



Los Angeles Speed Rack Recap

On Sunday, November 13, Speed Rack hit Hollywood! Held at the historic Blossom Room at The Hollywood Roosevelt hotel, the gorgeous ballroom was filled with lovely competitors - many dressed in old Hollywood glamour themed outfits befitting the venue - as the preliminaries began. 21 ladies from Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego vied for the top eight spots, so the competition was extremely tough. The top eight girls who qualified to compete were: Jennifer Lane (Black Market Liquor Bar), Tammy Machicado (Night & Day), Mia Mastroianni (Soho House), Lindsay Nader (Harvard & Stone), Mia Sarazen (Harvard & Stone/Black Market), Naomi Schimek (Spare Room), Devon Tarby (The Varnish) and Kylee van Dillen (Westside Tavern).

Doors opened to the public at 3pm and guests were treated to sponsors' punches and cocktails, as well as beer and non-alcoholic offerings served from six bars. VIPs included actor Alexander Martin and legendary photographer Moshe Brakha, as well as media from various trade and consumer publications. Local news channel KTLA had a cameraman on hand to film the event. Hosts Simon Ford and Eric Alperin kept the show running as DJ Donald Fernie kept the house rocking in between rounds and set a high-energy mood by spinning fun songs for each bout.

In front of a packed house of over 200 people, the competition began. Industry luminaries Ted Haigh, Hollis Bulleit and Aidan Demerest were joined by local LA Times writer Jessica Gelt to serve as the judges for the afternoon. The round began with the judges each calling out a drink for the girls to make. The contestants had to make the drinks as quickly – and as accurately – as possible. The judges then compared the girls' drinks side by side and issued penalty seconds to the girls for any mistakes made. The girl with the lowest time was declared the winner and moved on to the next round. 6 heated battles ensued, until we were down to the final two: Naomi Schimek and Kaylee van Dillen. In a tight and competitive final round, Kylee emerged victorious. She will join the winners of the other nine cities and six wildcards at the finals in NYC in May.

A festive time was had by all, and most importantly, about \$4,800 was raised for breast cancer research, education and prevention.

Catch us on our next stop at the Jack Rose Dining Saloon in Washington, DC on December 3 from 2pm-6pm.

Full list of competitors

COMPETITOR	PLACE OF WORK
Jaymee Mandeville	Drago Centro
Naomi Schimek *runner up	Spare Room
Devon Tarby	The Varnish
Mia Sarazen	Harvard & Stone, Black Market
Anne Marie Ceralvo	Spare Room
Kiowa Bryan	Eveleigh
Gracy Ramirez	Doghaus
Lindsay Nader	Harvard & Stone
Jen Len	Drago Centro
Jennifer Lane	Black Market Liquor Bar
Tammy Machicado	Night & Day (Orange County)
Danielle Crouch	Caña Rum Bar
Mia Mastroianni	Soho House
Kylee van Dillen *winner	Westside Tavern
Jaclyn Goodyear	Killer Shrimp
Meghan Malloy	La Descarga
Lacey Murillo	Bar 1886, Black Market
Kristina Howald	Providence Restaurant in LA.
Laura Lindsey	Providence Restaurant in LA.
Angela Gomez	Caña Rum Bar

Photos



Competitors of Speed Rack LA with the Speed Rack Team and Barbacks

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