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**ROCKET AIR**  
1. – 2. Mai 2015, Thun

Press Release

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#swatchrocketair, 1. – 2. May 2015 in Thun, Switzerland. Official Silver Event of the FMB-Worldtour.

## Swatch Rocket Air 2015

**The 2015 Swatch Rocket Air will mark the Sixth edition of this showcase event. Next weekend riders from all over the world will jump and trick their way through the ice rink of Thun. Last years winner Thomas Genon heads up a list of international riders including newcomer Nicholi Rogatkin who will be at the Swatch Rocket Air for the first time.**

The theme for The 2015 Swatch Rocket Air is "Junk yard" and the Thunner Ice skating rink has literally been transformed into a junk yard, with various pieces of "Junk" being intergarated into the course, including an old areoplane!! Ramon Hunziker, the course designer is excited to see what the riders can do with the course „The riders can jump the aeroplane or bonk it with a wheel, I leave the creativity to the riders and see what happens"

It is not only the new themes that influences the course design, each year the course is upgraded to offer the riders and the audience new attractions and different challenges. This year all eyes will be on Nicholi Rogatkin to see how he handles the course for the first time. After his First place at the Vienna Air King he can also be seen as a favorite for the Swatch Rocket Air. Nicholi is very excited to compete having only heard the best about the Swatch Rocket Air so far.

„I was jealous of the competing riders when I wached last years live stream“, Rogatkin says. On Friday he will be representing the US Team together with his colleagues in the "Team battle", as they compete against last years winners Team Canada. But the biggest challenge for Rogatkin will certainly be the duel against Thomas Genon. The Belgian pushed himself for the first place last year and will certainly push himself harder this year. Rogatkin is motivated to ride with Genon: „We push each other to more crazy tricks and awesome runs. I'm looking forward to riding against him and to see what he has to throw down.“ There is not only the 10'000 CHF prize money to be won, but also the additional motivation of a Wildcard entry for the FMB Diamond Series Event Swatch Prime Line.

### Side Events: Wallscrapers

Beside the main event inside the ice skating rink, The Swatch Rocket Air offers various side events to cater for all ages and levels of riding! Like-a-Bike Races, Pumptrack Racing and BMX Flatland Shows will entertain the public outside the ice skating rink. One specticale not to miss will be the "Wallscrapers" who perform their acrobatic tricks on a trampoline, the runners up of this years casting show ‚Die grössten Schweizer Talente‘ are happy to perform at the Swatch Rocket Air. „We are mainly into artistic gymnastics but open for all extreme sports“, says the leader of the Wallscrapers, Tobias Ernst. „ That is why we are really looking forward to be part of such an event.“ And who knows, may be the riders can find some inspiration for new tricks!

### True Fan Ticket

For real fans that are over 16 years old there is a special ticket to purchase this year, The True Fan Ticket includes entry and partyticket for Friday and Saturday as well as the Swatch Rocket Air Event shirt. There are only 300 True Fan tickets available, and they can be purchased at the Acefactory Bike shop in Thun for 80 CHF.

### Livestream and broadcast

The final will be livestreamed at 20:00 (Swiss Time), Saturday evening on the Rocketair homepage [www.rocketair.ch](http://www.rocketair.ch).  
SSF will broadcast a replay of the Finals on Tuesday at 19:00 in its full length.

## Swatch Rocket Air 2015 – Riders List

Für die Qualifikation am Samstag sind folgende 15 Fahrer gesetzt.  
Weitere 10 können sich an der Vorqualifikation am Freitag für das Finale qualifizieren.

Name		Country
Barett	Brayden	CAN
Gani	Mehdi	FRA
Genon	Thomas	BEL
Godziek	Szymon	POL
Hunziker	Ramon	CHE
Jones	Matt	GBR
Lamirande	Bobby	CAN
Lemoine	Thomas	FRA
Nagy	Oszkar	HUN
Pagés	Simon	FRA
Pilgrim	Sam	GBR
Reboul	Louis	FRA
Rogatkin	Nicholi	USA
Walenta	Eric	AUT
Zeida	Tomas	CZE
Henke	Peter	DE

### Teambattle

Team UK	Team Switzerland	Team Canada
Sam Pilgrim Matt Jones Blake Samson Tom Cardy	Ramon Hunziker Jonas Turin Stephen Brullé Andy Halter Joël Portenier Dario Thierstein And friends	Lamirande Bobby Brayden Barett-Hay Wallace Liam
Team Eastside	Team Germany	Team French Connection
Szymon Godziek Tomas Zeida Eric Walenta Oskar Nagy Pavel Alekhin	Henke Peter Kabbani Amir Knopf Lukas Max Mey Wrobel Tobi Fedko Erik	Genon Thomas Louis Reboul Lemoine Thomas Gani Mehdi Villoni Antoni Torquato Testa Diego Caverzasi
Team Barcelona	Team Scandinavia	Team USA
Xavier Pasamonte Bienvenido Aguado Alba Silva Adolf Gerard Plata Juan C. Renom Arnau Nadal Gemma Corbera Nuno Baroso	Frederiksson Max Lindh Floy Kangasmaa Dennis Alanko Alex Tell Adrian Harbak Sindre	DJ Brandt Boggs Reed Hilton Nicholas George Ray

**Teaser 2015:** <https://youtu.be/DbOb5q0QHDo>

**Flickr Photogallery 2015:** <http://goo.gl/ItfhCr>

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## Partner



Get more News about the event, the riders and the after parties on the Swatch Rocket Air [Facebookpage](#)<sup>1</sup>.

For information about the Flying Metal Crew check the Flying Metal Crew [Facebookpage](#)<sup>2</sup>.

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