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Snowmass podium (from left): David Chodounsky 2nd, AJ Ginnis 1st, Michael Ankeny 3rd, Andreas Zampa 4th. By Lisa Mutz-Nelson, Official Tour Photographer

AJ Ginnis victorious over David Chodounsky in rematch at Snowmass

There's nothing in sports quite like rematches between bitter rivals. Red Sox-Yankees. Celtics-Lakers. More recently, the Cavaliers and the Warriors could face off in their fourth straight NBA Finals.

Calling AJ Ginnis and David Chodounsky bitter rivals is a bit of a stretch; they travel together throughout the winter and the older Chodounsky has helped Ginnis learn the secrets of the World Cup. But when they faced off in the final of the Rocky Mountain Pro Ski Classic at Snowmass March 10, everyone was thinking back to their matchup at the 2017 Pro Ski Challenge at Sunday River.

Then 22-year-old Ginnis took advantage of 32-year-old and 5x National Champion Chodounsky's fall in the first run to take a 1.35 second advantage into the final run. AJ knew that Dave is a strong competitor and would look to make up the difference so he went on the attack. Approaching the finish with the lead and a \$10,000 pay day in his sights, he lost his edge and slid on his hip past the next gate, giving Chodounsky the victory.

When it came to the 2018 rematch, there would

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VISIT MAINE PRO SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Ankeny and Kasper will dual for overall Tour title at Sunday River

On the final day of the Visit Maine Pro Ski Championships at Sunday River, two men will have their eyes on not only the \$10,000 prize for that day's race. Michael Ankeny and Nolan Kasper will also have the opportunity to take a \$5,000 prize for the season-long overall title. Both men have shown consistency throughout the season, Ankeny has been third in both events and Kasper was the champion at Waterville Valley and top-8 at Snowmass. The only difference going into the finals between them is one point, awarded to Kasper at Snowmass for having the fastest combined time in qualifying.

Although the chances for other competitors to win the overall are small, they'll have some strong challenges from near and far to take the day. From Europe, brothers Adam and Andreas Zampa of Slovakia won a Silver Medal in the 2017 World Championships Dual Team Event and Andreas was 4th at the Snowmass WPST event. Another tough competitor will be Sam Morse of Sugarloaf, ME, who was the 2017 World Junior Downhill Champion and is strong in all disciplines.

Top NCAA competitors will also be a factor. Dartmouth College is sending an excellent con-



Nolan Kasper (left) and Michael Ankeny dual it out at Snowmass. They'll fight for the \$5,000 Overall Title at Sunday River.

Lisa Mutz-Nelson photo

tingent of Tanguy Nef from Switzerland, the 2018 NCAA Slalom Champion and Brian Mclaughin from Topsfield, MA, this year's NCAA GS winner. Brian also won the Nor-Am Cup Overall GS title, giving him a spot on the World Cup for all GS races next season. Of course they'll also have to deal with other seasoned WPST athletes like winner of the 2018 Rocky Mountain Pro Ski Classic AJ Ginnis, Tucker Marshall, Ace Tarberry and Kei Kullberg.

The Monday Mourning Race Arena at Sunday River was the site of the only World Pro Ski Tour event last season and proved to be an excellent venue. The unrelenting pitch of the course and consistently hard snow conditions make the event difficult for the pros, who will need to have endurance and precision throughout ten runs to become the champion. Lots of racers have a chance, but who will come out on top?



(I. to r.) Nolan Kasper, Michael Ankeny and Kei Kullberg loosen up at the Snowmass event. Kei Kullberg photo

