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REGIONAL COMPETITION

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Edmonton, Alberta area holds the 2017 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition

Edmonton, Alberta —The 2017 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition for Edmonton/Alberta/Canada was held at 17864 – 106 Ave SAIT Campus, in Edmonton, Alberta on October 6. 8 teams of brick masons and tenders vied for a competition spot in the 2018 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 World Championship Competition held in Las Vegas, Nevada. There, they will compete for over \$100,000 in cash and prizes including a new 2018 Ford F-250 XLT 4x4 truck.



Ken Rutley, a mason with **Mayzes Masonry, Medicine Hat, Alberta**, and his mason tender **Rick Vair**, edged out the rest of the competition to take home first place. His net count of 717 brick got the job done. Not only did first place carry the opportunity to compete in the 2017 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 in Las Vegas for **Ken Rutley**, but it also came with a Marshalltown tool bag and 1st place trowel, Brock White tool bag, Stabila levels and a check for \$500.00. The SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Award went to **Dan Kozey**, of **Scorpio Masonry, Edmonton, Alberta** earning him a Marshalltown tool bag and the Craftsmanship trowel, Brock White tool bag, Stabila levels and a check for \$400.00 . **Dan Kozey**, of Medicine Hat, **Alberta** finished as runner up taking home a Marshalltown tool bag and the trowel, Brock White tool bag, Stabila levels and a check for \$300.00. Third place went to mason **Dave Sontag** of **Gunthers Masonry, Calgary, Alberta**, who received a Marshalltown tool bag and the trowel, Brock White tool bag, Stabila levels and a check for \$200.00.



The Alberta 2017 SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500 regional competition was another huge success with over 100 people coming to check out the event as well as see some of our new products like the XP500 thin Veneer Adhesion mortar that was on display. It was a beautiful day again with the sun shining and a warm chinook coming in to heat the crisp fall air things couldn't have been better. This year we had many sponsors which help make this event such a huge success, from the donations and volunteering it gets bigger and bigger ever year and it shows in the competition that we are able to put on. Also this year we were able to have a photographer from before and after the bump photography, to take pictures to help showcase the event, a DJ from Midlife productions and entertainment to provide a wide variety and constant music throughout the day and finally Smokehouse BBQ catered the event with beef brisket or pulled pork and homemade potato chips. Between the bricks being laid and the door prizes from a big screen TV to mud tubs 2017 was a lot of fun and we can't wait to see what 2018 will look like next year.



Final Results:

First Place

Mason – Ken Rutley - 717 Brick
 Tender – Rick Vair
 Mayzes Masonry, Medicine Hat, Alberta

SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN

Mason – Dan Kozey - 575 Brick
 Tender – Louis St Laurent
 Scorpio Masonry, Edmonton, Alberta

2nd Place

Mason – Dan Kozey - 575 Brick
 Tender – Louis St Laurent
 Scorpio Masonry, Edmonton, Alberta

3rd Place

Mason – Dave Sontag - 529 Brick
 Tender – Sunny Harvey
 Gunthers Masonry, Calgary, Alberta

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more details about this event go to www.specmixbricklayer500.com
 For further information view the [2017 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER World Championship Magazine](#)

The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® was established by SPEC MIX in 2003 to showcase the skill and craftsmanship of professional masons. It is featured as the headliner event of MASONRY MADNESS™ Day during the World of Concrete and recognized as the masonry industry’s premier bricklaying competition with a total purse estimated at \$100,000 that annually awards the title, “World’s Best Bricklayer”. Each year there are a series of preliminary SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional Qualifying Events held throughout North America to determine who will compete in the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 World Championship. The Championship finale draws as many as 4,000 spectators with thousands of live webcast viewers who tune in to watch this bricklayer battle.

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