



Successful 2nd tour stop of the 10th Zillertal VÄLLEY RÄLLEY in the Zillertal Arena in wintry conditions

On 21 and 22 January 2023, the 2nd Zillertal VÄLLEY RÄLLEY tour stop hosted by Blue Tomato & Ride Snowboards took place at the Actionpark Kreuzwiese in the Zillertal Arena. More than 70 participants from all over Europe took part in the second event of the popular Zillertal Snowboard Amateur Series in Zell am Ziller. With its unique combination of snowboard freestyle coaching and internationally recognised snowboard slopestyle competitions, the VÄLLEY RÄLLEY has grown over the last decade to become the leading snowboard freestyle amateur junior tour in all of Europe.

Winter is finally here! With fresh powder, the 2nd Zillertal VÄLLEY RÄLLEY tour stop celebrated its debut on 21 January at the Actionpark Kreuzwiese in the Zillertal Arena. Many young snowboarders took advantage of the official coaching & training day on Saturday to celebrate their first turns and jumps in deep, fresh snow. At the open slopestyle competition on Sunday, 22 January, teams from Finland to Spain fought an exciting battle for the first podium places. Lots of prizes, medals and of course prize money and valuable overall points awaited the winners of all 8 categories.

Joewen Frijns from Belgium caused a sensation with his "Frontside Blunt 450 out", earning him the Horsefeathers Best Trick Award, while 6-year-old York Kim from the Netherlands was crowned "most impressive Grom of the dÄy" by the Ästhetiker judges as a VÄLLEY RÄLLEY newcomer in her very first ever snowboard competition. As the best male snowboarder, Linus Margreiter from Austria won the contest in the class "Overall Men." In the girls' category, Romy Van Vreden from Team Netherlands showed the best performance in the Rookie class and thus took the gold medal in one go as the best female participant of the contest in the category "Overall Women." In the Rookie Boys (16-18 years), Elias Hamalainen from Finland was delighted with his victory, also picking up the silver medal in the Overall Men. Viktorie Zvadova won the Grom Girls (13-15 years) ahead of her twin sister Sara Zvadova, which put both of them right behind Romy in second and third place in the overall women's ranking. In the Super Groms (under 13 years) contest, Marie Kuhlmann from Team Germany took the victory again and Matyas Krejci from the Czech team stood at the top of the podium in the Super Grom Boys.

The shapers from the Zillertal Arena are happy about the successful event: "The Zillertal VÄlley RÄlley has once again brought the young stars of the snowboard scene to the Actionpark Kreuzwiese. Thanks to the Ästhetiker team and the kids who took part - we're looking forward to next year!"

The Actionpark Kreuzwiese in Zell will now remain open until mid-April and will be shaped daily. Every Tuesday the Zillertal Arena offers free freestyle coachings with the Ästhetiker Shredschool. The meeting point for the coaching sessions is always Tuesdays at 11.00 a.m. at the tipis in the park.

With the second of four contest results, the cards have been reshuffled in the Zillertal Arena. The new overall tour ranking can be viewed at valleyralley.at. The overall tour winners will be crowned the new Zillertal VÄLLEY RÄLLEY royal family after the fourth and last tour stop in April at the Hintertux Glacier. Points on the international World Snowboard Point List (WSPL) were also awarded for participation. The tour stop also counted as the ASA (Austrian Snowboard Association) Austria Cup. All rookies (U18) were able to add credits to their World Rookie Ranking points account. More information is available at www.valleyralley.at

All results and new tour ranking: <https://valleyralley.at/results/season-22-23/>

Photo and video gallery: <https://valleyralley.at/#gallery>

Videos by Maurino Castellani

Overall men's winner: <https://vimeo.com/791943936>

Horsefeathers Best Trick Award & most impressive Grom: <https://vimeo.com/792595657>

1. Place Rookie Girls & Boys (16.-18J): <https://vimeo.com/792249157>

1. Place Grom Girls & Boys 13-15J): <https://vimeo.com/792250983>

1. Place Super Grom Girls & Boys (U13) <https://vimeo.com/792146164>

Powder coaching: <https://vimeo.com/791448833>

Park Overview Zillertal Arena with Steve Gruber: <https://vimeo.com/791448669>

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