

2010 MID-SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

National Highlights:

Felicia Byers recovers from her 2nd knee surgery and is able to rejoin the US Team on a competition trip in Europe. Brennan Rubie, Cole Wright, Bronson Wright, Emma Naatz are invited to train with the US Olympic Team just prior to the Vancouver Olympics. They were also invited to compete in the USST Invitational pre Olympic races. In the womens races, Emma Naatz placed 17th and 19th overall in the two slaloms. Brennan Rubie placed 21th in the GS and 18th in the SL.

Olympic Highlights:

Snowbird Snowboard Team alumni Faye Gulini makes the quarter finals and places 12th in the Olympic Boardercross competition. Snowbird Ski Team alumni Chirine Njeim competes in SG, GS and SL.

North American Championship Series (Nor Am) highlights:

Dec 13, Nor Am GS at Panorama, Canada: Brennan Rubie places 38th overall, 13th best American, and 7th in the Juniors.

Dec 17, Nor Am Super G at Lake Louise, Canada: Brennan places 27th, 8th in Jrs.

Dec 17, Nor Am Super Combined at Lake Louise: Brennan places 17th overall, 9th American, and 4th in the Juniors.

Dec 19, Nor Am DH at Lake Lousie: Brennan places 33rd, and 5th in the US Jr's.

Feb 22, Nor Am Super G at Aspen: Brennan places 7th overall, 2nd best Junior, scores personal best 19 pt FIS result (3rd best Super G result in the world in his age.) Brennan is also the 5th best American, and is ahead of numerous USST including Olympian Steve Nyman who placed 8th, just behind Brennan.

Feb 25, Nor Am Women's DH at Aspen: Felicia Byers places 12th, and is 4th best Junior.

Feb 26, Nor Am DH at Aspen: Brennan places 18th, and is 4th best junior.

Feb 27, US National/Nor Am DH at Aspen: Brennan places 19th, 9th best American, and 3rd US Junior.

New Zealand and European Competition Highlights:

Snowbird Ski Team takes a competition trip to Cardrona New Zealand in August.

August 3, GS at Cardrona, NZ: Loudon Fruth places 11th. Michaela Babcock and Emma Naatz place 12th and 16th respectively in the womens GS.

August 5, SL at Cardrona, NZ: Loudon places 16th. Emma places 9th, and Courtney Troxell and Michaela place 16th and 17th.

Jan 19, GS at Maria Alm, Austria: Felicia places 17th in GS, and is 3rd best USST girl.

Jan 27, GS at Radstadt, Austria: Felicia places 23rd, and is 2nd best USST.

Canadian FIS Highlights:

February 6, SL at Norquay, Canada: Roy Smart and Jacob Keith place 11th and 19th. Perry Martin and Morgan Gowen place 26th and 33rd in the women's race.

February 7, SL at Norquay, CAN: Joe Feldman, Roy Smart and Jacob Keith place 27th, 31st and 33rd. Morgan Gowen places 23rd.

February 8, GS at Norquay, CAN: Roy, Jacob, Joe and Davis Anderson place 25th, 31st, 35th and 42nd. Morgan places 18th.

February 9, GS at Norquay, CAN: Jacob and Davis place 26th and 33rd.

Western Region FIS Highlights:

Brennan Rubie named to 2009-2010 Western Region Elite Team

Dec 11, FIS Open GS at Jackson: Cole Wright places 7th, Loudon Fruth places 12th

Dec 12, FIS Open GS at Jackson: Cole places 3rd, Loudon places 8th

Dec 12, FIS Open GS at Jackson: Michaela Babcock places 14th, Courtney Troxell places 15th

