



ARZ07

International Skateboard Contest

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Local kid Fries beats the internationals during ARZ07

What a weekend! Everything worked out just perfect. What was supposed to be an international skateboard contest felt more like a good long friday night skateboardsession. A legendary skatepark, 89 top skateboarders from 17 different countries, a hyped up audience, an incredible crew, tunes perfect for skateboarding, lots of food, fruit and booze, were the ingredients of this golden recipe. Skatepark zumiez got entirely restyled just in time for the event. All skateboarders were super hyped to skate the place. Practice on friday night till 23h promised a fantastic weekend to follow.

Saturday was qualification time. The atmosphere was fantastic. The level of skateboarding was amazing. Due to the good weather a little skaters showed up than expected. Some highlights of the day: Steve Forstner's incredible style and solid run. Dutch adio Rider Nassim Guammaz qualifing 4th for tomorrow's quarter-finals with huge frontside flips over the pole. Evelien Bouilliarth rockin the red taps and leaving lots of boys behind her. The only non-sponsored skater in the contest, Yanto Drèze making the cut. Steve Forstner and Sebastiaan Vijverberg ended on the the two top spots and qualified directly for sunday's finals. Another 17 skaters went to the semi-finals the next day. Evelien Bouilliarth got a wildcard.

On Sunday the traffic cone on top of the bank got replaced by a trashbin. A higher obstacle, a higher level of skateboarding. 30 invited riders showed up to take the € 7500 prizemoney.

Big names such as Brian Sumner and Nick Dompierre attended the contest. Brian actually qualified first for finals on the melody of Snap's rythm is a dancer. His heat with Jelle Deschout was some of the best contesttime ever witnessed. Brand new Flip Am Axel Cruysberghs qualified second, the kid's consistancy is really amazing, he didn't miss a single kickflip. Phillip Schuster from Austria qualified third with fluent lines all over the park. 10 more skaters made it to the finals, where they got joined by Steve and Sebas who reserved their spot the day before. Finals were amazing to watch. Everybody was skating at their best but local boys Axel Cruysberghs and Fries Taillieu ended up on the top spots. Axel only missed one noseblunt slide short of a perfect run with solid kickflips down the doubleset and kickflip boardslides on the flatbar.





Winner of the event Fries Taillieu skated a perfect run with a front feeb down the big rail, flip crooks on the flatbar, back smith down the round rail, five-o on the flatbar, tre flip down the double set and a kickflip five-o on the flatbar for wrap ups.

Rob Maatman from Holland placed third doing biggie boardslides on the big rail. Ruben Rodriguez, the Portugese Contest machine 360 flipped over everyone and everything on the course.

Peter, 'i'll try that run of yours in switch' Molec got some cash for fifth place.



Then there was **THE best trick contest** down the double set. Mizurov impressed with a switch biggie heel, Dompierre showed his ass after a flip noseslide down the rail, Niels van Der Zeeuw did a heavy hardflip over the rail. Sewa Kroetkov did a double 360 flip over the double set, but out of time. Chris Oliver rocked the wallie curb with a rockandroll 360flip out, but the curb wasn't in the best trick area. Just a nice show from Chris. Not a light decision for the jugdes, Jonathan Thijs's kickflip five-o won.

The best Zumiez-Event ever ended with a big champagne shower. Everybody happy, audience, skaters, sponsors and the tired ARZ crew was glad all went that perfect. A very big thanks to all. See you at **ARZ08**.

Footage and full results can be viewed on Adiorockszumiez.com





Final Results

Name	Familyname	age	town			sponsors
1	Fries	Taillieu	17	Lauwe (be)	Belgium	Adio, Torture skateboards, Quiksilver, GrindKing, Zumiez Skatepark & shops
2	Axel	Cruysberghs	12	Poeperinge (be)	Belgium	Etnies, Flip skateboards, Volcom, Thunder, Spitfire, Red Bull, Zumiez Skatepark
3	Rob	Maatman	15	Deventer (NL)	The Netherlands	Emerica, Thunder, Spitfire, Burnside
4	Ruben	Rodriguez	22	Lisboa (Pt)	Portugal	Etnies, Element, Eastpak, Vonzipper, Nixon
5	Peter	Molec	22	Bratislava (Sk)	Slovakia	Dekline, Volcom, Jart skateboards, Roxy wheels
6	Steve	Forstner	25	Lyon (Fr)	France	Etnies, Antiz, WE, Ricta
7	Alain	Goikoetxea	30	Algorta (es)	Spain	Adio, Allai Skateboards, Volcom, Nixon
8	Sebastiaan	Vijverberg	18	Naaldwijk (NL)	The Netherlands	és, Real, Thunder, Spitfire, LEFT, Red Bull
9	Brian	Sumner	28	Liverpool (Uk)	USA	Adio, Birdhouse, Analog, Indy, Ninja
10	Paco	Elles	22	Germany	Germany	Trap Skateboards, NikeSB, Autobahn Wheels, Nixon, Matix Clothing
11	Jelle	Deschout	20	Kortrijk (be)	Belgium	Nike Sb, Torture skateboards, Quiksilver, Mobile Wheels, Zumiez Skatepark
12	Philipp	Schuster	22	Vienna (At)	Austria	Globe, Ize, Red Bull, Eastpak, Planet Earth Clothing
13	Fabian	Verhaege	20	Gent (be)	Belgium	Circa, Zero skateboards, Volcom, Zumiez Skatepark & shops
14	Rachid	Addou	18	Deventer (NL)	The Netherlands	Etnies, Thunder, Ezekiel, Burnside
15	Kevin	Vu	19	Zwevegem (Be)	Belgium	Emerica footwear, Transind distribution, Oodeekay Skateshop

Best trick: kickflip five-o

1	Jonathan	Thijs	16	Leuven (NL)	Belgium	Analog, Adio footwear, twits skateshop.
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