

Bates and Bromfield Beat the Bumps in Buller

In the second event of the Australian Continental Cup Moguls series, the long course combined with deep bumps in soft snow posed problems for many of the 11 British mogul skiers currently training and competing down under. The 240m Wood Run at Mt. Buller has a 24 degree slope making it one of the toughest on the tour. A transport breakdown resulted in limited training on the course before the event, so four of the Brits ended up with RNS (run not scored) as they failed to stay within the course.

Martin Nankoo (19, Kent) had to be stretchered off after catching an edge, which threw him into an involuntary front flip, causing him to land on his back. Stuart Greenshields (18, Edinburgh) injured his shoulder in a similar mishap. Neither has sustained lasting damage and both hope to be back in training this week.

Joanne Bromfield (18, Salt Lake City) and Simon Bates (24, Edinburgh) were the only Brits to make the finals, their experience gained on the Europa Cup circuit last winter paying dividends in the massive bumps.

Bromfield continued in top form adding a 4th place to her 3rd and 5th from the previous event. 'I had a fast aggressive run and got good height and extension in my second jump, a kosak' said Bromfield. Coach Dave Spiers is very pleased with her consistent performance, which hopefully will ensure her selection by the British Olympic Association for the Winter Olympics in February 2002. Although born in Britain, Bromfield has lived in Salt Lake for several years due to father's work. 'The Olympic course is where I train back home but to ski it in the Olympics would fulfil a dream'.

Bates is still chasing the international Olympic qualification of a top 5 at Continental Cup. After gaining 9th place in the first event at Hotham two weeks ago he came 7th at Buller. 'There are about 10 men all after a 5th place and with only fractions of a point between us the competition is intense' reported Bates. 'There are two more events in Australia plus a couple of World Cups before the deadline in January so if I maintain my progress I can still make it to Salt Lake'.

The next event is at Perisher on 1st September.

Abom Mogul Challenge, Mt. Buller, Victoria, Australia Saturday 25 August, 2001

Men's Continental Cup Moguls (56 competitors)

1 st	Dale Begg-Smith	CAN	27.61
2 nd	Adrian Costa	AUS	26.82
3 rd	Andrea Berchtold	AUS	26.33
7 th	Simon Bates	GBR	23.18
20 th	Andy Bennett	GBR	13.97
26 th	Chris David	GBR	10.19
42 nd	Martin Nankoo	GBR	2.52
44 th	Stuart Greenshields	GBR	1.77
52 nd	Jack Mallalieu	GBR	RNS
53 rd	Andy David	GBR	RNS
55 th	Sam Temple	GBR	RNS

Women's Continental Cup Moguls

1 st	Manuela Berchtold	AUS	24.?
2 nd	Allie Blackwell	AUS	24.?
3 rd	Jane Sexton	AUS	23.?
4 th	Joanne Bromfield	GBR	23.76
?	Laura Donaldson	GBR	?
?	Kathryn Harris	GBR	RNS