



WRAP UP: VERBIER FREERIDE WEEK 2018!

Verbier, Switzerland – January 17, 2018 – Riders from **21 nations** kicked off the 2018 European competition season in Verbier, Switzerland during the Verbier Freeride Week on January 6-14. The highly anticipated annual gathering of up and coming freeriders once again did not disappoint freeride fans.

Freeride Junior Tour (FJT)

Spectators in Verbier were dazzled on a spectacular sunny day watching young freeride skiers under 14 years old sticking technical lines and floating big spins.

Martin Bender (SUI) and **Jeanne Aeby (FRA)** took the top podium spots at the first edition of **U-14** in Verbier.

The good vibes continued into the older category with a high-performance competition dominated predominantly by athletes coached by former FWT legends Geraldine Fasnacht and Emilien Badoux. **Liam Rivera (MEX)** emerged as the winner in Snowboard Men, the Swiss dominated the Women and Men's Ski categories with wins by **Sybille Blanjean (SUI)** and **Jonas de la Jara (SUI)**. Chamonix local **Anna Martinez (FRA)** took the top podium spot amongst the women snowboarders.

Check out the best of the action from the day here ↓



Freeride World Qualifier (FWQ)

Stunning snow and weather conditions with exciting runs set the scene for the three FWQ events in Verbier. An incredibly diverse group of athletes hailing from nearly every corner of the planet were present among the hungry field of riders looking to earn early season points. After showcasing their big mountain skills, riders re-lived all of the action in an atmosphere full of stoke at the event after party at **Pub Mont Fort**.

SKI MEN

The category was in Swiss hands with **Alessandro Jossen (SUI)** showcasing big performances and winning two out of three comps. The third win went to Paul de Pourtales (SUI).

SKI WOMEN

Very strong riding from **Ida Gunleiksrud (NOR)** earned her two wins with consistent efforts from Martina Müller (SUI) and Sofie Gidlund (SWE), taking two podiums each.

SNOWBOARD MEN

It was all about the awesome lines, unmatched skill, and playful riding from the three friends, **Koen Goris (BEL)**, Lars Peirtsegaele (BEL), and Timm Schröder (GER).

SNOWBOARD WOMEN

Fiona Torello (ESP) took all three wins with her skillful and technical riding and Valerie Verdeur (FRA) and Tiphonie Perrotin (FRA) were both very solid, topping three and two podiums respectively.

Check out the most exciting action and best runs from the FWQ events here





That's a wrap from Verbier Freeride Week. Be sure to head over to the **FWT YouTube channel** to watch all of the runs and edits and stay tuned to **FWT social media channels** for the latest tour and rider news.

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