

IVP Wakeboarding: Andy Huang of NUS rips through competition to take home Men's Freeride title

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Andy Huang (NUS) on his way to becoming the Men's Freeride champion. Although he didn't have a full stand-up pass, he completed enough high intensity tricks to beat his competitors. (Photo 1 © Sasha Christian/Red Sports)

Bedok Reservoir, Sunday, July 29, 2013 — Andy Huang of the National University of Singapore (NUS) caused an uproar in the the Rip Curl Singapore National Inter-Varsity and Polytechnic Wakeboarding Championships by pulling off a stunning victory. He was the lowest-seeded wakeboarder heading into the preliminary rounds because he sat out the competition in the previous year due to personal commitments. Nevertheless, he showed no signs of rust as he pulled off a stunning routine to top his heat. He continued his good run of form in the final round, pulling off tricks at an extremely high intensity to seal the win.

Andy said: "I wasn't too pleased with my own performance today, came up short on some of the tricks I was confident on landing. Nonetheless, I was happy to see everyone else stepping it up this year, and really progressing on. Hopefully next year, we're able to come down and give an even better performance!"

Runner-up Parvinder was also satisfied with his performance. "Very happy, I did my dream pass today."



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Ng Wei Teck of the Singapore Institute of Management (SIM), who finished third, felt that he did well in his run. "I'm so happy with the results. It's my first time competing after my injury, and it's also my first time taking part in IVP!"

In the Men's Freeride final, Parvinder Singh of Temasek Polytechnic (TP) gave Andy a run for his money, pulling off a flawless run which focused a lot on technical tricks. He was the only wakeboarder to complete a stand-up pass in the final round. Andy stepped up in a big way, pulling off huge air on his tricks, blending it with smooth execution and also exhibiting variety in his trick repertoire. Even though Andy fell twice on his run, it was more than enough to secure him the win from the judges.

Conditions were perfect for wakeboarding on Sunday, with clear sunny skies as the wakeboarders looked to land their best tricks in the final rounds in an event organised by the Singapore Wakeboard Waterski Federation (SWWF).

Each competitor had two passes in their routine to impress the judges and were judged according to three criteria: execution (how well and fluid the tricks were performed or landed), intensity (how high their jumps were made) and composition (how tricks are placed one after another and variety of tricks performed).

Padma Lau of the Singapore Management University (SMU) edged out Fion See Toh of Republic Polytechnic (RP) to claim the top spot in the Women's Novice final. Her combination of power slides and two-wake jumps were enough to help her score enough points with the judges to secure her win.

Vincent Widjaja of SIM stood out in the Novice final, landing two-wake jumps in both the regular and switch stance on his passes, something which his peers in the division were unable to perform. This display of strong fundamentals was duly rewarded by the judges, who gave him a high score and first place.

Casey Yew (TP) was a class above the others in the Intermediate final, landing an array of method and stalefish grabs to chalk up points for composition. He also combined them with huge airs on each of his jumps, something his other competitors were unable to maintain, resulting in a run with no falls at all in his two passes. This allowed Casey to romp his way to victory with a 21-point margin.

Casey was extremely happy with his performance today, especially after recovering from an injury. "It was pretty good! I was lucky today because my shoulder didn't hurt. It wasn't my best performances but it was still good. I hope to make the top three next year when I make the jump to Freeride!"

SMU completed a one-two finish in the Women's Freeride final as Denise Wong and Jasmine Ng finished first and second respectively. Both ladies were neck-and-neck in their runs, pulling off similar tricks in their routines. However, Denise managed to eke out the win, as she was more refined technically and had more air off her jumps.

The Best Trick Contest consisted of the six men from the Men's Freeride final along with three invited wakeboarders, which included 2012 Rip Curl Best Trick winner, Joshua Tay. Each wakeboarder had to call out their trick before performing and had two attempts to land it. One of the biggest moments in the event came when Richard Raju attempted the



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frontflip, a trick that he has never practiced before and managed to land on his second attempt. There were cheers and high-fives all round for Richard after he returned to dry land. However, he was overshadowed by 2012 winner Joshua, who performed a perfect whirlybird (a heelside backflip with a backside 360) on both of his passes to take the Best Trick crown.

Joshua is one of Singapore's top wakeboarders and recently placed first at the Malaysian Nationals in May. He was happy with his second straight win in Best Trick. "I love wakeboarding and it's my passion. Today I wanted to have fun, and winning was a real bonus for me."

