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**ROCKET AIR**  
28. - 29. April 2017 Thun

Thun, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#swatchrocketair April 28th - 29th, 2017 in Thun, Switzerland

## World's Top 5 riding at Swatch Rocket Air

Finally, it's time to turn up the boom box and rock out in your 80s leggings. The Swatch Rocket Air is coming up this weekend. The final stages of the course set-up are in process and it is time to announce the riders.

This year, The Flying Metal Crew rolls out the red carpet for the Top 5 Riders of the FMB world ranking, which is a first for the Swiss Event. Ramon Hunziker wants to find the „perfect flow for the world's elite.“ Since last week, approximately 30 volunteers have been working hard carrying 3'000 pallets to build the landings and filling them with dirt. Additionally, they have kept their balance on dizzying heights to build an 8m high ghetto blaster drop.

With the top 5 riders in the 80s ring, the turntable hot seat will be difficult to defend. One by one there will be big names dropping in like Brett Rheeder, Emil Johansson, Max Fredriksson and Nicholi Rogatkin. Only Thomas Genon, the current number four in the world ranking will have to watch the show over the live stream, due to an injury he isn't be able to compete this year.

The athlete's fly over the big pond to the Swiss Mountain Village Thun where they will be challenged in the Team Battle on Friday evening against the Scandinavians and British. But it wouldn't be a proper battle if the French and Germans wouldn't add their twist to it. The 2016 winner Team „Barcelona/Portugal/Italy“, will be cooking „al dente“ whilst adding some flavor to their runs against the Teams Switzerland and Northeast.

Next to the main events, the Spanish Elite BMX Flatland Rider and World Champion, Viki Gomez, will be entertaining the crowd on Saturday with his tricks. The Red Bull athlete from Madrid will be on stage Saturday, 11.30am, 3.00pm, and 5.45pm.

But how do all these athletes practice their tricks? There's one possibility to unscrew your wheels and jump on the trampoline with your bike. At the Tramp Bike Contest on Friday, 7pm you can test your skills and watch Switzerland's best reveal their secrets.

The finals of the Swatch Rocket Air will be streamed live Saturday 8pm CET on [rocketair.ch](http://rocketair.ch). Subscribe on Instagram (@swatchrocketair), Facebook and YouTube to be up to date.

To secure your ticket, visit [www.rocketair.ch](http://www.rocketair.ch).

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2017 riders list Swatch Rocket Air:

Set Riders:

Nicholi Rogatkin  
Max Fredriksson  
Emil Johansson  
Brett Rheeder  
Tomas Lemoine  
Torquato Testa  
Nico Scholze  
Diego Caverzasi  
Simon Pagés  
Tomas Zejda  
Anton Thelander  
Sam Pilgrim  
Carson Storch  
Paul Genovese  
Lukas Knopf  
Daryl Brown

Pre Quali:

Jakub VencI  
Brayden Barret Hay  
Paul Couderc  
Louis Reboul  
Nicolas Terrier  
Aguado Alba Bienvenido  
Erik Fedko  
Alex Alanko  
Viktor Douhan  
Remy Carra  
Chris Räber  
Markus Saurer  
Patrick Schweika  
Tom Reynolds  
Ramon Hunziker  
Simon Karrer  
Lukas Schäfer  
Tom Cardy  
Franck Paulin  
Tom van Steenbergem  
Xavier Pasamonte  
Lucas Huppert  
Adrian Tell  
Widmer Dominik  
Cedric Hubacher  
Nuno Barroso  
Oscar Medina  
Morgan Dupontreué

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**Swatch**, launched in 1983 by Nicolas G. Hayek, is a leading Swiss watchmaker and one of the world's most popular brands. The first Swatch watches surprised everyone with their revolutionary concept, creative design and provocative spirit. The brand philosophy is based on color, movement, lightness and transparency, which can be seen in every Swatch product and project. Today Swatch continues to innovate and surprise with new models, collections and special editions. The brand maintains a strong presence in the world of sports with its commitment to snowboarding, freeskiing, surfing, beach volleyball and mountainbike slope-style. Right from the start, Swatch connected with art and artists, and Swatch watches remain a prominent canvas for artists from a broad range of disciplines.

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