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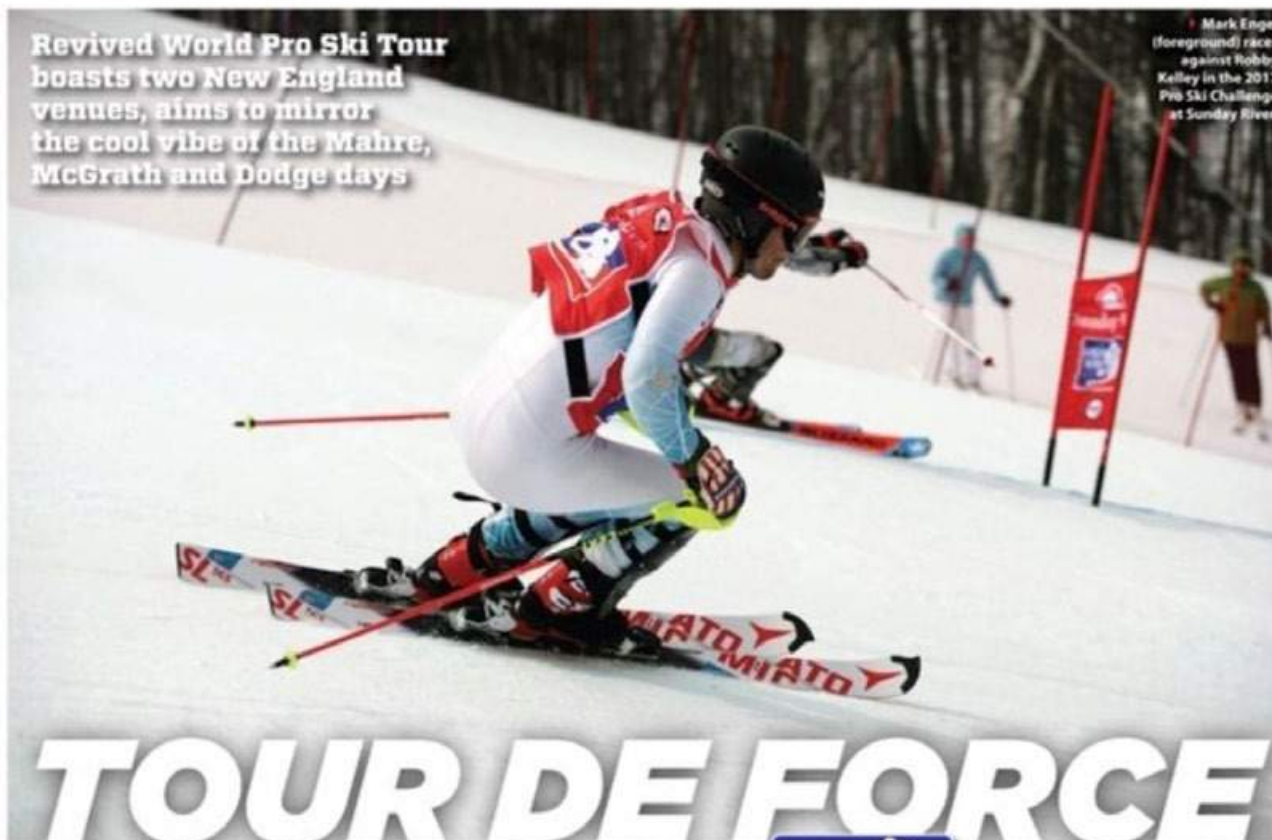
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Revived World Pro Ski Tour
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Mark Engel
(foreground) races
against Robby
Kelley in the 2017
Pro Ski Challenge
at Sunday River.



TOUR DE FORCE

By Brion O'Connor

Expect an unmistakable sense of déjà vu when racers slide into the starting gates at the revived World Pro Ski Tour at New Hampshire's Waterville Valley in February and Maine's Sunday River in late March. Old-timers might hear the haunting exhortations of famed announcer Bob Beattie, or even catch a glimpse of ghostly apparitions resembling Steve and Phil Mahre, Billy Kidd, Tiger Shaw or Felix McGrath running the gates.

New England dates

► White Mountain Dual Challenge | Waterville Valley | Feb. 8-10
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sky, a Dartmouth grad, defeated 2017 U.S. and Canadian national slalom champion AJ Ginnis to take the \$10,000 grand prize. This year, World Pro Ski Tour organizers are planning three events, including the two in New England.

