



News Release

Matthews has best finish yet at 2010 Snowboarding Nationals

Stoneham, Quebec (April 12, 2010) – Andrew Matthews came very close to the men's final in Halfpipe (Pipe) at the Canadian National Championships, held on March 28th at Stoneham, Quebec. This event attracts always the best riders in the country including this year's Olympic Team. Andrew was representing the NWT at Nationals and placed 14th, which meant he narrowly missed advancing to finals by 2 spots.

The Halfpipe was built to the same standards as the Olympic Pipe. There was a lot of effort put into perfecting the Pipe for the competition and it paid off. This made the level of riding a lot higher than the previous year at Nationals. Halfpipe involves a best of two judged runs format for qualifiers and finals. Riders perform tricks on both walls of the Pipe and are judged based on trick amplitude, execution and overall impression. Riders need to have strong technical board skills to maintain their speed in order to get air out of the Pipe.

Following the competition, Matthews was caught saying, "I had a lot of fun progressing in this Pipe. I learned a lot about what I need to do to continue to strive for the top. I'm happy with the improvements that I've made so far this year but I don't feel like I've reached my potential yet. I'm working hard with my coach to improve on my weaknesses because I am still determined to become one of Canada's top freestyle riders."

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