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Japanese double victory at the LAAX OPEN

Ruka Hirano and Onu Mitsuki are the LAAX OPEN Halfpipe 2023 Champions. Due to their performances in Thursday's semi-finals, the two Japanese freestylers secured their first titles in LAAX at the FIS Snowboard World Cup.

Scotty James (2nd /AUS) and Yuto Totsuka (3rd/JPN) completed the podium in the men's competition and Shaotong Wu (2nd/CHN) and Maddie Mastro (3rd/USA) in the women's concurrence. Best Europeans were Olympic silver medalist Queralt Castellet (4th/SPA) and German Andre Höflich (6th), who placed ahead of local Jan Scherrer (7th/SUI).

In consultation with the riders, the FIS cancelled the much-anticipated night final due to obstructive wind and fog weather conditions.

World Cup leader and LAAX fan Scotty James said: "It is a winter sport, and it is what I signed up for. I signed up for the cold, I signed up for the wind, the snow and everything in between."

On Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, the slopestyle finals in snowboarding and freeskiing will conclude the LAAX OPEN 2023, with the action starting at 9:30 a.m. at Crap Sogn Gion.

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