Ankeny was among this new breed of slalom racers, along with brothers Alec and Ace Tarberry, 2012 national GS champion Robby Kelley, and 2016 nation-

cause the excitement of racing head to head is exponentially more exciting than racing the clock," said Alec Tarberry, a two-time All-American at Middlebury College. "Head-to-head racing is also more exciting for the fans. They can feel the adrenaline and intensity."

Prior to last year's event, it had been almost two decades since racers like the Tarberrys and Ankeny had a legitimate

"Historically, the World Pro Ski Tour has been another avenue for ski racers to pursue if they are looking for other ways of making an income, looking to extend a career, or just change up the pace of the grueling World Cup circuit," said Ankeny. "The guys who started the tour were having fun and tearing it up on the hill. That overall atmosphere associated with the Pro Tour is what attracted me the most."

Ace Tarberry, a two-time NCAA All-American, first got a taste of the Pro Tour at school.

"My college ski coach at Dartmouth, Peter Dodge, is a notorious former racer

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Nolan Kasper Wins World Pro Ski Tour White Mountain Dual Challenge

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U.S. Ski Teamer and 2018 Olympian Nolan Kasper of Warren, Vermont, won Saturday's race of the World Pro Ski Tour in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire. Before heading to South Korea for the Olympic Games to compete in the slalom competition on February 22, the 28-year-old edged out Canadian skier Morgan Megarry of Collingwood, Ontario, for the win in the final round. Third and fourth place went to Michael Ankeny of Wayzata, Minnesota, and Robby Kelley of Starksboro, Vermont, respectively.

"It was great to see such a big crowd of enthusiastic supporters today at Waterville Valley for this event," Kasper said. "Like all the racers here today, I am thrilled to see that the World Pro Ski Tour has come back after being dormant for so long."

Dubbed the White Mountain Dual Challenge, the race was the first stop of this season's World Pro Ski Tour. Saturday's race featured 32 racers from across the U.S., Canada, Finland, Sweden, and France. Next stop for the tour is Aspen, Colorado, followed by the final race of the series at Sunday River, Maine, March 30-31.

The races will air on CBS Sports Network on April 1 at 1pm EST for Waterville Valley, April 8 at 2:30pm EST for Aspen, and April 15 for the Sunday River event.

For more information about the World Pro Ski Tour, visit [worldproskitour.com](#).

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Jacobs qualifies for round of 32 in World Pro Ski Tour opener

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WATERVILLE VALLEY, N.H. — Jake Jacobs of Glens Falls qualified as the 20th seed for the round of 32 at the World Pro Ski Tour opening race on Feb. 9.

Jacobs was paired with Thomas Maitre of France in the first round. One mistake on his first run left him with a .75-second deficit to make up on his second run, and though Jacobs' second run was near-flawless, it was not enough to pass Maitre.

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How to follow your new favorite winter sports even though the Olympics are over

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The Winter Olympics are over but there are loads of opportunities to obsess over your new favorite sports.

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While icy tears roll down our cheeks, the Winter Olympics bid farewell for another four years. And, yet, there's a lot to be thankful for because now we have some new favorite sports that we can obsess about while we wait for the 2022 Beijing Games.

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These sports all have lives beyond the four-year Olympics cycle. Sure, everything seems to culminate at the games, but there's so much more happening between those big, global events and it's gotten even easier to follow them in the internet age.

From World Cup competitions to regular leagues, there are a bundle of ways to keep following your new favorite Winter Olympic sport through the rest of the year. You'll learn more about the athletes and come to appreciate the years-long effort it takes to make it to the Olympic medal podium, too.

One caveat: since we're nearing the end of winter in the Northern Hemisphere, most of the sports are at the tail end of their seasons. But never fear, they'll return when the weather gets cold again, giving you a chance to do a little research in the meantime.

There are still a few events left to help you get your winter sports fix, so let's get started.

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With the sweet, sweet tunes of the Grateful Dead playing through the speakers, locals and vacationers alike flocked outside the FREESKIER RV parked at 8,150 feet above sea level to learn about the 20-year-old brand while enjoying a free breakfast with staff

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AJ Ginnis outduels David Chodounsky for World Pro Ski Tour win in Snowmass



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A.J. Ginnis talks to CBS Sports after his win on Saturday in Snowmass.

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Even if they just put up a few gates on the backyard hill, there will need to be a rubber match between A.J. Ginnis and David Chodounsky.

It all came down to the U.S. Ski Team duo on Saturday in the finals of the Rocky Mountain Pro Ski Classic at Snowmass, the second of three stops on the World Pro Ski Tour this winter. The two also met in the finals at Sunday River last year, Chodounsky sneaking away with the win.

The rematch didn't quite go his way.

