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### **British Freestyler makes final in Europa Cup in Cranes Montana Switzerland**

British Freestyle mogul skier Martin Nankoo competed in the Europa Cup competition held in Cranes Montana Switzerland this weekend (11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> Feb) in a field of 56.

The conditions were reasonable with the weather sunny but the course very icy. Martin's run in the qualification was a very impressive one giving him a score of 22 points but more significant it meant he had made it into the final.

Martin was confident after his impressive run and wanted to do well in the final; he had bright condition for his run down and started well and executed a heli-x for his first jump landed well and skied the middle bumps well coming into the second jump just about perfect he pulled off a great double twister spread, landing well he tried to pick up speed on the final set of bumps, which was quite long at near enough 100 metre, and finished well which gave him over 20 points and a great final position of 13<sup>th</sup> place.

Martin commented 'This was my first season on the World Cup circuit and after my disappointment at not making the cut for the Olympics in Turin; I felt that I had to get confidence back with a good result in the Europa Cup competition and beat my earlier position in the season of finishing 22<sup>nd</sup>. I was ecstatic when I realised I had made the final and when I saw that I had finished in 13<sup>th</sup> place it really gave me a warm feeling of confidence inside as I know that I can ski better and improve so much more, in fact I feel that in Europa Cup now I should be finishing in the top ten and that will be one of my goals for next season – consistency. I am now looking forward to the British Championships and I will go there with renewed confidence and vigour and look to finish first!'

As Martin indicated this was his first season on the Freestyle World Cup circuit and he feels that he has learnt so much from this experience and that it has firmly put his feet on the ground. He will be training very hard for the rest of the season and will be perfecting his jumps and fitness level throughout the summer, ready to go into next seasons more focused and wiser.

Missing out on Turin was a disappointment but at the age of 22 he is still the best hope for Great Britain to have a representative in Men's Freestyle in 4 years time. With the right mental attitude and fitness and sponsorship there is no reason for Martin not to achieve and maintain top twenty positions in the World Cup circuit over the next 5 to 8 years and maybe even take first place in a Europa Cup very soon.

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