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**AMPLITUDE RULES! FINCH TAKES THE SWATCH TTR SIX(6)STAR O'NEILL
EVOLUTION HALFPIPE TITLE**

Davos, Switzerland: The "Finnish" finals for the Swatch TTR SIX(6)STAR O'Neill Evolution Halfpipe competition hosted huge air and mind blowing tricks from some of the best snowboarders in the business. Any Finch (USA) took first by almost 30 points, going bigger than any rider in the field which moved him into World No. 4 by just two TTR Ranking Points. The podium was rounded out with Risto Mattila (FIN) in second, and Janne Korpi (FIN) taking third.

Andy threw down the winning run on his second attempt not only going big, but also throwing in some of the most technical tricks of the night. Risto earned 942.30 Swatch TTR ranking points with his podium finish pushing him into current World No. 9. Although Chas Guldemond (USA) didn't make it through to the halfpipe finals, he still stomped a solid run to the cheers of an enormous, energetic crowd placing 11th in his heat and 26th overall and earning 508.17 ranking points moving him into current World Nr. 3.

With the Quarterpipe event on the horizon and another 1000 ranking points in the midst, Chas, Andy, Risto and all the others will battle until their legs are numb.

New changes in the TTR Rankings after this evening's halfpipe session set up a TTR battle of California for tomorrow night's Quarterpipe competition, between riders Chas Guldemond (USA) and Andy Finch. Andy must finish exactly ten places higher than Chas to take Swatch TTR World No. 1. Even if Andy wins the Quarterpipe Title, Chas must place outside the Top 10. However, if Chas makes the podium, he'll move into World No. 1 with an unassailable lead. The tricks, airtime and drama are only going to get more intense as the fight for Swatch TTR World No 1 continues in Davos at the SIX(6)STAR O'Neill Evolution.

Top 10 Results for Halfpipe:

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| 1. Andy Finch | USA | Rip Curl |
| 2. Risto Mattila | FIN | Flow |
| 3. Janne Korpi | FIN | O'Neill |
| 4. Gary Zebrowski | FRA | Nitro |
| 5. Peetu Piironen | FIN | Burton |
| 6. Markku Koski | FIN | Quiksilver |
| 7. Antti Autti | FIN | Flow |
| 8. Markus Malin | FIN | Salomon |
| 9. Gian Simmen | SUI | O'Neill |
| 10. Iouri Podladtchikov | SUI | Santa Cruz |

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Check out freecaster.tv for replays of the night's halfpipe action as well as the TTR video player which hosts a gargantuan amount of new video content from all over Davos. Don't forget the blog which highlights music from Igor Podladtchikov and fresh news from the FOUR(4)STAR Red Bull Nanshan Open in China.

Points Allocation SIX(6) STAR

1st 1000, 2nd 942.30, 3rd 900, 4th 868.06, 5th 842.41, 6th 820, 7th 798.79, 8th 780, 9th 763.35, 10th 746.89, 11th 730.60, 12th 714.50, 13th 698.58, 14th 682.84, 15th 667.28, 16th 651.91

2007/2008 - Swatch TTR World Snowboard Tour Ranking as of: 04/01/2008

Rank	Name	Sponsors	Nation	Score
1	Horgmo, Torstein	DC Oakley	NOR	(743.04)
2	Pearce, Kevin	Burton Adio, Friends, Oakley, Volcom	USA	(712.14)
3	Guldmond, Chas	DC Electric	USA	(647.95)
4	Finch, Andy	Palmer, Ripcurl	USA	(625.82)
5	Aguirre, Mason	Burton Globe, Nixon, Smith	USA	(623.78)
6	Vito, Louie	O Matic, Red Bull, Spy, Volcom	USA	(569.19)
7	Bang, Mikkel	Burton Analog, DVS, Red	NOR	(497.45)
8	Lago, Scotty	Billabong Flow Burn, Smith	USA	(474.94)
9	Mattila, Risto	Billabong Flow Giro, Kostum, Volvo	FIN	(450.77)
10	Caldwell, Wyatt	Rossignol	USA	(443.38)

ABOUT TTR:

Founded by Terje Haakonsen and industry innovators in 2002, the SWATCH Ticket To Ride (TTR) World Snowboard Tour is a non-profit, rider-driven organization representing the progression of snowboarding. The SWATCH TTR World Snowboard Tour is based on global grass root and key independent freestyle snowboarding events over a ten-month period from Southern to Northern Hemisphere locations. Events are rated via a 1-through-6STAR system, with points allocated accordingly, a SIX(6) STAR event holds the highest. Any rider participating in these events, from up-and-coming to professional talent, earns ranking points and a position on the SWATCH TTR World Ranking List. The top male and female rider based on an average of their best six results of the season is crowned SWATCH TTR World Snowboard Tour Champion.

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