	Standi Tour Members	WaterVille, NH Feb. 10, 2018			Snowmass, CO March 10, 2018			Point Totals	Prize Money		
	Racer	BIB	Country	Place	Points	Money	Place	Points	Money	TOTAL	TOTAL
1	Nolan Kasper*	5	USA	1st	35	\$10,000	5-8	16	\$1,100	51	\$11,100
2	Michael Ankeny	4	USA	3rd	25	\$2,500	3rd	25	\$2,500	50	\$5,000
3	Aj Ginnis	3	USA	17-32	6	\$350	1st	35	\$10,000	41	\$10,350
4	Tucker Marshall	6	USA	9-16	10	\$500	5-8	15	\$1,000	25	\$1,500
4	Kei Kullberg*	30	USA	9-16	10	\$500	5-8	15	\$1,000	25	\$1,500
6	Johnny Manekin*	1	USA	9-16	10	\$500	17-32	5	\$250	15	\$750
7	JakeJacobs	17	USA	17-32	5	\$250	17-32	5	\$250	10	\$500
7	Pete Ankeny*	12	USA	17-32	5	\$250	17-32	5	\$250	10	\$500
9	Keefe Gorman*	20	USA	17-32	5	\$250	0	0	\$0	5	\$250
9	Sam Ricker*	18	USA	17-32	5	\$250	0	0	\$0	5	\$250

*Rookie (in red raced in 2017, lost rookie status)





Qualifying Speed Run Winners

Waterville Valley
AJ Ginnis \$100/1 point

Snowmass Nolan Kasper .. \$100/1 point

Snowmass Rematch

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be no such tragedy. Ginnis skied two clean runs giving him the title and setting the pair up for a rubber match some day in the future. After the race, AJ said, "It's great being at Snowmass with a highly competitive field of racers, and obviously winning the overall prize feels tremendous. Great skiing by Dave Chodounsky and all the other guys. I can't wait for Sunday River to do it all over again."

Under brilliant sunshine at the Colorado resort near Aspen, Michael Ankeny finished third for the third straight WPST race. He will be a top competitor at Sunday River after earning the #1 seed at both Waterville Valley and Snowmass this season. In fourth was World Championships Silver Medalist Andreas Zampa who will also be competing at Sunday River with his older brother Adam.



Gate bending: Michael Ankeny shows his technique at the lip of the pro bump built into the course. Zach Maraziti photo



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Craig Marshall

Craig grew up at Sugarloaf, Maine and ski raced while at Carrabassett Valley Academy and at the NCAA Division I level for Colby College. He moved to Portland, Maine in August of 2015 and still lives there while running the WPST. Craig still enjoys skiing in addition to playing golf and squash.

Ed Rogers

Ed is a legend in the skiing world following his twenty-two year run as the director of a regional pro tour starting in 1976 that grew to become the World Pro Ski Tour until 1998. Ed has been working to bring back the pro tour ever since and is now the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the WPST. He resides in Bath, ME where he owns and operates JR Maxwell's, a restaurant downtown. He is very active in the local community, working to drive tourism and increase economic activity while still finding time to sail.

Kevin Clarke

A native of Fryeburg, Maine, Kevin works for Martignetti Companies, one of New England's leading liquor distributors. He was a pro racer during the 1980s and went on to take a position as an announcer and sponsorship activation specialist on Ed Rogers' U.S. Pro Ski Tour in the 1990's. Kevin enjoys skiing in the winter and car racing of all types in the summer.

Barrett Stein

Barrett grew up ski racing at Buck Hill in Minnesota and started his coaching career there. He spent fifteen years in Telluride and Aspen as a program director and race coordinator. He is passionate about the WPST dual format and is excited to help bring this event, which is geared to spectators, back into ski racing. Besides skiing Barrett loves to golf and ride anything with two wheels.



From left: Kevin Clarke, pro racer Nolan Kasper, Barrett Stein and Craig Marshall. Lisa Mutz-Nelson photo.

Ed Rogers and TV sportscaster Pam Fletcher.



Marty Ehrlich

As Executive Producer for pro ski TV, Marty has over 25 years experience of production and program creation. He has produced, represented and created hundreds of world class properties and has a combination of over 30 Emmy awards and nominations.



Marty Ehrlich (I.) and Chris Lincoln work the TV truck on site.

Lisa Mutz-Nelson photo

Christopher Lincoln

As a producer and director, Christopher has earned a reputation for delivering both exciting and informative programming in a variety of sports and entertainment. Over the past thirty-three years, he has been a part of ten Olympic games having worked for the host broadcaster and with three US rights holders (CBS, NBC, ABC). Since 2007, Flying Fish Productions has supported Olympic Broadcast Services in an award-winning production at the Beijing and London games from 2007-12.