Dec 13' FIS Open SL at Jackson: Cole places 2nd, Roy Smart and Zach Shenk place 13th and 15th.
Dec 13, FIS Open SL at Jackson: Courtney places 8th
Dec 14, FIS Open SL at Jackson: Roy Smart places 11th
Dec 14' FIS Open SL at Jackson: Courtney and Michaela place 5th and 7th, and Bria Rubie, Destrey Enders and Perry Martin place 11th, 13th, and 20th respectively, putting 5 Snowbird girls in the top 20.
Jan 7, Elite FIS SL at Snowbird: Brennan Rubie places 12th, and is 7th best American.
Jan 9, Elite FIS SL at Snowbird: Emma Naatz starts 65th and places 17th.
Jan 10, Elite FIS SL at Snowbird: Courtney Troxell places 14th.
Jan 12, FIS University SL at Park City: Brennan places 4th overall and is the top American and wins the 2nd run. He scores a personal best 23 FIS pt slalom result.
Jan 16 FIS U GS at Big Sky: Brennan places 10th in the GS, scores personal best 28 pt FIS GS result.
Jan 17 FIS U SL at Big Sky: Brennan places 5th, and is 2nd best American scores 25 pt FIS SL result.
Jan 28, FIS Super G at Mammoth: Bronson Wright places 8th overall and 4th in J2's. Emma Naatz places 13th overall.
Jan 31, FIS DH at Mammoth: In DH #1 Michaela Babcock places 11th overall, and 7th in the J2's. Emma places 17th overall. In DH #2, Michaela and Emma place 12th and 13th overall. In the Men's DH #1, Bronson places 9th overall and 6th in the J2's. Bronson improves in DH #2 to 5th overall, and 3rd in the J2's.
Feb 4, Elite FIS GS at Jackson: Brennan Rubie places 2nd in the slalom. Cole and Bronson Wright place 18th and 19th overall with Bronson being 2nd in the J2's and qualifies for J2 Nationals. In the girls GS, Emma Naatz places 8th overall and 2nd in the J2's securing her spot at J2 Nationals.
Feb 5, Elite FIS GS at Jackson: Bronson and Emma both place 5th in the J2's. Felicia Byers places 2nd overall.
Feb 6, Elite FIS SL at Jackson: Emma places 7th overall and 2nd in the J2's. Courtney Troxell places 7th in the J2's. Jake Benda starts 90th and places 24th overall, and 5th in the J2's, and qualifies for J2 Nationals.

Intermountain Cup Highlights

Bronson Wright named to the 2010 IMD Junior Team.

Snowbird Athletes qualified to the 2010 Western Region Jr Championship Team:

Courtney Troxell, Morgan Gowen, Shay Wieringa, Loudon Fruth, Roy Smart, Josh Elston, Davis Anderson, Joe Feldman, Patrick Gibbs, Cole Wright, Zach Shenk, Topher Jones

IMC Open SL/GS at Park City, Dec 19-22.

Dec 19 SL: Men: Cole Wright places 4th. Bronson and Loudon place 10th and 16th.
 Women: Emma Naatz places 2nd. Courtney Troxell and Michaela place 12th and 18th.

Dec 20 SL: Men: Brennan Rubie places 2nd. Cole and Bronson place 5th and 14th.
 Women: Emma Naatz places 2nd. Courtney and Michaela place 12th and 20th.

Dec 21 GS: Men: Brennan Rubie wins! Cole and Bronson place 5th and 9th.
 Women: Emma Naatz places 7th, Courtney, Bria, Michaela and Allie place 15th, 19th, 20th, 21st.

Dec 22 GS: Men: Cole places 4th. Bronson and Loudon place 11th and 15th.
 Women: Emma Naatz places 6th, Destrey Enders makes a huge improvement to place 10th. Michaela and Courtney place 12th and 16th

IMC GS/SL at Sun Valley

Jan 22, GS:

Men: Loudon Fruth places 6th, Roy Smart, Jacob Keith, Joe Feldman place 14th, 17th, 19th.

Women: Morgan Gowen and Allie Leininger place 18th and 21st.

Jan 23, Men's GS: Roy Smart, Shay Wieringa, Jason Astle place 16th, 17th and 19th.

Jan 23, Women's SL: Bailey Gowen is top Snowbird girl, placing 23rd.

Jan 24, Men's SL: Loudon places 6th, Roy Smart places 10th. Topher Jones, Taylor Frahm, Joe Feldman place 16th, 18th, and 20th.

Jan 24, Women's GS: Morgan Gowen and Allie Leininger placed 12th and 13th.

IMC SL at Snowbird and IMC GS at Snowbasin:

Feb 13, Snowbasin GS:

Men: Cole Wright places 6th, Bronson places 11th. Loudon and Say place 16th and 20th.

Women: Courtney Troxell places 4th, and Destrey Enders places 11th..

Feb 14, Snowbird SL:

Men: Josh Elston and Loudon Fruth place 8th and 11th.

Women: Courtney Troxell places 5th, Michaela Babcock and Destrey Enders places 16th and 19th.

Feb 15, Snowbird SL:

Men: Jake Benda and Josh Elston place 6th and 8th. Loudon, Zach Shenk, Roy "Birdman" Smart, Patrick Gibbs and Jason Astle place 11th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 19th to place 7 Snowbird skiers in the top 20.

