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Spotlights on the best halfpipe riders in the world Snowboarders Mitsuki Ono and Scotty James are the LAAX OPEN 2024 halfpipe champions

Over 15,000 spectators make their way to Crap Sogn Gion for the legendary halfpipe night final and celebrate the twenty finalists of the LAAX OPEN 2024 with roaring ovation. The 200-metre-long superpipe presents itself like royalty under floodlights, lined from top to bottom with enthusiastic fans. Who will be crowned the 2024 champion?

The Asian riders unleash a feast of rotations: 10er, 12er and 14er combos without end. The hero of the evening, once again following 2019 and 2020, Scotty James. With one of the most stylish halfpipe runs of all time, the Australian wowed the crowds and scored 94 points: "I am so stoked and really proud. Competition is tough; everyone is riding incredibly well and the margin for error is pretty much zero. Execution was really important tonight. The young guys were ripping, keeping me on my toes and I'm excited to still be pushing." Valentino Guseli (AUS), the next generation, landed in second place, making a world premiere with a frontside 1620 on the last hit. The LAAX crows celebrates him like a local. Japan's Ruka Hirano completes the podium in third place.

In the women's event, last year's winner Mitsuki Ono from Japan won with 81.75 points, ahead of the young American Bea Kim and Ruki Tomita (JPN). Two-time Olympic champion Chloe Kim failed both runs and finished the LAAX OPEN 2024 in fourth place.

All LAAX OPEN 2024 FIS Snowboard World Cup results can be found here:
<https://open.laax.com/results>

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