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John Jacobs

John lives in Glens Falls, NY where he runs the world famous Reliable Racing Supply, a company that was started by his parents in 1969. His experience in pro tour skiing runs back to the days of Bob Beattie's tour and he stayed involved through the 1980's and 90's. John still enjoys skiing and sailing.

Lisa Mutz-Nelson

Professional photographer Lisa Mutz-Nelson was behind the cameras as the World Pro Ski Tour official photographer back when



Kodachrome color slides were the medium of choice. "Shooting digital is a whole different world," says the Avon, Colorodo resident, "and I enjoy working with the Tour."

Bill Despo

Bill Despo is general counsel for the Tour. He has been a lawyer for over 40 years and was a partner at a national law firm who concentrated his practice on business law, corporate, securities, governmental investigations and complex business litigation. Bill is an avid skier having skied all his life and all over the world.

Carl Schlick

Maine native Carl Schlick skied Sugarloaf mountain when there were only three t-bars serving the slopes and Ed Rogers was just getting started with his infamous Red Stallion Inn. As creative director, Carl has worked with Ed for almost 40 years, 20 of those with the pro skiing tours. He enjoys playing drums in local bands.

Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation at Sunday River provides opportunities to learn how to ski

Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation is proud to be the Featured Non-Profit Partner of the World Pro Ski Tour and welcomes athletes, sponsors, and spectators to its home mountain and venue host, Sunday River.

Founded in 1982, Maine Adaptive began as a 501(c)(3) dedicated to providing adults and children with disabilities with the opportunity to learn how to ski with adaptive equipment and trained volunteer instructors. Since then, Maine Adaptive has expanded to offer four seasons of programming across the state at Sugarloaf, Salt Pump Climbing Co, the Bangor City Forest, Black Mountain, Mt. Abram, Acadia National Park, Pineland Farms, Bethel Village Trails, and Back Bay Cove in Portland, and now provides instruction in alpine skiing, snowboarding, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, tennis, golf, cycling, paddle sports, hiking, climbing, and

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Through the generous support of Sunday River and Sugarloaf, as well as individual donors, foundations, corporations, and volunteers. Maine Adaptive serves both residents and visitors to Maine. In addition to providing lessons in its core sports. Maine Adaptive hosts specialty camps and programs. Our Veterans No Boundaries program serves more than 60 active duty personnel and veterans with disabilities and their family members annually with both a summer and winter sports camp. In February each year, Maine Adaptive and Sugarloaf host the New England Blind and Visually Impaired Ski Festival, which brings adults and children from across the country to Sugarloaf for three days of alpine and Nordic skiing. Each March, Maine Adaptive partners with the No Limits Foundation to provide alpine skiing opportunities

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to children with limb loss during Camp sNOw Limits.

Maine Adaptive has its own alpine race team, with athletes who train weekly and compete in Disabled Sports USA's Diana Golden and Mills Race Series. Maine Adaptive racers have proudly represented the United States in several winter Paralympics.

What makes Maine Adaptive unique in the world of adaptive sports programming? Our core instructional programs are offered free of charge to our athletes. For more information on participating, volunteering, or supporting Maine Adaptive, visit our website at www.maineadaptive.org or email us at info@maineadaptive.org.



Starting Gate 5

SCHEDULE at SUNDAY RIVER



VISIT MAINE PRO SKI CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday River - March 29-31, 2018

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

12pm: VISIT MAINE Pro Ski Championship Qualifier
3-5pm: Tito's Handmade Vodka Aprés Promo at Foggy Goggle
8-10pm: Tito's After Dark Party at Trail's End Restaurant & Tavern

8-10pm: Tito's evening promo at The Camp at Grand Summit

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

11am: VISIT MAINE Pro Ski Championship Finals

4-7pm: Racer Registration at Grand Summit hotel

3pm:..... Awards Ceremony

4-6pm:..... Tito's Handmade Vodka Aprés Promo at Barker Bar

8-10pm: Tito's World Pro Ski Tour Closing Party at Matterhorn Ski Bar



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Mainers learn early on that the more you embrace winter, the more winter hugs you back. With Maine's winter season, what's not to love? From sheer exhilaration on our ruggedly handsome ski slopes to the deep beauty of our pine forest trails, winter in Maine will give you a warm glow all over. And that's before you even get to the steaming mugs and crackling fire.

