



## **SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500®** PRESS RELEASE

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### **Chicago area holds 2008 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional competition.**

Elburn, IL—The 2008 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional competition for the greater Chicago area was held in Elburn, Illinois, on August 16, at the regional SPEC MIX licensee, Package Concrete, Inc. There was an excellent turnout of top masons from the Chicago area to vie for a competition spot in the 2009 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 National competition held in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 4, 2009. There they will compete for over a \$100,000 in cash and prizes. It was a hot, sunny summer day as the masons gathered to compete to be the best to construct a 26 ft. double wythe wall during the hour long time frame.

This year's Regional First Place winner, mason Mike Boll, Illinois Masonry, Lake Zurich, Illinois, and his tender Ken Huezinga, took first place again this year with a 707 brick performance. Mike and Ken have been National Champions in 2005 and 2007. The SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN award went to Bert Schneider and his tender Paul Shiroras II, both with Helander Masonry, Dixon, Illinois.

Results:

#### **First Place**

Mason- Mike Boll

Tender- Ken Huezinga

Contractor- Illinois Masonry, Lake Zurich, Illinois

Brick Count - 715

#### **SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN**

Mason- Bert Schneider

Tender- Paul Shiroras II

Contractor- Helander Masonry, Dixon, Illinois

Brick Count – 506

Established to showcase the skill and craftsmanship of masonry, the general description of the competition is as follows: The contest requires all masons to meet the quality standards of the event. They have 60 minutes to complete their 26 foot, double wide brick wall. The competition has four awards, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place are based on the highest brick count meeting the quality standards. The 4th award, the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN® is for the most sellable wall. This award is the second most coveted award at the event, and has the second highest award purse.

For more details about this event go to [www.specmixbricklayer500.com](http://www.specmixbricklayer500.com) This is the web site that will offer a FREE, LIVE webcast connection of the 2009 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® National while it is being held in Las Vegas. Broadcast coverage will begin one half hour before the start of the competition which will start Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at 11:30 AM PST, 12:30 PM MST, 1:30 PM CST, 2:30 PM EST, and 7:30 PM London time.

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