



X Games California 2023 Day One News and Results

X Games California 2023, the world's premier action sports competition, kicked off Friday, July 21, 2023, at the Ventura County Fairgrounds & Events Center. The excitement was at an all-time high as X Games welcomed fans back to a Southern California event for the first time in 10 years.



Monster Energy BMX Megapark and Monster Energy Skateboard Megapark

Taking place earlier in the week, Monster Energy BMX Megapark saw Australian fan-favorite Ryan Williams defend his title with the two-highest scores of the day - winning by more than five points. It was R. Willy's third run, an off-axis 1080 over the gap and a frontflip inward bike flip on the second gap. He is competing in four disciplines in this event and looking to become the first athlete since Travis Pastrana in 2006 to win three gold medals in the same X Games event. 40-year-old Morgan Wade earned silver in his 21st X Games appearance and Jaie Tooley took bronze for his third overall X Games medal.

In Monster Energy Skateboard Megapark, France's Edouard Damestoy also defended his title and third X Games victory in the past 12 months.

"It's harder when you go to a contest and you have to defend the title," said Damestoy. "It's definitely harder than coming in as an outsider, when people have no expectations! But I like this new feeling better: When you defend the title, it's like you have the belt and you want to keep it."

The silver medal went to Brazil's Gui Khury who now owns seven medals before age 15. Khury showed off, landing two 900s in each of his best two runs. Tom Schaar earned bronze, his 10th career X Games medal. He is the only skater competing in four disciplines this weekend.

Thayer's BMX Dirt Elimination:

On Friday morning, 16 BMX athletes competed on the four-jump dirt downhill course, featuring a variety of jumps, gaps, and berms ranging from 17 to 25 feet. The two-run format whittled the field from 16 to the top eight riders, who each earned a spot in Saturday's Finals. The rookie, 20-year-old Brady Baker, qualified in the top spot, with the top eight also earning their place in finals.

Women's Skateboard Street Elimination and Men's Skateboard Street Elimination:

In both the Men's and Women's Eliminations, 16 skaters in each field, put down their best 45-second run, in attempts of being among the top eight moving on. The Street course features stair sets, banks, manual pads, ledges, rails, and quarterpipes and boasts a design with Ventura High School vibes.

X Games 2022 gold medalist Momiji Nishiya took the top spot for the women. Newcomer, 14-year-old Shiloh Catori surprised the crowd, qualifying in second place ahead of Chloe Covell and Liz Akama.

For the men, Yuto Horigome, Ryan Decenzo and Gustavo Ribiero led the pack and claimed the first, second, and third spots, respectively.

BMX Street Finals

In Friday's first final competition, Kevin Peraza earned his first X Games BMX Street Gold. The 28-year-old rider rode with clean style and landed massive, technical tricks. This gold in Street marks Peraza's third overall X Games gold - with one in Park and Dirt as well. His run included a highlight-reel wallride on the front of the bell tower and a 270 tire bonk into the pole, as well as a nose 180 on the picnic table both ways.

"I grew up riding everything, so there was never a right way or wrong way to ride BMX," Peraza said following his win. "Everyone I've looked up to and the guys I got to ride with today have all inspired me to flow through what BMX is. It's always been a goal of mine to ride all the disciplines, and this year, I was blessed to be invited to compete in all three. Walking away not only with gold but also being healthy is a dream. My one best friends, Pat Casey told me, 'Dream Big. You can do anything you want with dedication and some love. So this one is for him.'"

X Games Chiba 2023 gold medalist Boyd Hilder took his first silver medal in just his third X Games appearance. Despite two uncharacteristic bobbles on Garrett Reynolds' last two runs, he earned his second bronze medal of the event and 23rd overall X Games medal.

Pacifico Men's Skateboard Vert

In Pacifico Men's Skateboard Vert, Jimmy Wilkins returned to the top of the podium with a stacked first run that scored a 92.33. His first run score proved unbeatable, holding the top spot through three additional rounds of runs. Wilkins earned his seventh X Games gold medal, and continued his winning streak that began in 2018. His run included a tailgrab 720 to fakie, which has never been landed in a contest.

"Feels good, I have so many friends and special people here, so that's what it's about," said a beaming Wilkins moments after winning. "I've never done it (tailgrab 720 to fakie), and I was really close while practicing back home— I just needed the energy of X Games to do it!"

The silver went to Mitchie Brusco, his 15th X Games medal. The Vert Alert second place qualifier and Best Trick winner, Moto Shibata took bronze.

Moto X Best Trick

Moto X Best Trick closed the first day of X Games California 2023 competition with David Rinaldo landing a Carolla variation for his first X Games gold. The Carolla, made famous by Chuck Carothers who was the one and only rider to land it in 2004, is a let-go body varial.

When Rinaldo was asked about the gumption he had to go for gold, he said, "I just wanted to push my limit- the limit of the sport. All the time. That's what I'm here for. It's, it's best trick. So let's go!"

X Games Japan gold medalist Jackson Strong took silver and fellow Aussie Jayo Archer took bronze.

X Games competition resumes tomorrow with nine final competitions. Limited quantities of Friday and Sunday tickets still remain for sale at [XGames.com](https://www.xgames.com), and include general admission, SuperFan passes and XIP Hospitality passes.

Additional information on X Games 2023 will be forthcoming on [XGames.com](https://www.xgames.com) for fans or on [XGamesMediaKit.com/](https://www.xgames.com/media-kit) for media only.

