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On Saturday the 22nd of November two young British skiers will push off for their runs in the first ever World Cup Ski Halfpipe in Saas Fee Switzerland. Andy Bennet (20) and Tom Last (17) learnt how to ride the pipe almost exclusively at Sheffield Ski Village. Andy spent last season in the US beating the Americans at their own game winning a number of slopestyle and big Air competitions before returning to Europe for the seasons final events. At the Europa Cup finals where pretty much the entire potential World Cup Halfpipe field was present Tom took 9th place whilst Andy took 12th.

This result went pretty much unnoticed by the British Ski press however it sent an earthquake through Europe - who were these Brits that could beat the World's best?

Both spent the summer training in the Alps where Tom (Line, Nike, Rossignol, Cyber Kartel) won the Saas Fee ride, and at home in Sheffield. Andy can be seen in most issues of the British Ski Mags either from his 4 out of 5 winning performance at the ski show or through photos provided by his sponsors Line and the North Face and in Warren Smith's 'Snows in the House II'. Unfortunately Tom injured his knee a month ago during a bad landing but hopefully will be fit enough to compete.

Tom and Andy are arguably Britains best hope of World Cup podium places and are certainly contenders for top 15.

To see pictures and videos of the guys in action (free to use) go to

[www.freestylesnowsports.co.uk](http://www.freestylesnowsports.co.uk) and click on photo gallery.

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