Women: Courtney Troxell places 2nd. Destrey Enders, Michaela, Bria Rubie, Allie Leininger place 10th, 11th, 14th, and 18th.

IMC Men's Super G's at Bogus Basin:

Feb 18: Shay Wieringa makes the podium placing 2nd. Patrick Gibbs and Davis Anderson place 6th and 7th. Roy Smart, Josh Elston, Zach Shenk and Brian Holmen place 10th, 16th, 17th and 18th to place 7 Snowbird skiers in the top 20.

Feb 19: Davis Anderson makes the podium placing 2nd. Shay, Zach, Patrick Gibbs and Joe Feldman place 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th. Zane Enders places 18th.

Feb 20: Shay Wieringa wins! Davis, Patrick, Zach, Roy, Joe and Zane place 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, and 14th, to place 7 in the top 15.

IMC Women's Super G's at McCall:

Feb 18: Michaela Babcock places 7th. Destrey Enders, Allie Leininger, Morgan Gowen and Perry Martin place 10th, 11th, 14th and 16th.

Feb 19: Morgan places 4th. Destrey, Michaela, Allie and Perry place 9th, 10th, 11th and 17th.

Feb 20: Michaela, Destrey, Morgan and Perry place 9th, 12th, 13th and 19th.

IMC Soldier Mt DH's, Feb 23-24:

DH#1: Destrey Enders places 5th in the women. Brian Holmen, Roy Smart, and Matt Whipple place 6th, 7th, and 10th. Zane Enders places 17th..

DH #2: Destrey places 6th. Brian and Roy place 5th and 7th. Zane improves to 13th.

DH #3: Destrey places 5th again. Brian Holmen wins the mens race! Roy Smart, Matt Whipple and Zane Enders place 6th, 9th and 10th, placing 4 in the top 10.

J3 Highlights:

J3 National Highlight: Bryce Astle and Deirdre Babcock are chosen to compete against the top J3 in the Western Region Topolino Shootout. Bryce places 2nd and 4th in the GS's and 5th and 6th in the slaloms. Deirdre earns a pair of 9ths in the slaloms, and 11th and 15th in the GS.

IMC Open SL/GS at Park City, Dec 19-22.

Dec 19 SL: Deirdre Babcock places 3rd in the J3's, Sarah Gibbs and Janie Saviers-Steiger place 15th and 16th. Bryce Astle places 10th in the J3 boys. Emit Meyer, Cade Howlett and Chris Astle place 14, 16, 17.

Dec 20 SL: Deirdre places 4th and Janie places 8th. Sarah Gibbs and Lauren Petersen place 13th and 14th. Bryce Astle places 8th in the boys. Emit Meyer places 16th.

Dec 21 GS: Janie and Deirdre place 17th and 18th. Devon Voegele places 11th in the boys. Bryce and Emit place 14th and 17th.

Dec 22 GS: Deirdre, Janie and Sarah place 12th, 15th and 20th. Bryce Astle places 7th in the boys. Chris Astle starts 135th and places 70th overall to win the bibbo award, and places 14th in the J3's. Emit Meyer places 16th.

Jan 9-10 J3 JO Qualifer SL at Jackson:

Jan 9: Bryce Astle places 6th and Cade Howlett places 17th. Deirdre Babcock places 4th, and Sarah Gibbs places 8th to score big J3 qualifier points.

Jan 10: Bryce earns a trip to the podium with a 3rd place. Emit Meyer places 13th. In the girls, Janie Saviers-Steiger and Lauren Petersen place 16th and 17th.

Jan 30-31 J3 JO Qualifier GS at Park City:

Jan 30: Chris Astle and Emit Meyer place 5th and 10th. Cade Howlett places 17th. In the girls, Sarah Gibbs places 11th. Janie, Lauren and Emily Leavens place 19th, 20th, 21st.

Jan 31: Devon Voegele, Chris and Bryce Astle place 6th, 7th, 8th. Emit Meyer places 13th. In the girls race, Sarah Gibbs improves to 6th place. Janie Saviers-Steiger places 18th.

IMC/J3 JO Qualifier Men's Super G's at Bogus Basin:

Feb 18: Devon Voegele places 16th.

Feb 19: Devon Voegele places 18th.

Feb 20: Devon Voegele places 16th.

IMC/J3 JO Qualifier Women's Super G's at McCall:

Feb 18: Sarah Gibbs and Deirdre Babcock place 8th and 10th. Lauren Petersen places 17th.

