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Birmingham, Alabama area holds the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition

BIRMINGHAM, AL—The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition for Alabama was held at Construction Materials, Inc., in Birmingham, AL on Friday September 18, 2015. Six teams of brick masons and tenders vied for a competition spot in the 2016 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 2016 Ford F-250 XLT 4x4 truck.



Darrell Evett, a mason with Evett Masonry, Scottsboro, AL, and his mason tender Joey Evans, edged out the rest of the competition to take home first place. His net count of 521 brick not only won him the opportunity to compete in the 2016 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 in Las Vegas, but it also came with a cash prize of \$500.00. The SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Award went to Andrew Miller, of Miller Masonry, Pisgah, AL. Andrew also finished as runner up, taking home a cash prize \$300.00. Third place went to mason Jaman Palmer of Palmer Masonry, Gadsden, AL, who received a cash prize of \$200.00.



The bricklayers of Alabama standing strong next to the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 National sponsors iQ Power tools and STABILA.



CAT Rentals, Alabama SMBL500 Regional sponsor, hosted some fun with a backhoe competition; the winner took home a Pelican Cooler.



The weather was perfect for the masons who competed for the ultimate prize of 1st place while spectators had chances to win two Flat Screen TVs in the Bag Toss Competition.



Final Results:

First Place

Mason – Darrell Evett - 521 Brick
Tender – Joey Evans
Evett Masonry, Scottsboro, AL

SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN

Mason – Andrew Miller - 407 Brick

Tender – Terry Miller

Miller Masonry, Pisgah, AL

2nd Place

Mason – Andrew Miller - 407 Brick

Tender – Terry Miller

Miller Masonry, Pisgah, AL

3rd Place

Mason – Jaman Palmer – 223 Brick

Tender – Nic Palmer

Palmer Masonry, Gadsden, AL

The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional and World Championship series of events are widely considered the masonry industry's strongest promotional program to showcase the skill, speed and craftsmanship of professional masons around the world. Established by SPEC MIX, Inc. in 2003, the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 is the trade's annual campaign that answers the question: "Who is the World's Best Bricklayer?" The winners of each regional qualifying competition earn free trip to Las Vegas to compete against 20 or more bricklayers in the World Championship held during the World of Concrete tradeshow on February 3rd, 2016.

The regional and championship contests consist of a two-person team; one mason and mason tender, that are given 60 minutes to construct a 26 foot 8 inch, double wythe brick wall that must be constructed to meet strict quality standards. The walls are judged by highly qualified, experienced industry experts that carefully follow a 10-point criteria system. The winning masons are ranked and awarded prizes based on the highest brick count while meeting the quality requirements and competition rules. The competition has four awards; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place which are based on the highest net brick count meeting the quality standards. The 4th award, and arguably considered the most coveted prize (prize), the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN is judged the most sellable wall. The walls are closely evaluated by carefully selected masonry officials carrying several years of bricklaying experience.

For more information on the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER Regional Program call 888-SPECMIX or go to:

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