

## **Brits show the Yanks a clean pair of heels**

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colorado (Dec. 14) -- Swedish skier Hendrik Windstedt had the highest-scoring trick jump Friday night to win the inaugural Nature Valley Freestyle Challenge presented by Kodak.

Athletes from three nations, including U.S. Freestyle Ski Team members, had two jumps apiece and got to keep the higher scoring jump. Windstedt received 93.00 points for his better jump, which was worth \$2,000. British Freestyle Development Team member Andy Bennett (18, Newark) was second with 87.00 and third place went to his teammate Stewart Greenshields (19, Edinburgh), who had 72.00 points from the judges. Andy and Stuart have been training with the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club since early November and will be out there till they return to Europe for the International Youth Championships in Finland in March. Given this start to the season these are two young men to watch.

The competition began with fireworks and concluded with an even bigger fireworks display to conclude the first day of the Sprint U.S. Freestyle Grand National at Steamboat resort. Three of their more experienced teammates competed in this event on the famous Voo Doo mogul course. Sam Temple (29, Oxford) scored 20.47 and put down another solid run to build on his 38<sup>th</sup> place in Tignes a week ago. Sam is training with the Australian Team as he prepares for the Olympics in February. Joanne Bromfield (19, Salt Lake City) was not so pleased with her result of 19.02 points in Steamboat. 'I have been training hard on the Olympic course at Salt Lake where I now live, and after coming 8<sup>th</sup> in the US Selection event at Winter Park last week I thought I would achieve a higher score here today'. Third Brit in the World Cup event, Simon Bates (24, Edinburgh) also had a disappointing run with a mistake on the top air. 'This is my 4<sup>th</sup> season training in Steamboat so its almost my home slope but the bumps can always have surprises!'

After the holiday season Steamboat will be home to at least 7 of the British Freestyle skiers as they train with the Winter Sports, which has produced more Olympic athletes than any other club in the States. Sam and Joanne may be our only British Freestylers at the 2002 Olympics but with this talent pool coming through, the revival of British Freestyle skiing is definitely underway.

### **NATURE VALLEY FREESTYLE CHALLENGE (Big Air)**

**Presented by Kodak**

**Steamboat Springs, Colorado Dec. 14**

**(Better of two trick jumps)**

1. Hendrik Windstedt	SWE	93.00
2. Andy Bennett	GBR	87.00
3. Stewart Greenshields	GBR	72.00
4. Tommy Halvorson	USA	67.00
5. Chris Hernandez	USA	60.00

### **Sprint U.S. Freestyle Grand National (World Cup Moguls)**

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**(points out of 30)**

#### **Men**

1. Stephan Rochon	CAN	27.43
2. Travis Meyer	USA	27.13
3. Jeremy Bloom	USA	26.72
47. Sam Temple	GBR	20.47
51. Simon Bates	GBR	17.28

#### **Women**

1. Kari Traa	NOR	26.99
2. Ljudmila Dymchenko	RUS	25.55
3. Margarita Marbler	AUT	25.19
34. Joanne Bromfield	GBR	19.02

Further details from Steamboat will be available after the Duals event on Saturday.