Feb 19: Deirdre Babcock and Emily Leavens place 14th and 19th.

Feb 20: Sarah Gibbs and Deirdre Babcock place 14th and 15th. Janie Savier-Steiger places 18th.

South Series Highlights

Jan 9-10 South Series GS at Snowbasin

Jan 9, J5 girls: Ellie Martin places 12th.

J4 girls: Molly Leavens and Bella Wright place 1st and 3rd. Sophie Turok, Neah Bois, Ariana Davis and Sierra Cunningham-Ward place 12th, 13th, 15th and 18th.

J2 girls: Maddie Tomlinson places 4th.

J5 boys: Scott Bocock places 4th. Ethan Benzon, Ben Turok and Jordan Chaffee place 9th, 17th and 18th.

J4 boys: Luke Mathers wins! Thomas Banks and John Feldman place 13th and 16th.

Jan 10, J5 girls: Ellie Martin places 6th.

J4 girls: Bella Wright and Molly Leavens place 1st and 2nd! Sophie Turok, Neah Bois, Ariana Davis, and Sierra Cunningham-Ward place 6th, 7th, 15th, and 19th.

J2 girls: Maddie Tomlinson places 5th.

J5 boys: Ethan Benzon and Jordan Chaffee place 4th and 7th. Ben Turok, Eric O'Donoghue, Zack Biskupiak, Declan Picot and David Rothman place 12th, 13th, 16th and 20th, to place 7 in the top 20!

J4 boys: Chase Lima places 3rd. Luke Mathers, Thomas Banks and Carson Saviers-Steiger place 11th, 16th and 19th.

Jan 30-31 South Series Slaloms at Snowbird

Jan 30, J5 girls: Ellie Martin, Anya Biskupiak and Avery Gregory place 9th, 11th and 12th.

J4 girls: Bella Wright places 2nd. Sierra Cunningham-Ward and Ariana Davis place 5th and 7th. Sierra Swan, Sara Swenson and Lia Westermann place 17th, 18th and 19th.

J5 boys: Scott Bocock places 4th. Ben Turok, Ethan Benzon, Eric O'Donoghue, Dylan Willick, David Rothman, Max Venezian and Jack Garver place 6th, 7th, 10th, 13th, 18th, 19th and 20th to place 8 in the top 20!

J4 boys: Luke Mathers wins! Lorenzo Venezian, Thomas Banks, John Feldman and Patrick McManus place 12th, 16th, 19th and 20th.

J3 boys: Matei Dan and Andrew Piskadlo place 5th and 6th.

Jan 31, J5 girls: Ellie Martin, Anya Biskupiak and Cindy Shen place 15th, 17th and 19th.

J4 girls: Molly Leavens and Bella Wright sweep the first two spots! Kaya Benzon, Sierra Cunningham-Ward, Sophie Turok, Ariana Davis and Neah Bois place 5th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 14th to place 7 in the top 15.

J5 boys: Scott Bocock, Ben Turok, Jordan Chaffee, Ethan Benzon and Eric O'donoghue place 4th, 6th, 9th, 11th and 18th.

J4 boys: Luke Mathers wins again! Thomas banks, John Feldman place 5th and 12th.

J3 boys: Matei Dan places 2nd.

February 21-22 South Series Finals SL and GS at Park City

Feb 20 SL, J5 girls: Ellie Martin, Avery Gregory place 12th and 15th.

J4 girls: Kaya Benzon places 5th (and 2nd in IMD). Sophie Turok, Molly Leavens, Sierra Cunningham-Ward place 10th, 11th and 14th.

J5 boys: Scott Bocock, Ethan Benzon, Jordan Chaffee and Ben Turok place 7th, 9th, 12th and 13th.

J4 boys: Thomas Banks, Carson Saviers-Steiger, John Feldman and Lorenzo Venezian place 9th, 13th, 14th and 20th.

Feb 21 GS, J5 girls: Ellie Martin and Cindy Shen place 7th and 11th.

J4 girls GS: Bella Wright and Molly Leavens sweep 1st and 2nd. Neah Bois, Sophie Turok and Ariana Davis place 9th, 17th and 19th.

J5 boys GS: Scott Bocock, Ethan Benzon and Ben Turok place 5th, 12th and 20th.

J4 boys GS: Luke Mathers wins! Chase Lima, Carson Saviers-Steiger and Thomas Banks place 8th, 13th and 20th.