap, Ledeau attempted and nearly landed a Dub 12 (double cork) on the last jump proving why the style and amplitude of this powerhouse skier is rivaled by few. She took home her first Dew Tour win today and also has a silver medal from her first Dew Tour back in 2018.

"I'm just so happy to land my first run today. Women's skiing is getting incredibly higher and higher and I'm so proud to be part of this moment," said Ledeau.

TOP THREE PODIUM RESULTS

* Full results can be found in the Media Hub

Ski Slopestyle Pipe Women's presented by Final Results

Field of 8, 3 Runs

1. Elleen Gu (CHN) - 96.00
2. Kelly Sildaru (EST) - 93.00
3. Hanna Faulhaber (USA) - 90.75

Ski Slopestyle Men's Final

Field of 10, 3 Runs

1. Colby Stevenson (USA) - 94.25
2. Alex Hall (USA) - 91.75
3. Nick Goepper (USA) - 89.50

Men's & Women's Snowboard Adaptive Banked Slalom presented by Toyota

Field of 9 (Men's) / Field of 6 (Women's), Fastest of 2 Runs

Men's	Women's
1. Matti Suur-Hamari (FIN)	1. Kiana Clay (USA)
2. Owen Pick (GBR)	2. Peggy Martin (USA)
3. Ben Tudhope (AUS)	3. Annika Hutsler (USA)

Ski Slopestyle Women's Final

Field of 16, 3 runs

1. Tess Ledeux (NOR), 91.50
2. Eileen Gu (CHN), 89.00
3. Johanne Killi (NOR), 86.00

DEW TOUR SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, DEC. 18, 2021

*As of 12.17 at 3:48 p.m. and is subject to change

Press Center Hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

<u>Times</u>	<u>Practices / Competitions</u>	<u>Venue</u>
8 am - 8:50 am	Women's Snowboard Slopestyle Warm-up	Slopestyle
9 am - 10:30 am	Women's Snowboard Slopestyle FINALS (full field of 15, three-run final)	Slopestyle
9:30 am - 10:15 am	Women's Snowboard Superpipe presented by Toyota practice	Superpipe

10:30 am - 11:45 am	Men's Snowboard Superpipe presented by Toyota practice	Superpipe
10:45 am - 11:15 am	Men's Snowboard Slopestyle Warm-up	Slopestyle
11:15 am - 1 pm	Men's Snowboard Slopestyle FINAL (field of 25 two-run final)	Slopestyle
11:30 am - 3:15 pm	Men's & Women's Ski & Snowboard Streetstyle practice	Streetstyle
12:10 pm - 1:10 pm	Men's Ski Superpipe presented by Toyota Warm-up	Superpipe
1:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Men's Ski Superpipe presented by Toyota FINALS	Superpipe
3:40 pm - 4 pm	Ski Streetstyle Warm-up (M&W)	Streetstyle
4 pm - 4:20 pm	Women's Ski Streetstyle FINALS	Streetstyle
4:20 pm - 4:40 pm	Women's Snowboard Streetstyle Warm-up	
4:40 pm - 5 pm	Women's Snowboard Streetstyle FINALS	Streetstyle
5 pm - 5:20 pm	Men's Ski Streetstyle Warm-up	Streetstyle
5:20 pm - 5:55 pm	Men's Ski Streetstyle FINALS	Streetstyle
5:55 pm - 6:15 pm	Men's Snowboard Streetstyle Warm-up	Streetstyle
6:15 pm - 6:50 pm	Men's Snowboard Streetstyle FINALS	Streetstyle

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