For pure adventure and breathtaking views, Maine's downhill skiing is world class. On average, more than 200 inches of snow fall in Maine each winter. So there's sure to be plenty of fresh powder and refreshing mountain air.

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► WHITE MOUNTAIN DUAL CHALLENGE — Apr. 1 @ 1:00pm ET Waterville Valley Resort • Feb. 8-10

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Watching the dual format of pro ski racing is easy and exciting.

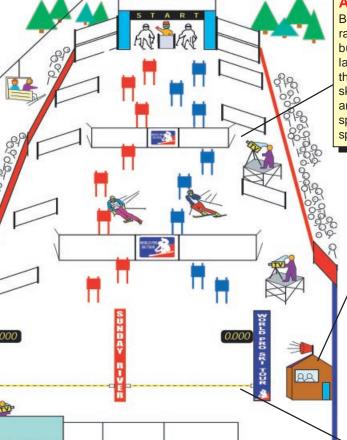
The competition starts with the qualifying runs, the only part of the event when racers are timed from start to finish. The fastest 32 pros qualify and then it's on to the head-to-head competition.

Two racers blast out of dual starting gates onto parallel courses, one red and one blue. All the timing is at the finish line. The action continues down the ladder until only one pro is left – the champion!

SCOREBOARD

Starting with 32 qualifiers, the dual format builds excitement as the pro field narrows through rounds of 32, 16, 8 and the semi-finals. The hottest racing is often at the end when the best racers battle to be the champion. Updated continuously to show each racer's progress, the scoreboard is the site of the post-race awards ceremonies.

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race course, bumps launch the pros skyward – an excellent spot for spectators.

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Timing building houses race announcer, TV commentators and race officials.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Races are won by thousandths of a second. The state-of-the-art timing system uses a light beam on each course. The first racer through the finish starts the clock and the second stops it. The margin of victory, called the *time differential*, appears on electronic scoreboards in the finish area. The pair of racers then return to the start and race again, switching courses to equalize any differences between the red and the blue courses. The pro with the greater time differential after two runs advances and meets a new opponent.

STARTING GATE

The Stone Clinic of San Francisco to provide consultations to pros

The World Pro Ski Tour is excited to announce that it has partnered with Kevin R. Stone MD and The Stone Clinic of San Francisco to provide world-class orthopaedic consultations and care for the skiing athletes on the Pro Tour. Dr. Stone will become the World Pro Ski Tour official orthopaedic surgeon. He and his team will be constantly available to all athletes using the latest in real-time in-person, telephonic, digital and virtual consultations. The clinic will provide injury prevention and training advice. Any injured athlete will be able upload their X-rays, CT's and MRI's on the Stone Clinic platform and have Dr. Stone review the images at any time.

Dr. Stone has pioneered new ways to address biologic and bionic (artificial) joint replacement. He and his clinic (The Stone Clinic in San Francisco) developed the first collagen scaffold for re-growing the meniscus cartilage, the first techniques for replacing the meniscus in athletic and arthritic knees, the first method to humanize animal tissue for use as ligaments in ACL replacement, the first stem cell cartilage paste graft for regrowing articular cartilage inside injured joints, and the first glucosamine beverage for joint health.

Dr. Stone has a long history in skiing and athletics. As an orthopaedic surgeon, he has served the U.S. Ski Team, the U.S. Pro Ski Tour, Jeep



Kevin R. Stone MD:

to provide world-class orthopaedic consultations and care for the skiing athletes on the Pro Tour.

