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### Big tricks at the contest day of Suzuki Nine Knights MTB 2015– Rogatkin lands cashroll on DH bike.

**Livigno (ITA), September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – The freeride competition wrapped up a week of incredible film and photo shoots at the Suzuki Nine Knights MTB, a day early on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of September in Mottolino Fun Mountain in Livigno, Italy. The jam format contest saw two categories of judging, with Italian Diego Caverzasi grabbing the “Castle Section” win, and the “Full Line” title awarded to German ripper Peter Henke. Stirring things up were the young guns who were pushing the boundaries of mountain biking, in particular Nicholi Rogatkin (USA) who nailed a world first cashroll on his DH bike. 18-year old Adolf Silva (ESP) delighted the onlookers by landing a double back flip, also on his DH bike, his personal first.

**VIDEO:** [bit.ly/Suzuki\\_Nine\\_Knights\\_MTB\\_2015\\_Contest-Highlights](http://bit.ly/Suzuki_Nine_Knights_MTB_2015_Contest-Highlights)

#### “The Full Line”

With some riders investing fully in the “castle section” Henke was one of the riders making use of the whole setup pulling out all the stops, even attempting a 720 on the step-up. He nailed his run right at the end of the session with a run consisting of a drop 360 X-up, a double backflip on the main feature, a table top off the Monster mini ramp, a 360 double barspin, a suicide no-hander, and a 360 flatspin. Fresh back from an injury he was stoked, “I came here to have a great week and to get back on my bike. I did not expect a podium!” In close second place was Sam Reynolds who nailed his smooth run early on and with each drop improving it to stay ahead of fellow Brit Sam Pilgrim hot on his heels. (tricks listed underneath).

#### “Castle Section” (drop tower and main feature combo)

Diego Caversaszi was throwing down since the start of the session, fuelled by home crowds, nailing his winning combo, a backflip from the big castle flat drop and a backflip barspin to tailwhip on the jump. He was one of the few riders dropping the big drop "I was a little scared about the huge drop, but I just turned my brain off and dropped in," said the up-and-coming rider. The rest was not a big deal!" Rogatkin who had already nailed a cork 720 on his DH bike earlier in the week was in close second with his two tricks: a no-hander drop followed by a cashroll. He spent the morning speed checking, and it was worth the wait, “I first learned the cashroll on my bmx bike years ago, then took it to my hardtail and now finally on my dh bike. Couldn't be more happy to be the first one to land it!" In third place was Henke with a variation on his full run, a drop 360 barspin to double





backflip on the jump.

Despite the contest being moved up a day due to weather, the week of the Suzuki Nine Knights MTB saw plenty of progressive action, fun sessions and beautiful sunsets, stay tuned for the highlight edit coming soon, with all the angles and more banger action.

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### CASTLE SECTION

1. **Diego Caversazi** (ITA)– backflip from big castle flat drop, backflip barspin to tailwhip.
2. **Nicholi Rogatkin** (USA)- drop no-hander, cashroll on a dh bike,
3. **Peter Henke** (GER)- drop 360 barspin, double backflip on main feature.

### TOP 3 FULL LINE

1. **Peter Henke** - drop 360 X-up, double backflip on main feature, table top off the mini ramp, 360 double barspin on the Continental step-down, suicide no-hander, and a 360 flatspin.
2. **Sam Reynolds** – flip from the drop tower, flintstone on the main jump, suicide no hander on the first hip, table top on the second hip, flip no-hander on step-up, no-foot can can, 360 on the last step-up.
3. **Sam Pilgrim** – backflip table top, backflip no-hander on the right kicker, table top on the berm

#### **About Livigno**

Livigno is famous for a great range of winter sport activities and its breathtaking nature, earning it the nickname “Little Tibet”. Its unique mountain scenery is also perfect for a variety of biking sports in the summer. The spectrum of trails around Livigno features something for everyone: cross-country, all mountain and downhill riders can choose the perfect biking challenges. Road cycling athletes also choose Livigno for altitude training (1816m a.s.l.) and a total of 3,200 km of mapped trails and GPS-tracks can be discovered in the surrounding area. The bike park is not only well-known among the gravity sport fans because of the UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in 2005, but also for a large range of different freeride tracks. Down in the valley, the town centre of Livigno offers 250 tax-free shops. Located right in the heart of Europe. Livigno can be easily reached by car or train and bike hotels provide individual services for all bike fans and vacationers.

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#### **About Mottolino Bikepark**

Mottolino is well known for its dedication to FUN and its willingness to offer top quality service. The Bike Park has been





among the first ones opening in Italy and it's very well known for the large variety of freeride tracks. At Mottolino bikepark riders can find anything they'd like: 12 trails for all abilities, a jump area with structures for any level and a north shore area with wooden platforms. For any other information check the website [www.Mottolino.com](http://www.Mottolino.com) oder auf **Facebook** [www.facebook.com/MottolinoFunMountain](http://www.facebook.com/MottolinoFunMountain)

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