"He got me this year. He's such a fast skier. It was a lot of fun just competing against each other," Chodounsky said. "The last round I made a mistake on the blue course. It definitely cost me that match."

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World Pro Ski Tour Making Stops In New Hampshire, Maine In '18

By Ben Fischer, Staff Writer

December 8, 2017

The relaunched World Pro Ski Tour has announced two stops for its '18 season after running a pilot event earlier this year. The tour, which features head-to-head slalom races rather than the standard model of one-by-one runs for time, will start with the White Mountain Dual Challenge at Waterville...

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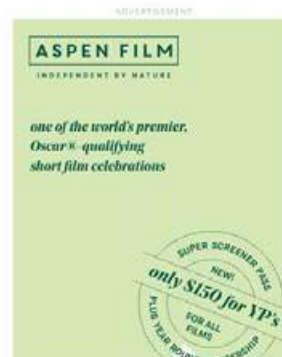
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Sunday River hosting World Pro Ski Tour finals



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After winning the World Pro Ski Tour opener at Waterville Valley and competing in the Pyeongchang Olympic, Olympian Nolan Kasper will lead the field at Sunday River during the final competition at the Nerys ski resort on March 30 and 31. Kasper captured the \$10,000 prize at the first competition at Waterville Valley Resort in February. The races at Sunday River mark the final event for the World Pro Ski Tour this season.

About the World Pro Ski Tour

The World Pro Ski Tour is an organization dedicated to promoting professional dual alpine ski racing. The tour is led by the former president of the U.S. Pro Ski Tour, Ed Rogers of Bath, Maine; Craig Marshall of Portland; Kevin Clarke of Fryeburg; Barrett Stein of Tamarack, Idaho; and John Jacobs of Glens Falls, N.Y. The group looks to capitalize on the popularity of the dual format to maintain a full-season tour and offer opportunities for ski racers to earn a living while sharing the excitement of their sport with the public.

Zampa and Andreas Zampa. The two racers each won a silver medal in the 2017 World Championships Dual Team Event.

In total, the field includes more than 30 competitors from across the World Cup and collegiate ranks. The professional dual-alpine ski race format will put the racers side by side on the Monday Mourning course that will be entirely visible from the base area at Barker Mountain. The event will be free and open to the public.

"We are thrilled to be bringing the tour back to Sunday River," said Ed Rogers, president of the World Pro Ski Tour. "The event last year was a big reason we were able to add more locations and races to the tour this season. The business growth we have seen along with the quality of skiers that have competed in the events has made us proud to say the tour is back!"

The World Pro Ski Tour races will be televised on CBS Sports Network, the 24-hour home of CBS Sports, which is available nationally. The Visit Maine Pro Ski Championship will be broadcast on April 15 at 12:30 p.m. ET.

The World Pro Ski Tour is supported by premier sponsors Tito's Handmade Vodka, Maine Office of Tourism and Greenhead Lobster, along with many other tour partners.

BY STAFF

For the second year in a row, the World Pro Ski Tour will return to Sunday River for the final competition of the season, the Visit Maine Pro Ski Championship that will be held at the Nerys ski resort on March 30-31.

Olympian Nolan Kasper and several other international competitors will compete for the \$10,000 cash prize. Entering the championship event, Kasper holds a slim one-point lead over Michael Ankeny for the \$5,000 season-long prize.

The weekend event is expected to attract many visitors to watch a competitive field that includes Kasper who competed in the 2017 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, less than a month ago. Kasper will be challenged by 2014 Olympians from Slovakia, Adam

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The White Mountain Dual Challenge, the first stop of the season's World Pro Ski Tour at Waterville Valley Resort in Waterville Valley, N.H. on February 10, 2019. Photo: Mike Gashley

World Pro Ski Tour returns after two-decade hiatus

It's been about 20 years since the World Pro Ski Tour and its head-to-head racing format left Fox Sports' lineup. But now it's back.

On March 30, the first season of the World Pro Ski Tour reboot will wrap up at Sunday River in Newry, Maine.

Its three-stage open-enrollment series drew a wide variety of skiers, including national team athletes like AJ Ginnis, Nolan Kasper, and Ryan Cochran-Siegle, along with independent racers, college athletes and skiing enthusiasts. Two Park City residents — Johnny Manekin and Peter Papineau — have checked the tour out firsthand, and have seen what the blast from the past has to offer.

The two racers, at 31 and 23 respectively, are right in the tour's demographic wheelhouse, which targets competitive skiers who aren't necessarily on the national team trying to make money off of their talent.

