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WOMEN POWER: LAAX OPEN 2023 and the world's best female freestylers

Johanne Killi (SWE/Freeski) and Mia Brookes (GBR/Snowboard) win Slopestyle Semi-Finals

Women's Freestyle - fifty professional riders showed what that means today: Progressive, technically demanding and apparently effortless as they flew over the kickers. All eyes were on the slopestyle course for the women's snowboard and freeski semi-finals. The world's best freestylers are united here at the start as a premiere because the ladies on two boards are taking part in the FIS World Cup at Crap Sogn Gion for the very first time. These dames rocked those massive kickers and rail features.

Freeski Slopestyle Semi-Finals Women

The favourites made it to Sunday's final in the freeski competition, among them the Swiss Olympic champions Sarah Höflin (2nd) and Mathilde Gremaud (4th/SUI). Gremaud is full of praise for LAAX: "Mega smooth kickers. We are always in Laax with the team and love it! They really did a super job." Among others, World Champion Tess Ledeux (3rd/FRA) and Kirsty Muir (6th/GBR) as well as Johanne Killi (NOR) wait for her in the final. Johanne was the most compelling, receiving the top score of the day. Incidentally, she was at the top of the podium in the European Freeski Open here in LAAX 2014: "So nice to be back in LAAX."

Women's Snowboard Slopestyle Semi-Finals

The next generation showed up and showed off: Young Mia Brookes (GBR), celebrating her sixteenth birthday here in LAAX, creates a sensation and moves into Saturday's grand final as semi-finals winner in her first World Cup season with an incredible amount of style from top to bottom and killer tricks on the rails: "I've been following the LAAX OPEN for years, I'm so happy to finally be able to ride here myself with all my idols like Anna or Zoi."

In the final of the best eight she will face, among others, overall World Cup leader Reira Iwabuchi (4th/JPN) and Olympic champions Anna Gasser (2nd/AUT) and Zoi Sadowski-Synnott (3rd/NZL).

The slopestyle finals will take place on Saturday, 21.01.2023 (Snowboard), and Sunday, 22.01.2023 (Freeski), both at 1:15 p.m.

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