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German Unity Day: European Wakeboarding Cup Final at Seepark Niederweimar – Vice World Champion of the Open Class and Local Ukrainian Refugee Junior Vice World Champion to Compete

On German Unity Day, the European Cup finals will take place at Seepark near Marburg. The last 4-star event of the year in Europe is just around the corner, with the final points for the world ranking being awarded, determining qualification for the 2025 World Games in China. Spots for the World Games go to the world champion, the European champion, and the top three riders from Europe, North and South America, as well as Asia/Australia. In total, 15 men and 15 women will compete in China in this discipline next year in Chengdu.

The last time cable wakeboarding was included in the World Games was in Duisburg 2005, when the young Pauline Dyrshka from Niederweimar near Marburg placed third, and Julia Bohrmann from Marburg placed fourth. Although cable wakeboarding was considered for the Olympics in 2014, it has not yet gained enough global traction to make the cut. Since then, the number of "water cableways" and athletes has nearly tripled, with competition and performance levels on the water skyrocketing.

Just two weeks ago, the World Championships were held in Paris with 260 competitors from 31 countries. Germany finished third in the national rankings. Florian Weiherer from Munich became Vice World Champion and is now ranked third in the world. He will compete in Marburg this weekend to defend his spot. Also competing is world number two Alessandro Dagostino from Italy. Local favorite in the Masters (Over 30) class, Felix Schneider, will participate and also serve as the event's commentator. Danylo "Daniel" Kleshchar from Ukraine, who has lived and trained in Niederweimar for only a year, became Junior Vice World Champion in Paris last week. Coached by his parents, who now also live and work at Seepark Niederweimar, Danylo will compete in the junior class and hopes to participate in the 2029 World Games in Karlsruhe.

Among the women, three athletes from the top six in the world rankings will compete. All are hoping for a spot in the World Games next year in Chengdu, China. Julia Lupij from Poland is currently ranked fourth in the world and will compete alongside Elizaveta Pruzhanskaia (ranked fifth) from Israel and Germany's Emely Jones (ranked sixth). Local favorite Marina Buchholz, although placing fourth in this year's German Championship, is currently ranked 70th globally and will represent Marburg and Germany.

Unfortunately, there was no German Championship in wakeskating this year, but athletes from four nations will still compete for valuable world ranking points. Sadly, wakeskating will not be featured in the World Games. Junior Vice Champion Kyra Hartan and Max Alfons Keller, who placed seventh in the Open Class at the World Championship semifinals, will compete. Like Florian Weiherer, Max Keller is a sports soldier and will be on the water for work during the long weekend.

In addition to the German participants, competitors from Finland, Israel, Italy, Ukraine, Serbia, Belgium, Poland, Spain, and Croatia are expected to take part.

Vanessa Weinbauer will lead the team of over 50 local volunteer helpers and referees as the head of the local organizing committee. National referees Emely Jones (Judge & Ride) and Vanessa Weinbauer will be joined by international referees Sebastiaan Huizinga (Netherlands), Carlo Orlando (Italy), and Simone Sivieri (Spain). The chief calculator will be Ferdie Jansen from the Netherlands, who has been active in the sport as a referee and wakeboarder for over 20 years.



Following the European Cup final, the open Hessian Championships will take place on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, with over 60 participants from all over Germany competing in various classes, including top athletes and young talents. To help athletes recover, a mini sauna and an ice bath will be available, with Alex Kalinger offering an ice bath workshop for interested participants on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

After several smaller international competitions in recent years, Niederweimar near Marburg is once again the center of international wakeboarding competitions, hosting world-ranking events leading to World Games qualification. Forty years ago, surf competitions were organized here by owner Günter Gerkau, and for 25 years, the local ADW club, the national DWWV federation, and the International IWWF federation have hosted wakeboarding competitions together.

A special thanks goes to the supporters and sponsors of this event. Rixen provided professional maintenance and spare parts. The floating ramps were inspected by the manufacturers Unit and Shape, who also donated prizes. Dilling built the new event space and the 3-meter cantilevered visitor terrace overlooking the cableway. Drinks for the riders and volunteers were provided by Bitburger Brewery, Coca-Cola, and Trinkontor. Additional prizes were donated by Goodboards, O'Neill, and Salitos. Scavi & Ray provided vitamin water and Prosecco for the award ceremony. The company Werkstattlärm engraved the prizes. In addition to beautiful wooden plaques, there are also hand-blown glasses from the Benedictine brewery to be won. The T-shirts for the volunteers and participants were sponsored by Estator Immobilien, OnWater Boot Schools, Family Dentists, Dr. Stefan Raßner Dentists, Elektro Kahle, and Sparkasse.

Expected at Saturday's finals are the mayor of the Weimar municipality, the district administrator of Marburg-Biedenkopf, the ADW chairman, representatives of the DWWV and IWWF, as well as numerous supporters and sponsors. "With our international competition, we want to further promote high-performance sports and aim to host the European Championship in the coming years," said Reiner Kahle, ADW's first chairman. In the past, the club has successfully organized both national and international competitions, and now with the return of the European Cup final, the goal is to build on past successes and motivate young talent.

The competition promises exciting duels, as 80 to 100 riders from around the world participated in previous tour stops. Now, the best of the best will compete in the finals, securing the last spots for the World Games.

The event is supported by ADW's volunteers and members of the wakeboard community. The cableway is being provided free of charge by Hot Sport Sportschulen GmbH, and the Seepark restaurant will host a Riders' Dinner for the participants in the new event location. The Gerkau and Polat families look forward to a successful collaboration with the club.

Seepark Niederweimar has an impressive history and, with this high-profile competition, once again provides a stage for top performances in wakeboarding. All spectators are warmly invited to experience this event live, free of charge.



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