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Event Recap
FIS Karbon US Telemark National Championships
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February 8, 2016 – Rjukan, Norway – The US Telemark National Championships, sponsored by Karbon, a ski ware manufacturer, were held March 4 – 6, 2016 at Crotched Mountain ski area, New Hampshire. The event hosted the best telemark racers from both the U.S. and Canada. The three-day event included a Classic Telemark race, followed by a Sprint Classic, and a Dual Sprint. All these events include judged alpine-style GS gates and a jump. The bottom of the course includes a 360° banked turn leading into a Nordic skate ski section. The Dual event includes head-to-head racing through all the course features.

The ladies' elite field included ten racers including two Canadians. The races were dominated by Lyta Foulk of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. On Day 1, she won the morning's Classic race by 10.85 seconds over Farli Boden of Sandpoint, Idaho, who was following by Sarah Carley of Brentwood, New Hampshire in third. This race counted toward the National Championship. A second Classic was held in the afternoon. Lyta Foulk and Farli Boden again took first and second, respectively. Third place was held by Taylor Finn of Colorado Springs, Colorado skiing out of Breckenridge, Colorado.

The ladies' Day 2 Sprint Classic produced similar results with Lyta Foulk winning by 11.35 seconds followed by Farli Boden in second, and Taylor Finn in third. With the second win Lyta Foulk wrapped up the National Championship, which is a best 2 of 3 title, on Day 2.

Day 3 was the Dual Sprint with the overall second and third places still up for grabs. The women's bracket included eight racers who raced in a one-run elimination format. The pairing in the small final, for third and fourth places, included Farli Boden and Taylor Finn. Taylor Finn crashed missing a gate giving Farli Boden the bronze medal for the event. The championship pairing included Lyta Foulk against Sarah Carley. Sarah Carley also went down and finished behind Lyta Foulk giving Lyta her third event title.

The men's elite races included a field of 30 including three Canadians. Similar to the women's races one racer, Tanner Visnick of Steamboat Springs, dominated the event, but the races were closer than the women's. The Day 1 Classic race saw Tanner Visnick win by 2.28 seconds over Jeffery Gay, also of Steamboat Springs. Cory Synder of Franconia, New Hampshire was third.

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The afternoon Classic race, which was not counted toward the National Championships, saw the same three racer place in first through third.

The Day 2 Sprint Classic again saw Tanner Visnick win by 6.05 seconds over Jeffery Gay. Tommy Gogolen of Breckenridge, Colorado broke into the top three at 16.62 behind. With the overall National Championship decided by the best two of three races, Tanner Visnick won the overall on Day 2.

The Day 3 Dual Sprint saw some exciting racing. The small final for third place saw Tommy Gogolen against Jeffery Gay with Tommy taking the third spot. For the Dual Sprint title, Tanner Visnick raced Cory Snyder. Tanner won by 0.73 seconds giving him his three event title of the National Championships.

The overall National Title for the women was awarded to Lyta Foulk and for the men it was given to Tanner Visnick. Both Lyta and Tanner are on the U.S. World Cup team. Lyta is a junior at Steamboat Springs High School and a current member of the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club. She is currently in Rjukan, Norway participating in the Telemark World Cup. Followed by Lyta for the overall title was Farli Boden with the Silver, and by the virtue of her second place finish in the dual sprint, Sarah Carley took the overall bronze. Tanner is a Steamboat Springs High School Graduate and is currently a sophomore at Montana State University. Tanner participated in World Cup races earlier this year in France. Behind Tanner for the overall title was Jeffery Gay with silver and Cory Snyder with the bronze.

Lyta Foulk, Tanner Visnick, Cory Snyder, and Tommy Gogolen are members of the U.S. Telemark World Cup team. After Lyta competes in the Rjukan, Norway World Cup event, Tanner will join Lyta and the other World Cup team members, Cory Snyder and Tommy Gogolen, in Mürren, Switzerland for the final FIS World Cup of the season.

Of the 40 racers in the elite field at the championships, four were from Steamboat Springs. In addition to Lyta Foulk, Tanner Visnick, and Jeffery Gay, Jack Rosenthal with a strong finish in the dual event finished 9th in the overall. Lyta, being the youngest member of the team, is current a Steamboat Spring High School junior. Tanner, Jeffery and Jack are all currently in college. Lyta and Tanner won all the event and overall titles and Jeffery won the overall silver medal. This dominance of Steamboat Springs telemark skiers is a tribute to the telemark program and coaching of the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club. Telemark is not yet an Olympic event. It may be added in 2022. If it were an Olympic event, telemark would be adding several more to the total of Steamboat Olympians.

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