Both said they enjoyed the tour's dual-racing format, which pits racers directly against each other instead of a clock.

"There's 24 gates, two jumps, and when you have another athlete breathing down your neck, it makes for a very exciting race lineup," Manekin said.

Papineau, who grew up racing with Park City Ski Team, said the format felt radically different from more traditional alpine skiing events.

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"It wasn't natural to do head-to-head races, and it was appealing in that sense," he said. "You could race against a friend and try and beat them to the end instead of racing for a time."

The format was created for spectators, giving them immediate insights into what works and what doesn't. Any slip-ups are made evident by their opponent's progress. The timer doesn't start until the first racer crosses the line, and the slower racer is eliminated. The winner is then paired against another winner until only one is left standing.

The tour originally ran from 1969 to 1999, and drew talented athletes, including Park City's Erik Schlopy. According to an article in Powder Magazine, the tour originally had 17 stops that crossed into Europe and Japan, and were broadcast on ESPN, SportsChannel, ABC, and Japanese TV as well as Fox. Athletes could win large cash purses on any weekend in winter, a set-up that pulled considerable talent.

In an interview with the Boston Globe, Ed Rogers, who ran the tour from 1976 until its collapse, and is the organization's current president, said the tour fell apart not because of lack of interest from viewers but because a major sponsor withdrew.

Craig Marshall, executive director of sales and marketing, said another factor was the Fox Broadcast Company's decision to reduce its sports broadcasting to focus more on news at a time when it was the major purveyor of the World Pro Ski Tour.

Now, the tour's founders are hoping that interest has been lying dormant in the American public, waiting to be rekindled.

Last year, the tour kicked off with a single event, and this year it had three — one at Waterville Valley Resort in New Hampshire, one at Snowmass in Colorado, and the upcoming finale at Sunday River,



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World Pro Ski Tour: Ricker ready for 'redemption' at Sunday River

By Randy Whitehouse, Staff Writer - March 29, 2018



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Turner's Sam Ricker will compete at this weekend's World Pro Ski Tour at Sunday River Ski Resort. (Bob Story photo)

Without prompting, Sam Ricker recalled the last time he skied Sunday River's Monday Mourning as a Leavitt Area High School senior eight years ago.

"I missed the first gate in (Class A) state slalom and was disqualified," he said.

Ricker returns to the hill Friday for the World Pro Ski Tour's return, joining over 40 others for the open dual race vying for the \$10,000 first prize.

"I'm looking for a little redemption," he said with a laugh.

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The 2015 UMaine-Farmington grad and former Vail ski instructor will be making his second appearance on the tour, which president Ed Rogers revived last year with a lone race at Sunday River.

Ricker competed at Waterville Valley in early February in the middle of this year's three-leg tour, which started in Colorado. He qualified for the final 30, recovering his \$150 entry fee in

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World Pro Ski Tour: Even for the best, dual skiing a new challenge

By Randy Whitehouse, Staff Writer - March 30, 2018



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Sam Morse gets some air in the first of two jumps at the World Pro Ski tour double slalom course qualifying runs at Sunday River in Newry. (Andree Kehn/Sun Journal)

NEWRY — Sam Morse knows how to go down Sunday River's Monday Mourning trail about as fast as anyone ever has. But put a fellow racer next to him and the Carrabassett Valley Academy grad and U.S. National team member has some questions.

"I was struggling with that today because you kind of want to know where he is and see him, but you don't want to see him because that means you're losing to him," Morse said.

This weekend's Visit Maine Pro Ski Championships served as an invigorating way for Morse to wind down a memorable ski season that included four World Cup starts. But he wasn't the only one learning on the fly at Friday's time trials.

"We're all at the start discussing different tactics and theories and trying to figure out what's fastest here," he said. "It's pretty exciting."

After 80 runs, including the World Pro Ski Tour's first-ever female competitors, the seeds are set for Saturday's elimination round, which start at 11 a.m.

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Kasper, Dlouhy Win World Pro Ski Tour Races at Sunday River

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2018 U.S. Olympian Nolan Kasper won the Visit Maine Pro Ski Championship at Sunday River, Maine, on Saturday, defeating Slovakian Olympian Adam Zampa in the final for the \$10,000 prize. Kasper also edged out World Cup skier Michael Ankeny for the overall season championship for an additional \$5,000.

"I feel amazing," Kasper said. "I am so happy. This is a great event and we had great weather today. It's awesome that they brought the World Pro Ski Tour back. It's great for the racers and the fans, and a great recipe for success moving forward!"


It was Zampa's first time competing in a World Pro Ski Tour event.