King of the Mountain tour, 48 Straight Tour, Jonny Moseley Big Air contests, the Marin Ballet, the Smuin Ballet, the Modern Pentathlon at the U.S. Olympic Festival, and for the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Dr. Stone commented: "My goal is to ensure that these top-level skiing athletes receive the advice and care they need to excel. Our team hopes to help them avoid injury by optimizing their training and their recovery from any injury to become fitter, faster and stronger than they were before they were hurt."



Slovakian Andreas Zampa loses control in the round of four against American David Chodounsky. Zampa took fourth place while Chodounsky claimed second.

Photo sequence by Lisa Mutz-Nelson

Leveling the slope:

Mardene Haskell competed against the men at Waterville Valley now the women will get their own race at the Sunday River event.

Mike Gridley photo.



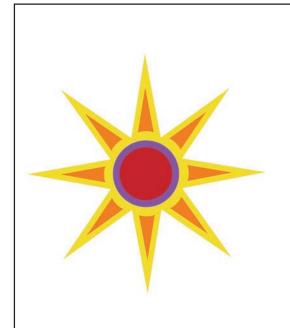
World Pro Ski Tour to host first women's race in over 20 years

For the first time in the relaunched and 2018 Olympic Gold Medalist in World Pro Ski Tour, a separate women's race will be held at the Visit Maine Pro Ski Championships at Sunday River. Out of the three events held in the past year, two women have been brave enough to compete against the men -- Mardene Haskell at Waterville Valley and Maddy Packard at Snowmass. Both qualified for the round of 32.

As of print deadline, potential competitors in the women's field include: 2018 US Olympian Megan McJames, former US Ski Team member and Dartmouth racer Foreste Peterson.

Ski Cross Brittany Phelan from Canada. The schedule will be the same as the men's race with qualifying on Friday and the finals on Saturday. The only difference is that the finals bracket will be eight competitors so the women will not start on Saturday until after the men complete the rounds of 32 and 16.

The World Pro Ski Tour is excited to restart women's pro racing at Sunday River and will look to hold many women's races in the future. Come check out these fast females as they take on the dual format!



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World Pro Ski Tour Q&A with: Rising Star Kei Kullberg

WPST: Where are you from? Cornwall, NY

Where did you grow up skiing?

Mount Peter in Warwick NY. My family runs it and its a small learning mountain, although we have 250 kids in the race program.

Where did you ski in college?

I went to the University of Alaska Anchorage for a year and then transferred to St. Lawrence University (Go Saints!).

What are your hobbies outside of skiing?

I really enjoy anything on the waterwake boarding, wake surfing, fishing. Also anything that is an extreme or action sport. And of course I like to hunt, ride anything with a motor, and drink Tito's!

What have you been up to since college?

Since college I worked building docks and driving piles for marinas. Recently I got a job as a loan processor at a mortgage company (Superior Mortgage) and I am going for my broker license soon. I also coach U14's on the weekends at Mount Peter.

You've had a lot of success in the two races so far this year-Round of 16 at Waterville and Round of 8 at Snowmass where you were about 3 tenths from advancing to the final four. What do you attribute that to?



I attribute my success to coaching. Coaching U14's is a great way to stay on the snow and get back some solid fundamentals. Also, explaining things in different ways to kids allows me to learn some things about my skiing.

What are the skills or tactics that you think are most important in dual panel slalom?

I focus on not holding on to the edge for too long- setting the pressure high and releasing the ski down the hill. That's what separates me from the top guys. They are so consistent and can really finesse the ski. They are also so much stronger than me, it really helps them bend the ski.

What's your favorite part about the World Pro Ski Tour?

Getting to relax and party after the race with some incredibly fast skiers. The dual competitive format is also extremely fun.

Do you plan on competing in the future?

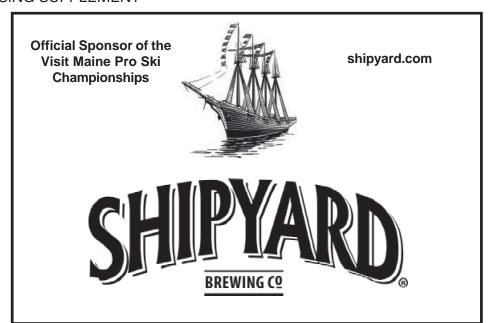
Of course!

