

Scottish Alpine Championships - Tuesday - 5th April 2011 - Courchevel

The 1st day of the championships produced fantastic weather and racing. The boys Giant Slalom started early to take advantage of the excellent race piste at the "Courchevel 1850 Stade". This enabled Alistair Stang of Scottish Ski Club to assert his position as the top Giant Slalom racer in Scotland taking home the Mitchell Trophy for the fastest junior, the Kandahar Challenge Trophy for fastest overall Scot and the Kirsteen McGibbon Memorial Trophy for the fastest Scot in the championship speed event. Ali was flanked on the podium by Lewis John taking silver and Euan Macfie taking bronze.

Charlie Guest, also from Scottish Ski Club, took the top spot for the Scottish girls Slalom taking home the Sheriff Quaich for fastest junior and the Baskaid Basket for fastest overall Scot even after a very challenging second run where she had to hike to stay on course, just shows how strong she is right now in Slalom. Hope Whitelaw took home silver with Kate Angus receiving bronze.

A strong international turn out saw Sebastiano Gastadi (ARG) take gold in the men's Giant Slalom FIS race closely followed by Raphael Galler (AUT) and Leo Vukelic (CRO) in silver and bronze respectively. In the woman's Slalom FIS race Harriet Steggles put down a great couple of runs but could not knock Bogdana Matsotska (UKR) of the top spot in the end Harriet took home a very respectable silver for her efforts followed by Salome Bancora (ARG) in bronze.

Tomorrow sees another day of fantastic weather and FIS racing at Courchevel however it's Wednesday when the Girls take to the Giant Slalom and the boys the Slalom for the second day of the Scottish Alpine Championships.

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