



Jake Brown Conquers Bob Burnquist to Capture First X Games Big Air Gold Medal

Los Angeles – After past X Games competitions left Brown just short of victory, Jake Brown finally captured his first gold Skateboard Big Air gold in STAPLES Center at X Games 15.

After five years of competition, Brown barely edged out two-time gold medalist Bob Burnquist. Tied with a 94.00 down the stretch, both riders were unsuccessful in landing their final run, making Brown the champion by virtue of his next highest score (91.33). The gold finally in hand, Brown nonetheless expressed disappointment over failure to complete his ultimate goal: A 900 off the mega ramp.

“I’d like to thank the fans for their support and the energy of the crowd was incredible,” said Brown. “If I had made the 900, I would have been even more psyched.”

Burnquist set a strong tone with opening round score of 91.00 before eventually succumbing to Brown. He was proud of the way he and his fellow riders continually took on the challenge of launching off the 70-foot ramp.

“Everyone stepped up and honored the sport,” said Burnquist.

Rob Lorifice ultimately captured the bronze medal on his final run after struggling throughout most of the competition.

Information on all X Games events can be found on www.xgames.com for fans or on www.espneventmedia.com for media only.

ABOUT ESPN’S X GAMES FRANCHISE

ESPN, The Worldwide Leader in Action Sports, first developed its X Games franchise in 1995. Part of ESPN Content Development, X Games, Winter X Games and All Access are just some of the original action sports programming currently shown on ESPN and ESPN2. In addition to the two U.S.-based events, ESPN has held X Games competitions and demonstration events around the world including Dubai, Thailand, Brazil, Mexico, Korea, Malaysia and Spain. The global

franchise has also expanded its reach to www.espn.com/action, the definitive site for action sports fans, and to consumer products such as X Games bikes, protective gear, skateboards and DVDs.

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