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### Press Release

#### Last First in Saas-Fee Summer Special

The two leading members of the recently formed British Freestyle New School Development Squad both scored top three places at the successful Saas-Fee Ride 2003 event in mid July, the first ever major summer event to be held in the Swiss glacier resort.

Tom Last (Sheffield/Line Skis, Nike, Silver Cartel, Optic Nerve) shared the overall honours with Markus Kaiser. The judges could not separate Last's Rodeo 720 Grab and Rodeo 540 Tail Grab from Kaiser's 720 Tail Grab and Rodeo 540 Tail Grab, both ending up on 78.3 points. The pair held off a strong challenge from Verbier based Glen Parsons.

Last's compatriot Andy Bennett (Nottingham/Line Skis, The North Face, Silver Cartel) took third place with a slick 720 Safety Grab.

The Saas Fee Ride 2003 event attracted freeskiers from around Europe with 13 top men and two women competing.

Following on the successes of Last and Bennett over last season, particularly at the Europa Cup Finals in Soldeu, Snowsport GB launched the Freestyle New School Development Squad.

<sup>3</sup>We are delighted to see such progress and potential in the exciting field of New School and welcome the creation of a dedicated development squad and look forward to further successes over the winter.<sup>2</sup> Commented Mark Tilston, Snowsport GB's newly appointed Performance Director, <sup>3</sup>We also hope that the inclusion of new school events on the AIM Series will continue to build participation and interest in this exciting discipline.<sup>2</sup>