"The race was really enjoyable and I'm glad I made it over to Maine," said Zampa. "I was happy with the way that I skied against some tough competition. I'll definitely try to make it back next year!"


In warm and sunny conditions on the Monday Mourning Race Arena, a total of 32 men competed in the dual slalom format. The Visit Maine Pro Ski Championships was the final race of three in the 2018 World Pro Ski Tour season, following the White Mountain Dual Challenge at Waterville Valley, N.H., and the Rocky Mountain Pro Ski Classic at Snowmass, Colo.


Due to high demand, the World Pro Ski Tour also hosted its first women's specific competition since the tour's revival. The start list featured seven women in the inaugural race. Alexa Dlouhy overtook her Dartmouth teammate Foreste Peterson in the final round to take the win.


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Pro skiing: Kasper, Dlouhy rally for titles at Sunday River

By Wil Kramlich, Staff Writer · March 31, 2018

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Sam Ricker of Turner uses the double cross-blocking technique to clear a gate during the World Pro Ski Tour event Saturday at Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry. (Brewster Burns photo)

NEWRY — It was good to see red on Saturday for World Pro Ski Tour racers at Sunday River.

The red course proved to be the faster of the two when it mattered most, and Nolan Kasper and Alexa Dlouhy used it to earn wins in the Visit Maine Pro Ski Championship.

Kasper went down the red course for the second of his two runs in both the semifinal and final rounds, and had time to make up going into both runs. He trailed Michael Ankeny by .159 seconds going into a semifinal that would determine the tour champion in the third and final event of the three-event season, then faced a .298 second hole against Adam Zampa in the final.

"I think you always have to fight," Kasper said. "These courses, they break down, they don't break down evenly. Sometimes you'll have a better track, and it seemed like the red course was holding up a little better. Honestly it was great to have the ... faster course the second run, because I knew I had to charge, and even though I was down a little bit, it just comes down to really having to go and really having to take a sacrifice a bit and risk it and see where it ends up."

Kasper, who had a one-point lead over Ankeny for the tour title going into this weekend, wrapped up the crown and it's \$10,000 prize with the comeback victory in the semifinals. He then edged Zampa by .325 seconds in the second side-by-side run of the finals to win another \$5,000 for the event win.

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Kasper, Dlouhy take World Pro Ski Tour titles at Sunday River

U.S. Olympian Nolan Kasper wins the men's event, and Canadian Alexa Dlouhy wins the Pro Tour's first women's title.

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Alexa Dlouhy of Canada carves her way around a gate Saturday during the World Pro Ski Tour event at Sunday River. Dlouhy defeated Dartmouth College teammate Foreste Peterson in the women's final. Sun Journal photo by Brevester Burns

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"It's amazing," Kasper said. "Obviously, it was high-stress."

While Kasper had a great finish in the final, Zampa had a forgettable start to his second run.

"I was leading, but then the second run I missed the start a little bit. I was sleeping, I don't know why. And then I pushed, but in the end it's three-hundredths that he won at the end on," Zampa said.

"He's a good racer. I'm very happy to finish second. It's better than to go out in the first round. The better (skier) won today, and it's good motivation for me to come back, and I think that I'll be back."

Kasper and Zampa participated in the recent Winter Olympics, Kasper for the U.S., Zampa for Slovakia. Kasper made the team after coming back from four knee surgeries since 2015.

"It's been an amazing year," Kasper said.

Ankeny settled for third place for the fourth straight event, thanks to a consolation-round win over former Middlebury College skier Jack Schickl.

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The weekend event is expected to attract many visitors to watch the field which includes Olympian Nolan Kasper who competed in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Kasper and several other Olympians and international competitors will compete for \$10,000 in cash prizes.

The professional dual-alpine ski race will pit racers side by side on the Monday Mourning course, which is visible from the base area at Barker Mountain. The event is free and open to the public.

"We are thrilled to be bringing the tour back to Sunday River," said Ed Rogers, president of the World Pro Ski Tour. "The event last year was a big reason we were able to add more locations and races to the tour this season. The business growth we have seen along with the quality of skiers that have competed in the events has made us proud to say the tour is back."

The races will be televised on CBS Sports Network. The Visit Maine Pro Ski Championship will be broadcast on April 15 at 12L30 p.m. (EST).

This is the final event for the World Pro Ski Tour this season. The event begins Thursday, March 29 with an opening reception from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Grand Summit. Qualifications are at noon. Friday, March 30 with Tito's Apres party at the Foggy Goggle from 3-5 p.m. and Tito's Evening Party at Trail's End from 8-10 p.m. Saturday finals are at 11 a.m. with parties at the Barker Bar from 4-6 p.m. and at the Matterhorn from 8-10 p.m.

