U.S. Athletes Anna Gay And Freddy Krueger Win Titles At Nautique Moomba Masters International Invitational

Four U.S. athletes earn placements at 43rd Nautique Junior Moomba Masters

POLK CITY, Fla. – U.S. water ski athletes Anna Gay (Winter Garden, Fla.) and Freddy Krueger (Winter Garden, Fla.) won titles in respective events at the 59th Nautique Moomba Masters International Invitational, March 8-11, on the Yarra River in Melbourne, Australia.

Gay won the women’s tricks title, scoring 10,010 points in the finals. Canada’s Neilly Ross placed second (9,420 points) and U.S. athlete Erika Lang (Gilbert, Ariz.) finished third (9,150 points).

Krueger won the men’s jumping title, soaring 218 feet in the finals. Chile’s Rodrigo Miranda placed second (216 feet) and Russia’s Igor Morozov finished third (214 feet).

Other athletes winning titles were: Giannina Bonnemann (Germany), women’s overall (2,722.54 points); Jacinta Carroll (Australia), women’s jumping (184 feet); Thomas Degasperi (Italy), men’s slalom (2 buoys at 41 feet off); Martin Kolman (Czech Republic), men’s tricks (10,930 points) and overall (2,885.18 points); and Whitney McClintock (Canada), women’s slalom (4 buoys at 38 feet off).

Other U.S. athletes who advanced to the finals in respective events were: Brooke Baldwin (Winter Garden, Fla.), who finished sixth in jumping (139 feet), sixth in tricks (6,170 points) and second overall (2,495.09 points); Taylor Garcia (Winter Garden, Fla.), who placed fourth in men’s jumping (214 feet); Russell Gay (Winter Garden, Fla.), who finished third in men’s tricks (9,750 points); Lauren Morgan (Seattle, Wash.), who placed second in women’s jumping (170 feet); and Nate Smith (McCordsville, Ind.), who finished runner-up in men’s slalom after a run-off with Degasperi. After both skiers tied with 2 buoys at 41 feet off in the finals, Degasperi won the subsequent run-off by scoring 1-1/2 buoys at 39-1/2 feet off to Smith’s ½ buoy at 39-1/2 feet off.

Complete results can be found at http://www.iwwfed-ea.org/classic/19AUS322/.
In the Moomba Night Jump & Slalom events, Krueger won jumping with a distance of 216 feet, while Smith won slalom with a score of 6 buoys at 39-1/2 feet off. Complete results from the night events can be found at http://www.iwwfed-ea.org/classic/19AUS321/.

U.S. water ski athletes Ali Garcia (Winter Garden, Fla.), Ryan Gay (Winter Garden, Fla.), Blaze Grubbs (Rio Linda, Calif.) and Garrett Reese (Walnut Creek, Calif.) competed in respective events at the 43rd Nautique Junior Moomba Masters, March 6-7, in Melbourne, Australia. Titles were up for grabs in slalom, tricks, jumping and overall. The Junior Moomba Masters determined its champions by the two-round scoring total.

Garcia placed third in girls' slalom (5 buoys at 35 feet off/2-1/2 buoys at 35 feet off); Gay finished fourth in boys' tricks (4,240 points/7,740 points); Grubbs finished fifth in boys' slalom (1 buoy at 35 feet off/2 buoys at 38 feet off), eighth in tricks (4,290 points/5,690 points), third in jumping (144 feet/150 feet) and second overall (2,534.25 points); and Reese finished 10th in boys' slalom (1 buoy at 35 feet off/2-1/4 buoys at 35 feet off) and fifth in jumping (130 feet/139 feet).

Junior Moomba Masters' event winners were as follows: Sade Ferguson (Australia), girls' slalom (3-1/2 buoys at 35 feet off/2-1/2 buoys at 38 feet off), jumping (125 feet/131 feet) and overall (2,677.73 points); Neilly Ross (Canada), girls' tricks (8,790 points/8,790 points); Federico Jaramillo (Colombia), boys' slalom (5 buoys at 38 feet off/4-1/2 buoys at 38 feet off); Patricio Font (Mexico), boys' tricks (9,560 points/11,200 points); and Tobias Giorgis (Argentina), boys' jumping (160 feet/170 feet) and overall (2,988.89 points).

In the Junior Moomba Night Jump, Grubbs and Reece tied for the title with a distance of 152 feet (46.3 meters) in the finals.

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