What is one thing you want the Starting Gate readers to know about you?

I really didn't expect to be doing this well in the tour and I can say it's all because of coaching and developing as a person in general. Giving back to your race community that made you a better skier really pays off. I really haven't had much training since college and I'm skiing the best I really ever have. That comes from making an effort to stay on snow and coaching the future of ski racing. These kids are the future of the WPST so contributing to a learning environment on snow really opens my eyes to the overall potential of skiing and developing as a person through ski racing.

Kei Kullberg (left) races Tucker Marshall in qualifying at the Snowmass WPST event March 9.

Lisa Mutz-Nelson photo





Inside the Gates

By Pam Fletcher



JUMP TO WIN

Negotiating the two pro bumps in a World Pro Ski Tour course is key to winning. The racers are faster on the snow than they are in the air. The racer wants to come off the jumps in a balanced position but also make an aggressive move to land early in order to start the next turn. If the athletes are skiing out of control and are not prepared for the jump, they risk losing speed in the next few turns or even worse, falling. Successfully navigating these jumps is what separates the best pros from the rest.

Tale of the Michaels: Michael Ankeny and Michael Boardman display two radically different techniques while side-by-side off the bump.

Kei Kullberg photo.



Low and fast: Pros need to get their skis back on snow as quickly as possible. By Lisa Mutz-Nelson Official Tour Photographer

STARTING FAST

Like in life, timing is everything. World Pro Ski Tour dual races can be won or lost here at the start. The announcer says, "Red Course Ready, Blue Course Ready, Racers Ready, Go!" and then opens the gates. This year the tour has gone back to the traditional saloon style doors, which open at the chest instead of the snowboard style doors which drop down in front of the tips. The key is to have your weight back on the tails and time your

move to drive forward over your poles so that you don't barge into the doors. Racers can sometimes gain more than a half second at the start - a large advantage - which can sometimes mean the difference in the race.



TV time: Former World Cup racer Pam Fletcher interviews David Chodounsky for CBS sports television.

By Lisa Mutz-Nelson Official Tour Photographer



No horsing around: With the saloon (horse) style starting gates, the pros must time their exit carefully or risk loosing valuable tenths of a second. Note in the photo at right how the near racer is just leaving his gate while the further racer is already gone.

Lisa Mutz-Nelson photos.







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A CLOSER LOOK AT THE WORLD'S BEST COMPETING ON THE WORLD PRO SKI TOUR



Nolan Kasper is a 28-year-old member of the US Ski Team abd the 2018 US Olympic Team who lives in Warren, VT. Nolan was a promising star out of Burke Mountain Academy in Vermont who qualified for his first Olympics at the age of 22. In 2014, he was 13th in the slalom at the Sochi Olympic Games. A knee injury in the 2014/15 season sidelined him for 2 full seasons until his return to World Cup action in January 2018. He made his return in Wengen, Switzerland where he finished 20th.



Michael Ankeny is a member of Team Slalom Tokyo Drift from Wayzata, MN. He was the 2015 Nor-Am Cup Overall Champion and has three top-25 finishes in World Cup races. He has finished third in two straight World Pro Ski Tour races this season. In the off season he attends Dartmouth College. *Action photo by Lisa Mutz-Nelson Official Tour Photographer*







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Rookie of the Year Standings

1	Nolan Kasper 51 pts
2	Kei Kullberg 25
3	Johnny Manekin 15
4	Peter Ankeny 10
5	Keefe Gorman 5
6	Sam Dicker 5

ADDREAS ZAMPA



Adam and Andreas Zampa

are brothers who are the top male competitors in Slovakia. At the 2017 World Championships, they won the Silver Medal in the Dual Team Event. In the 2014 Sochi Olympics, Adam finished 6th in Slalom and 5th in Super Combined. Andreas was 18th in the 2018 Adelboden World Cup GS and was 4th at the last WPST event in Snowmass, CO.

ADAM ZAMPA