Racers scheduled to compete in the Visit Maine Pro Ski Championship are:

Michael Ankeny (Wayzata, Minnesota)
Philip Brown (Toronto, Ontario)
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Nolan Kasper (Warren, Vermont)
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Sam Morse of Carrabassett Valley gets some air on the first of two jumps during a World Pro Ski Tour qualifying run Friday at Sunday River. Sun Journal photo by Andree Kehn

NEWRY — Sam Morse knows how to go down Sunday River’s Monday Mourning trail about as fast as anyone ever has. But put a fellow racer next to him, and the Carrabassett Valley Academy grad and U.S. national team member has some questions.

“I was struggling with that today because you kind of want to know where he is and see him, but you don’t want to see him because that means you’re losing to him,” Morse said.

The Visit Maine Pro Ski Championships is serving as an invigorating way for Morse to wind down a memorable season that included four World Cup starts. But he wasn’t the only one learning on the fly at Friday’s time trials.

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AUBURN — Most of Bump Heldman's focus when he's been on a hill of late is on the talented Gould Academy alpine skiers he helps coach.

Five years removed from Bates College and active ski competition, the Auburn native will see how much Bump the student — and elite-level competitive skier — and Bump the coach still has in him at the World Pro Ski Tour this weekend.

Heldman won't call what he's doing a comeback, and what does it matter anyway? The once dormant World Pro Ski Tour will be the true comeback story, launching its rebirth at Sunday River this weekend with the Pro Ski Challenge.

If the World Pro Ski Tour rings a bell, it was part of the pro skiing landscape for 30 years, starting in 1970. Now led by former U.S. Pro Ski Tour president Ed Rogers of Bath, the new tour features Olympic, World Cup and NCAA competitors in a dual alpine format. The event is free for spectators, and CBS Sports Network will broadcast the tour's debut March 19.

Heldman spends most of his time running his family's sporting goods store in Auburn, Gee & Bee Sports. Though still active on the slopes, his distinguished racing career which included elite competition in the U.S. Ski Team Development Program and ultimately with the national team effectively ended when he graduated from Bates in 2012.

The idea of returning to competitive skiing never clicked until he talked about the tour with friends he'd met on the hill at the recent Bates Carnival. After some research and a little reflection to see how much the competitive fires still burned, he gained a sponsorship from Nancy Marshall Communications and put the training skis back on.

Given his relative recent inactivity, and his relative inexperience in the dual format, Heldman has no idea what to expect when he's in the gate for Friday's shootout (the top 32 skiers advance to head-to-head racing on Saturday).

"I could surprise myself or I could be surprised how much faster some of those guys are," he said.

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Skiers to race head to head as World Pro Ski Tour returns to Sunday River

The competitive field includes Maine native Sam Morse, 22, a member of the U.S. Ski Team.

BY MIKE LOWE STAFF WRITER

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Sam Morse was looking to end his ski season by having some fun. And he found the perfect place to do it in his home state.

Morse, the 22-year-old member of the U.S. ski team from Carrabassett Valley, will be among the skiers to watch in the World Pro Ski Tour race at Sunday River this weekend.



Sam Morse, from Carrabassett Valley and a member of the U.S. Ski Team, looks forward to the unique format. "It certainly brings out the competitiveness with a guy standing next to you." Photo by Steven Kornreich Photography



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Max Richard of Farmington gets around a gate during the first World Ski Tour event held at Sunday River in March of 2017. The event returns to Newry this weekend with its head-to-head format. Qualifications are on Friday with the round of 32 eliminations starting at 11 a.m. Saturday. Staff photo by Shawn Patrick Ouellette

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The Visit Maine Pro Ski Championships will be held on Friday and Saturday, featuring four skiers from the recent PyeongChang Olympics as well as two NCAA champions from Dartmouth College.

"It's been a long year of competing," said Morse, who skied on the World Cup tour and was ranked sixth overall on the NorAm series this winter. "This sounds like a fun event."

It's an entirely different sort of ski race. In its second year, the World Pro Ski Tour uses a unique dual format in which skiers race against each other on what they call a super slalom course – more space between the gates than on a slalom course, less space than on a giant slalom course.

In its inaugural year in 2017, the tour held one race – at Sunday River. This year, the tour has three events, the final one on Sunday River's Monday Mourning Race Arena. There will be nearly 40 skiers for Friday's qualifying event, with the top 32 times advancing to the dual finals on Saturday. The prize purse is \$30,000 with the winner receiving \$10,000.

