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Canadians sweep podium as world's top bobsleigh pushers

Calgary, Alta. – Canadian bobsleigh athletes Jesse Lumsden and Heather Moyse swept the top of the podium on Saturday night at WinSport's Ice House, to become the fastest bobsleigh pushers in the world in the inaugural Calgary Hotel Association/WinSport World Push Challenge, presented by SportChek.

Lumsden clocked a time of 5.004 seconds, while Moyes stopped the clock in 5.550 seconds, to earn them the championship belts as the Fastest Man and Fastest Woman on Ice. In addition to pocketing the top prize money of \$2,000 each, they also received an Omega watch, valued at \$4,500, an iconic Smithbilt cowboy hat and world bragging rights heading into the 2013-14 bobsleigh World cup season.

"It feels good, it's good to set the tone," said Lumsden, who also led all qualifiers in the morning session. "It's a fun event and all the athletes had a great time. Now we are just looking forward to getting to the top of the hill to do some bobsledding."

Fellow Canadian Lascelles Brown was second in a time of 5.064 seconds, while Chris Fogt of the United States was third in 5.092 seconds. Canada's Neville Wright was fourth.

The WinSport World Push Challenge takes the traditional focus off the bobsled pilot and features brakemen and pushers battling for the best push times. The event is a prelude to the season-opening Viessmann Bobsleigh and Skeleton World Cup, presented by The Globe and Mail, Nov. 25-30 on WinSport's Olympic Track.

"It's great to be the first name to be engraved on the belt," said Moyse, a 35-year-old from Summerside, P.E.I. "It's just a great event to get a little recognition for the brakemen and the pushers who are behind the drivers 100 percent."

Judith Vis of the Netherlands finished in second spot with a time of 5.747 seconds, with countryman Sanne Dekker rounding out the top three in a time of 5.760 seconds.

Second place finishers cashed in for \$1,000 and third place finishers awarded \$500. Fourth place through 10th picked up \$100 each.

Results:

Men: 1. Jesse Lumsden, Canada, 5.004; 2. Lascelles Brown, Canada, 5.064; 3. Chris Fogt, United States, 5.092; 4. Neville Wright, Canada, 5.111; 5. Dallas Robinson, United States, 5.126; 6. Justin Olsen, United States, 5.239; 7. Jakub Havlin, Czech Republic, 5.316; 8. Michal Vacek, Czech Republic, 5.330; 9. Francesco Costa, Italy, 5.346; 10. Dominik Dvorak, Czech Republic, 5.371.

Women: 1. Heather Moyse, Canada, 5.550 seconds; 2. Judith Vis, Netherlands, 5.747; 3. Sanne Dekker, Netherlands, 5.760; 4. Kelly Denyer, Britain, 5.775; 5. Ashley Shumate, Canada, 5.815; 6. Hanna Emilie Marien, Belgium, 5.819; 7. Viola Kleiser, Austria, 5.896; 8. Inga Versen, Austria, 5.927; 9. Eveline Vercammen, Belgium, 6.004.

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