

70 cm fresh pow created a winter wonderland at the 28th KTO and provided outstanding conditions for this season opening.

Blue bird powder days, massive shreds, heaps of side events, wild party sound and overwhelming community spirit showed once again that the Kaunertal Opening is one of it's kind and will continue to claim to be one of the best openings in Europe.

The KTO 13 started off with an onset of winter including everything a snow loving person can ever ask for. 70 – 90 cm fresh powder managed to create a winter wonderland at the Kaunertal Glacier overnight. Big white flakes covered all the summer dust up and put a smile on every winter loving person. Nature well meant it a little too well though. That's why the glacier action had to be moved from the glacier to the valley because of safety reasons on Friday. A creative and fun alternative program was offered in Feichten with an alternative program filled with creative street style set- ups and backyard jumps. Besides a snowboard museum with snowboards of 3 decades, Blue Tomato Mini Skate Ramp and the go- shred BBQ and Monster DJ Sound gave a cultural, culinary and musical touch to it.

KTO 2013 – day 1: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwI3lc9IyY&feature=youtube_gdata

On Saturday the doors of the Kaunertal Glacier road were open again for thousands of visitors to experience the opening action for 2 days.

A highlight of the Opening was indeed the new Blue Tomato Festival with about 70 brands that offered their latest clothing and riding gear to test for free. Besides that DJ Badspin played some smooth and chill beats.

Another fix point of the opening was the Freeski and Snowboard Contest. The Schneestern crew played their magic and build a perfect park set up within the shortest time frame.

30 Freeskiers and Snowboarder battled for one of the desired wildcards for the pro contest on Sunday. The standard was really high. Tobi Müller won the freeski contest by far. Best Rookie and best male Rider Titel were won by him. Anna Paul was the strongest female rider.

Thomas Wolf was the strongest male Snowboarder and shared the podium with Cathrine Marquis, the strongest female Freeskier.

The pro contest on Sunday brought out the elite of the national and international Freeski and Snowboard Szene. The prizemoney this year was 10.500 USD.

KTO 2013 – day 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYNorSSK8JE>



The first hettrick in history of the KTO went to Eric Beauchemin. He won the Pro Contest for the last three years. Follow ups were Ryan Hryckiewicz and the austrian Peter Walchhofer.

Andri Ragetti killed the freeski contest this year. Not only did he become best Rookie and the award for best trick, the 15 year old Swiss Rider also won the overall male Freeski Contest.

Parallel to that the Monster Rail Session presented by downdays.eu & Snowboarder MBM brought the back from summer riding to a higher level. Jibbing skills at it's finest were seen. With his remarkable style, Stefan Langgaster won the Snowboard Rail Session.

The freeskier Alex Hall stood out the most out of all the Freeskiers. Rosina Fiedel as the only girl in the competition and was head to head with her male competitors.

Nother highlights were the legendary Party night at the party tent in Feichten.

On Friday night the snow addict crowd went wild to the beats from VZI Live Looping (AUT), London Guns DJs (UK) and DJ David Suivez (CH). Movie premieres from WhatWeWantFilms and Junkies on a Budget spread the excitement that skiing brings.

The crew from Atomique p.tha & Con Live got the party started on Saturday. Follow up were the Discodogs who provided escalation royal! Wax Wreckaz endet the Music Festival at the KTO in their well-known explosive manner.

Video premieres from snowboard movie production companies like Legs of steele and the Priates set accents at the party on Saturday and got the crowd stoked for what they know doing best.

This was KTO 2013! A great Snowpark weekend with friends.





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