For the first time, there will be a separate women's category, with eight skiers racing on Saturday. The winner will receive \$1,000. The races will be shown on the CBS Sports Network on April 15.

"I think a lot of people have fun here," said Nolan Kasper, a U.S. ski team member from Warren, Vermont, who has participated in the last three Winter Olympics. "It's a fun format, something we don't typically do, the head-to-head racing. I know I enjoy the atmosphere, the camaraderie between the skiers. I love the whole event."

"I know the Olympics is the biggest event in ski racing, and a lot of other sports. But they do a good job of putting on the race here, getting people to watch and cheer. It's cool. It's the highlight of the end of the season for me."

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After winning the World Pro Ski Tour opener at Waterville Valley and competing in the Pyeongchang Olympics, Olympian Nolan Kasper will lead the field at Sunday River during the final competition at the Newry ski resort on March 30 and 31. Kasper captured the \$10,000 prize at the first competition at Waterville Valley Resort in February. The races at Sunday River mark the final event for the World Pro Ski Tour this season.

About the World Pro Ski Tour

The World Pro Ski Tour is an organization dedicated to promoting professional dual alpine ski racing. The tour is led by the former president of the U.S. Pro Ski Tour, Ed Rogers of Bath, Maine; Craig Marshall of Portland; Kevin Clarke of Fryeburg; Barrett Stein of Tamarack, Idaho; and John Jacobs of Glens Falls, N.Y. The group looks to capitalize on the popularity of the dual format to maintain a full-season tour and offer opportunities for ski racers to earn a living while sharing the excitement of their sport with the public.

Zampa and Andreas Zampa. The two racers each won a silver medal in the 2017 World Championships Dual Team event.

In total, the field includes more than 30 competitors from across the World Cup and collegiate ranks. The professional dual-alpine ski race format will put the racers side by side on the Monday Mourning course that will be entirely visible from the base area at Barker Mountain. The event will be free and open to the public.

"We are thrilled to be bringing the tour back to Sunday River," said Ed Rogers, president of the World Pro Ski Tour. "The event last year was a big reason we were able to add more locations and races to the tour this season. The business growth we have seen along with the quality of skiers that have competed in the events has made us proud to say the tour is back!"

The World Pro Ski Tour races will be televised on CBS Sports Network, the 24-hour home of CBS Sports, which is available nationally. The Visit Maine Pro Ski Championship will be broadcast on April 15 at 12:30 p.m. ET.

The World Pro Ski Tour is supported by premier sponsors Tito's Handmade Vodka, Maine Office of Tourism and Greenhead Lobster, along with many other tour partners.

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For the second year in a row, the World Pro Ski Tour will return to Sunday River for the final competition of the season, the Visit Maine Pro Ski Championship that will be held at the Newry ski resort on March 30-31.

Olympian Nolan Kasper and several other international competitors will compete for the \$10,000 cash prize. Entering the championship event, Kasper holds a slim one-point lead over Michael Anzani for the \$5,000 season-long prize.

The weekend event is expected to attract many visitors to watch a competitive field that includes Kasper who competed in the 2017 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, less than a month ago. Kasper will be challenged by 2014 Olympians from Slovakia, Adam

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Olympian Nolan Kasper will be among the competitors to compete at the World Pro Ski Tour stop in Snowmass this week.

Sam Coffey hasn't been in a legitimate starting gate since his senior year of college in 2014. But with the World Pro Ski Tour making its Colorado debut, he wasn't about to pass up the opportunity to see if he's still got it.

His game plan? Just wing it.

"It's been awhile. I'm not expecting much," Coffey said. "I'm just going out to have fun and race against some of my old buddies I used to compete with that are still racing. Maybe I can get lucky and win a little bit of money."

Coffey, a 28-year-old Aspen native who was an all-American ski racer at the University of New Hampshire, expects to be one of the 30 or so skiers competing this weekend at the Rocky Mountain Pro Ski Classic in Snowmass. After a two-decade hiatus, the unique head-to-head event returns Friday and Saturday. It's the second of three stops in the 2018 series and the first outside the East Coast.

There is a \$10,000 prize awaiting the tournament winner.

"It's awesome to get back to Aspen. It obviously has a huge history of pro racing," said Craig Marshall, the executive director of sales and marketing for the World Pro Ski Tour. "An awesome thing we definitely prioritize is providing opportunity for as many racers as possible. But also to get in front of Colorado fans, who obviously are really knowledgeable about ski racing and are really passionate about it."