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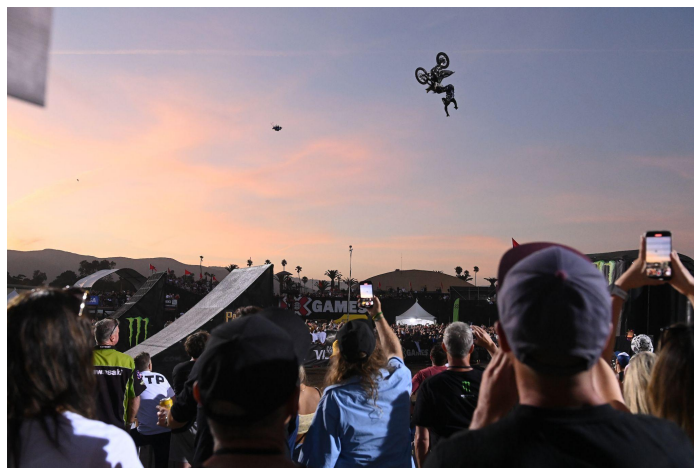
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Results

Monster Energy Skateboard

MegaPark

1. **Edouard Damestoy (FRA), 91.66**
2. **Gui Khury (BRA), 88.00**
3. **Tom Schaar (USA), 85.33**
4. Italo Penarrubia (BRA), 75.00
5. Mitchie Brusco (USA), 63.66
6. Trey Wood (USA), 60.66
7. Rony Gomes (BRA), 50.66
8. Elliot Sloan (USA), 27.66

Video News Release

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Monster Energy BMX MegaPark

- 1. Ryan Williams (AUS), 96.66**
- 2. Morgan Wade (USA), 91.33**
- 3. Jaie Toohey (USA), 89.33**
4. Daniel Sandoval (USA), 88.00
5. Mykel Larrin (USA), 87.66
6. Andy Buckworth (AUS), 86.33
7. Mike Varga (CAN), 85.33
8. Kaden Stone (USA), 84.66
9. Zack Warden (USA), 71.33

Real BMX Best Trick

- 1. Colin Varanyak (USA)**
- 2. Brett Silva (USA)**
- 3. Garrett Reynolds (USA)**
4. Jordan Godwin (WAL)
5. Johnny Raekes (USA)
6. Nathan Williams (USA)
7. Mike Guth (USA)
8. Lewis Mills (AUS)
9. Matt Ray (USA)
10. Brad Simms (USA)

Real Street Best Trick

- 1. Alec Majerus (USA)**
- 2. Dylan Jaeb (USA)**
- 3. Art Cordova (USA)**
4. Kairi Netsuke (JPN)
5. Braden Hoban (USA)
6. Chris Wimer (USA)
7. Toby Ryan (USA)
8. Ryan Decenzo (CAN)
9. Chris Joslin (USA)
10. Tanner Van Vark (USA)

BMX Dirt Elimination

1. Brady Baker (USA) 91.33
2. Logan Martin (AUS) 90.66
3. Dawid Godziek (POL) 90.33
4. Jaie Toohey (AUS) 85.00
5. Andy Buckworth (AUS) 84.00
6. Ryan Williams (AUS) 83.66
7. Brian Fox (USA) 81.66
8. Mike Varga (CAN) 81.00

Women's Skateboard Street Elimination

1. Momiji Nishiya (JPN) 85.33
2. Shiloh Catori (USA) 78.33
3. Chole Covell (AUS) 77.33
4. Liz Akama (JPN) 76.33
5. Mariah Duran (USA) 73.66
6. Paige Heyn (USA) 71.66
7. Leticia Bufoni (BRA) 70.00
8. Hina Maeda (JPN) 69.00

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Men's Skateboard Street

Elimination

1. Yuto Horigome (JPN) 89.33
2. Ryan Decenzo (CAN) 87.33
3. Gustavo Riberiro (POR) 86.00
4. Nyjah Huston (USA) 85.33
5. Jagger Eaton (USA) 85.00
6. Kelvin Hoefler (BRA) 84.66
7. Giovanni Vianna (BRA) 83.00
8. Shane O'neill (AUS) 82.00

BMX Street Final

- 1. Kevin Peraza (MEX) 87.00**
- 2. Boyd Hilder (AUS) 86.33**
- 3. Garrett Reynolds (USA) 82.33**
4. Devon Smillie (USA) 81.66
5. Felix Prangenberg (GER) 81.33
6. Colin Varanyak (USA) 80.66
7. Alex Donnachie (SCO) 80.00
8. Chad Kerley (USA) 78.66
9. Johnny Raekes (USA) 77.00

Pacifico Skateboard Men's Vert

- 1. Jimmy Wilkins (USA) 92.33**
- 2. Mitchie Brusco (USA) 90.33**
- 3. Moto Shibata (JPN) 89.33**
4. Gui Khury (BRA) 88.00
5. Rony Gomes (BRA) 86.66
6. Tom Schaar (USA) 86.33
7. Augusto Akio (BRA) 83.00
8. Paul-Luc Ronchetti (GBR) 81.00
9. Edouard Damestoy (FRA) 70.66
10. Elliot Sloan (USA) 40.66

Moto X Best Trick

- 1. David Rinaldo (FRA), 97.00**
- 2. Jackson Strong (AUS), 96.00**
- 3. Jayo Archer (AUS), 89.33**
4. Josh Sheehan (AUS), 88.66
5. Luc Ackermann (GER), 88.00
6. Ben Richards (AUS), 82.66
7. Taka Higashino (JPN), 82.00
8. Harry Bink (AUS), 65.00