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The 2005

World Sport Kite Championships

Linclon City, Oregon USA

2005 saw the WSKC in the USA for the first time. In the state of Oregon on the Pacific Coast, lies the beautiful Lincoln City on some of the most scenic coast line anywhere in the country. The city put together the winning package and was awarded the Championships and put on a very impressive show. With beautiful views of the Pacific Ocean, plenty of nice hotels, and excellent food everywhere, the stage was set for the best teams from around the world to go head to head to decide who's the champion.



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As 15 teams from 7 countries began arriving and hitting the beach for some practice time, the mood began to turn serious quickly. These teams had worked very hard all year to win the right to represent their country here in Lincoln City, and after a short time saying their hellos it was time to get to work.

Because of high tides, and an agreement with the Chinook Winds Casino which was a major sponsor for the event, the competition was held on a bluff about 40 feet about the coast, on a grassy field. The bluff offered some interesting problems as the winds swirled and tumbled, rolling over the top of the bluff. The problems intensified as the winds increased each day of the competition. But overall, the winds stayed mostly consistent throughout each day with each team flying in similar conditions.



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The French teams came in having dominated the sport for the last several years, often taking all 3 podium places. Team Element'Air from France are the defending World Champions, having won their crown in 2004 in Berck sur Mer, France.



When team Cutting Edge placed third in 2004 Berck sur Mer, it marked the first time a US team had been on the podium in 11 years, and let the rest of the field know that the US was back.

On Tuesday, June 21st the 2005 World Sport Kite Championships officially get under way with the Opening Ceremonies. Then the teams hit the field for the first of 4 days of head-to-head competition. Tuesday is team precision only, and also is threatening rain which holds off most the day, but it does eventually drizzle as the day wears on. Wednesday and Thursday are ballet and precision, then Friday is precision only.

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Team Tangle Bit, from Exeter, were also easy favorites and came in ready for business flying

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Specialty City is well known for their innovative glass artistry and works keeping with the regional

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Also representing the USA in 2005 was Team 6th Sense (seen here with Team Element'Air),

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Charlie Bell, president of the group, is standing in the center of the group. He is wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. The group is standing on a grassy field with houses and hills in the background. A small flag is visible in the foreground.

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From Japan, team Neo

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From Malaysia, team K3P

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From Columbia, team Atemoc

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Team Watnu, and team Garuda from Germany

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