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Denver, Colorado area holds the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition

DENVER, CO —The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition for Colorado was held at Pro Coat Systems on September 19, 2015. Ten 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.



The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Colorado Regional Competitors.



Bricklaying action at the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Colorado Regional

There were some familiar faces and even some new competitors battling it out for a chance to represent Colorado in the World Championship Event. Esteban Cabral, a mason with Phoenix Masonry in, Denver, CO, and his mason tender Oscar Gausin, edged out the rest of the competition to take home first place. His net count of 632 brick and quality craftsmanship earned him both first place and the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Award. Not only did first place carry the opportunity to compete in the 2016 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 in Las Vegas for Esteban, but it also came with \$500 in cash and additional prizes. Gilberto Madera, also of Phoenix Masonry, finished as runner up taking home \$300 in cash and prizes. Third place went to mason Jason Boll of Creative Masonry, Denver, CO, who received \$200 in cash and prizes.

The competition was close separating these guys by only a few brick each. Each team was very impressive this year and it was clear this group of guys had improved over the last few years with more brick and less deductions overall.



***ProCoat System graciously hosted the 2015
Colorado Regional Event***



***Bricklaying action at the 2015 SPEC MIX
BRICKLAYER 500 Colorado Regional***

This was the second year in a row that the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Colorado Regional was held at ProCoat Systems in Denver, CO. They did an outstanding job with roughly 125 people in attendance and brought in support from local suppliers like Threewit Cooper and General Shale. There were raffles and games throughout the day and the winners received gift cards, cash prizes, and one lucky spectator won a 42" Samsung Flat Screen HDTV.



***Mason Esteban Cabral & his tender Oscar Gausin
are heading to Las Vegas in February!***

Final Results:

First Place

Mason – Esteban Cabral - 632 Brick

Tender – Oscar Gausin

Phoenix Masonry-Denver, CO

SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN

Mason – Esteban Cabral - 632 Brick

Tender – Oscar Gausin

Phoenix Masonry, Denver, CO

2nd Place

Mason – Gilberto Madera - 605 Brick

Tender – Jose Limon

Phoenix Masonry, Denver, CO

3rd Place

Mason – Jason Boll - 405 Brick

Tender – TJ Pennington

Creative Masonry, Denver, CO

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 with over 500 brick laid. The walls are closely evaluated by carefully selected masonry officials carrying several years of bricklaying experience.

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