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Douglas Veldman Named ‘Alberta’s Best Bricklayer!’

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Calgary – The best masons in Alberta came together to test their skill, speed and stamina by battling to see who could build the biggest and best 26-foot-tall brick wall in one hour. The competition marked the first of 24 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Series competitions to be held across North America in 2019. The winner of the Alberta regional qualifies to compete in 2020 World Championship on February 5th, at the World of Concrete expo in Las Vegas.

Seven teams of masons and tenders lined the arena at I-XL in Calgary ready to prove they’re the best craftsmen in Alberta. Mason Douglas Veldman and mason tender Daniel Veldman of Veldman Masonry in Lethbridge, AB took home top honors with a brick count of 627, winning a free trip to Las Vegas for the World Championship, a cash prize of \$700, a Marshalltown tool bag, Stabila Level and the title, “Alberta’s Best Bricklayer.” This is their first time qualifying for the World Championship.

The Veldman brothers will join last year’s national champion, Mario Alves, and Top Craftsman winner, Darian Douthit, in Las Vegas where they will have a shot at new Ford F-250 4x4 truck, John Deere Gator Crossover Utility Vehicle, Multiquip Mortar Mixer, and many other prizes, totaling over \$125,000.

2019 ALBERTA REGIONAL RESULTS:

1st Place: Mason Douglas Veldman, Tender Daniel Veldman – Veldman Masonry, Lethbridge, AB

2nd Place and Top Craftsman: Mason Dave Sontag, Tender Sunny Harvey – Gunther’s Masonry, Lethbridge, AB

3rd Place: Mason Richard McDougall, Tender Miles McDougall - RPM Masonry – Calgary, AB

The winning team is determined by a panel of judges who deduct brick from the total number of bricks laid based on workmanship infractions. The mason with the highest brick count at the end of judging is declared the winner, and advances to the World Championship.

The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® was established by SPEC MIX in 2003 to showcase the skill and craftsmanship of professional masons. It is featured as the headliner event of MASONRY MADNESS™ Day during the World of Concrete. The Championship finale draws as many as 6,000 spectators with thousands of live webcast viewers across the world who tune in to watch this bricklayer battle. To learn more about the national event, please visit www.specmix.com or check out the [2019 Digital Magazine](#).

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