Women's Novice Final

1st Padma Lau (SMU) — 34.91
2nd Fion See Toh (RP) — 34.78
3rd Sirada Pungthong (SIM) — 30.34

Men's Novice Final

1st Vincent Widjaja (SIM) — 44.56
2nd Kenneth Teo (TP) — 40.00
3rd Reuben Thia (TP) — 39.23

Men's Intermediate Final

1st Casey Yew (TP) — 57.91
2nd Donovan Tan (NTU) — 36.58
3rd Sherman Song (TP) — 36.35

Women's Freeride Final

1st Denise Wong (SMU) — 36.34
2nd Jasmine Ng (SMU) — 35.23
3rd Jessica Tsang (RP) — 33.22

Men's Freeride Final

1st Andy Huang (NUS) — 67.90
2nd Parvinder Singh (TP) — 65.22
3rd Ng Wei Teck (SIM) — 59.66

Rip Curl Mirage Board Shorts Best Trick Contest (Open)

1st Joshua Tay — Whirlybird (a heelside backflip with a backside 360)
2nd George Hartmann — Krypt (Raley with a frontside 180)
3rd Richard Raju — Frontflip

Team Overall Results

1st Temasek Polytechnic (TP) — 405 points
2nd Singapore Management University (SMU) — 400 points
3rd Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) — 340 points

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Parvinder Singh (TP) finishes his first pass with a heelside backroll. He was the only rider in his division with two stand-up passes. (Photo 2 © Sasha Christian/Red Sports)



Ng Wei Teck (SIM) landed a run with two inverts to finish third in the Men's Freeride. It was his first competition since the knee injury he sustained two years ago. (Photo 3 © Sasha Christian/Red Sports)



Denise Wong (SMU), seeded fifth in the final, won the Women's Freeride division. She had been training as early as 7am, three time a week, in preparation for this competition. (Photo 4 © Sasha Christian/Red Sports)



Casey Yew (TP) impresses the judges with his big heelside stalefish grab. His high intensity and execution earned him first place in the Men's Intermediate. (Photo 5 © Sasha Christian/Red Sports)



Vincent Widjaja (SIM), winner of the Men's Novice, was the only rider in his division to successfully land regular and switch two-wake jumps. (Photo 6 © Sasha Christian/Red Sports)



Padma Lau (SMU) wins in Women's Novice made a big contribution to SMU's overall team points. (Photo 7 © Sasha Christian/Red Sports)



Joshua Tay, one of Singapore's top wakeboarders, wins the Ripcurl Best Trick Contest for the second year in a row with a whirllybird. (Photo 8 © Sasha Christian/Red Sports)



George Hartmann, part of the stunt crew from Universal Studios, sticks a krypt which lands him in second place of the Best Trick Contest. (Photo 9 © Sasha Christian/Red Sports)



Richard Raju surprises the crowd as lands a frontflip on his second attempt to win 3rd place in the Best Trick Contest. (Photo 10 © Sasha Christian/Red Sports)



Andy Huang wins the Men's Freeride event convincingly at this year's IVP Wakeboarding Championships. (Photo 11 © Low Sze Sen/Red Sports)



Parvinder Singh rises for a grab. His good form secures him second place in the Men's Freeride event. (Photo 11 © Low Sze Sen/Red Sports)



Winner of the Best Trick event, indestructable Joshua Tay impresses the crowd with his whirlybird manouevre. (Photo 12 © Low Sze Sen/Red Sports)



Despite the lack of practice and nursing laryngitis, Richard Raju looks the part with his frontflip heelside. (Photo 13 © Low Sze Sen/Red Sports)



George Hartmann, from the Universal Studios stunt team, builds up speed and momentum as he starts his run up for an air krypt manoeuvre. (Photo 14 © Low Sze Sen/Red Sports)



Adriel Adnan finds the handle behind his back as he attempts a heelside 540. (Photo 15 © Low Sze Sen/Red Sports)



Parvinder Singh's choreography makes it look so easy as he executes a frontflip in the 'Best Trick' event. (Photo 16 © Low Sze Sen/Red Sports)



Kevin Chua gets the great height required to perform his heelside 360. (Photo 17 © Low Sze Sen/Red Sports)



A demonstration by the Universal Studios stunt team of the 'Air Chair' fitted with with a high performance hydrofoil. (Photo 17 © Low Sze Sen/Red Sports)