Aspen's own Bob Beattie helped launch what was called World Pro Skiing in 1969. It lasted in some form until folding as the U.S. Pro Ski Tour in 1998. Built off those roots, the World Pro Ski Tour launched last winter with a lone event at Sunday River in Maine.

There has been one race this season, the White Mountain Dual Challenge on Feb. 10, won by U.S. Ski Team member and three-time Olympian Nolan Kasper. After Snowmass, the three-stop tour will conclude with its final race back in Sunday River at the end of the month.

"I probably wouldn't travel to go to this right now. I'm not training and I'm not seriously racing anymore. But the fact that it's in Aspen, or Snowmass, I couldn't pass it up," Coffey said. "I was super psyched and really excited when I heard the race was coming to town. It's an open registration, which makes it pretty unique and cool, meaning anyone can sign up. You'll have everyone from Olympic and World Cup athletes down to Joe Schmos and normal skiers like myself these days."

Kasper is expected to be one of the high-profile skiers competing this weekend in Snowmass, others being U.S. Ski Team member A.J. Ginniss and 2015 Nor-Am Cup champion Michael Ankeny.

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After watching the parade of Olympic skiers come heartbreakingly close to medaling in Pyeongchang, South Korea, one would be forgiven for thinking that ski racing is a young person's sport. After all, Lindsey Vonn just became the oldest woman to medal in an alpine Olympic event—at the ripe old age of 33.

But that would disregard the feats of 56-year-old Lisa Ballard. Last year, Ballard won the aging athlete's version of the Olympics and World Cup—the FIS Masters Cup—in super-G. She's the only American to win the category, earning her an oversized glass globe trophy that looks a lot like those won by current world-beaters such as Vonn and Mikaela Shiffrin.

"Winning a globe had always been percolating in me," says Ballard, who now lives in Red Lodge, Montana. "I didn't want there to always be that woulda, coulda, shoulda."

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For the second year in a row, the World Pro Ski Tour is here in Maine.

The two-day event, which began Friday, features high-flying side-by-side dual racing down the mountain and over some challenging jumps.

There are skiers of all abilities competing, including world cup stars, collegiate competitors and U.S. Olympic skier Nolan Kasper.

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Dual ski racing returns



The World Pro Ski Tour dual format lends itself beautifully to 21st-century sports viewing and has endless possibilities. (Courtesy photo)

By Dr. Kevin R. Stone on April 8, 2018 1:00 am

Dual head-to-head racing is the most exciting thing you can watch in competitive skiing. It began in the 1960s with Henri Moreault in Aspen, was expanded into a pro racing tour by the late Bob Beattie in the '70s, continued by Ed Rogers then fizzled out in the 1990s.

Now, it's back again under the guidance of Rogers, and it rocks.

Ski racing is an unbelievably challenging and engaging sport. It includes the best and worst of outdoor weather conditions, is completely dependent on high-performance gear (which barely lasts a season), is expensive and is highly addictive. At the college level, a robust racing scene has provided the most accessible format for the sport.

Unfortunately, it's been dominated by arcane NCAA rules that prevent the athletes from using the basic support of ski technicians and specialized coaches for each discipline. (Racing in college generally leads to a dead-end racing career once college is over.)

National team racing on the U.S. Ski Team is mainly confusing. The team receives no government funding and relies on wealthy donors. Skiers must commit to the national team program while in high school, often foregoing adequate schooling; yet, very few make it.

A handful of athletes at the A-level are financially supported by the U.S. Ski Team, but those on the B-, C- and D-level teams must pay for their own travel, lodging and even health care. The opportunities to race at the World Cup are few and far between.

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It's an equally bad situation for the fans. There are only occasional World Cup races on U.S. soil. Only a couple of men and women racers gain any popularity, no medals at all were won by the U.S. men at the recent Olympics. And watching ski racing is simply boring. It's impossible to tell who is winning without standing around in the cold for several hours. It's almost as bad on TV, where the same comments are repeated about each racer. Announcers rarely know who is actually going the fastest until the skier actually crosses the finish line.

Into this void steps Rogers' new World Pro Ski Tour. Head-to-head dual Giant Slalom racing, with jumps in the middle of the course, solve the viewing problems. The field is wide open, with qualifiers on Day 1 and rounds of 32 competitors whittled down to the finals the following day.

Athletes from high school to post-World Cup level race for prize money. The U.S. events may include 10 races in 2019, with additional events in Europe. Freed from the FIS World Cup rules, the World Pro Ski Tour dual format lends itself beautifully to 21st-century sports viewing. Think American Football and Super Bowl. Like the Super Bowl, it's a game. There is no suspense of



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