

Intelligent Design

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The Intelligent Design proved to be a pretty good idea.. Replacing the popular World Superpipe Championships, Park City Mountain Resort's (PCMR's) newest competition took snowboarding to a new level with a mix of big air, half-pipe and jibbing.

Shaun White took the newfangled event to new heights, soaring far past his competition to win the competition with a score of 95.75 in a best-of-three finals competition.

"It was unreal," said White after the competition. "I've never seen anything like it before. It was everything I love doing this event. It's so fun."

Canadian Charles Reid took second with a score of 90.00 and Californian Luke Mitrani finished third with an 82.25.

The competition, took place at the Pick 'N Shovel Terrain Park and on the Eagle Superpipe and required riders to pull out all the stops. It began with a 60-foot step-up jump followed by a large "hip" jump. Then it was on to a jib section of the course before hitting PCMR's 22-foot superpipe. As if that wasn't enough to keep any rider busy for a week, the run closed out with a 22-foot quarter pipe with a jib feature on the deck.

White put together a title-winning second which included a Frontside 10 off the first kicker, a Backside 7 on the step-up, A Frontside 270 to a Frontboard on the down rail. In the pipe, he went with a Backside 9, Frontside 3 and Cab 10. Wrapping it all up with an Alleyoop Backside Rodeo on the quarterpipe.

With such an innovative competition, PCMR may have started a whole new trend in the sport and, in turn, brought even more buzz to the mountain.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-KHiyFPL4o>