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Mathilde Gremaud and Birk Ruud are LAAX OPEN 2024 champions in freeski slopestyle

The freeski final at Crap Sogn Gion – twenty of the world’s best freeski athletes conclude the LAAX OPEN 2024, Europe's most prestigious freestyle event and FIS Freeski World Cup host for the second time.

Numerous winter sports enthusiasts and freestyle fans line the 500-metre-long course in the LAAX snowpark. From top to bottom, it offers riders a variety of opportunities to show off their skills, within reach of spectators and unique on the FIS World Cup circuit. The “Shark Fins” are the most popular with spectators: 10-metre-high curved wings, to be taken on the right or left, conjure up a trick in the air, land and then ride into the kicker line at full speed. Creativity is crucial in this sport and perfect technique on the two boards is also part of the athletic acrobatic performance!

Olympic champion Mathilde Gremaud masters this brilliantly, taking the first podium on this glorious weekend for Swiss-Ski. With a top run and tricks such as a double cork 1080, the Fribourg native is a touch better than superstar Eileen Gu, just as she was at the Olympics. First World Cup podium for Jay Riccomini (USA) in third place.

There is also a new LAAX OPEN champion in the men’s event with Birk Ruud: “To take the top spot is just a really good feeling and I’m very proud of myself today.” The serial winner leads an extremely close, high-class quintet. He is followed by Mac Forehand (second/USA) and Max Moffat (third/CAN), who causes a sensation in the finish area with a metre-high jump on the final quarter. Olympic champion Alex Hall (USA) finishes in fourth place. LAAX OPEN 2023 champion Andri Ragettli (SUI) was a highly acclaimed fifth.

LAAX OPEN 2024 results can be found here: <https://open.laax.com/results>

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