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Charlotte, North Carolina area holds the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition

CHARLOTTE, NC—The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition for North Carolina was held at Tucker-Kirby Co, Inc. in Charlotte, NC on Thursday October 22, 2015. Seven local 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 Crew Cab truck.



North Carolina Competitors



Mt. Pleasant High School Students Learning the Trade

Matt Cash, a mason with Huntley Brothers Co, Inc., Monroe, NC and his mason tender Chat Huntley, edged out the rest of the competition to take home first place. His net count of 668 brick got the job done. Not only did first place carry the opportunity to compete in the 2016 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 in Las Vegas for Matt, but it also came with a cash prize of \$350.00. The SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Award also went to Matt Cash, earning him an additional \$200 cash prize. Wriston McGee, former 2-time MCAA Masonry Skills Challenge Champion, of McGee Brothers Co. from Monroe, NC was runner up, taking home a cash prize \$200. Third place went to mason Jody Parks of Parks Masonry, Roaring River, NC who received a cash prize of \$150.00.



Thank you to all of the bricklayers of North Carolina standing strong next to the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 National sponsors and Regional Host Tuck-Kirby Co.



North Carolina SPEC MIX BL500 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams

1st Place and SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Winner-Matt Cash

Final Results:

First Place

Mason – Matt Cash – 668 Brick

Tender – Chat Huntley

Huntley Brothers Co, Inc., Monroe, NC

SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN

Mason – Matt Cash – 668 Brick

Tender – Chat Huntley

Huntley Brothers Co, Inc., Monroe, NC

2nd Place

Mason – Wriston McGee – 448 Brick

Tender – Kaleb McGee

McGee Brothers Co., Monroe, NC

3rd Place

Mason – Jody Parks – 362 Brick
Tender – Jason Stamper
Parks Masonry, Roaring River, NC

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: www.specmixbricklayer500.com

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