

Kendall Brown wins Burton Canadian Open!

In a fantastic build-up to the Winter Olympics, Kendall Brown has taken out her biggest event title with a win at the TTR 5-Star Burton Canadian Open in Calgary. Kendall dominated semi-finals early in the day being rewarded for her smooth and stylish riding, and was ranked first going into the 8-women final. Despite crashing out in her first run, Kendall went on to stomp her 2nd run with trademark amplitude and back-to-back 540 combo to score 83 points out of a possible 100. By the time Kendall dropped for her 3rd run scores were in and she knew it was a victory lap. Kendall is looking forward to heading across to Vancouver later this week to compete at her 2nd Winter Olympic Games on the 18th of February.

"This is my first time at the Canadian Open and I am just stoked to be here! I tried to go big and smooth and all in all it was a pretty good day" said Brown right after her final run of the day.

Juliane Bray was also in action in the final but was unable to repeat her strong riding from semis finishing in 7th. Kendall and Juliane will be joined by team-mates Rebecca Sinclair, Mitchell Brown and James Hamilton in Vancouver to form the strongest kiwi snowboard contingent gathered at a Winter Olympics. New Zealand Snowboard Team Coaches Tom Willmott and Michael Bell were proud of the kiwi's performance in Calgary and are confident that the team is ready for the big show in Vancouver.

For images from the Burton Canadian Open go to www.opensnowboarding.com

Cheers,

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