



Talent-packed team of riders leads boarders

PARK CITY, Utah – World Championships medalists Lindsey Jacobellis (Stratton Mountain, VT), Hannah Teter (Belmont, VT) and Seth Wescott (Farmington, ME) lead the largest contingent of athletes in U.S. Snowboarding history into the 2006 Olympic season.

This year's squad is made up of 31 men and 16 women and includes 17 snowboardcross athletes who will be vying for coveted Olympic



Lindsey Jacobellis

spots when SBX debuts at the Games in Torino, Italy, this February.

"This is the largest and most talented group of riders U.S. Snowboarding has ever worked with," said Jeremy Forster, U.S. Snowboarding program director.

"There is serious depth in halfpipe with Lindsey, Hannah, Elena (Hight), Steve (Fisher), Tommy (Czeschin) and Keir (Dillon) leading the way. We also have an awesome group of new riders coming into the program including Danny Davis and Michael Goldschmidt."

This year's halfpipe riders are divided into two groups – the Pro Team and the Rookie Team. Forster said this new categorization of the halfpipe program is similar to typical industry team's structure and better reflects the riders' stature in the competitive halfpipe culture.

They are (including age, hometown and Olympic experience):

2006 U.S. Snowboarding Halfpipe Pro Team

Men

Tommy Czeschin (25; Mammoth Lakes, CA; 2002 Olympics), Keir Dillon (27; Carlsbad, CA), Steve Fisher (22; St. Louis Park, MN), Michael Goldschmidt (17; Bondville, VT), Danny Davis (16; Highland, MI), Scott Lago (17; Seabrook, NH), Elijah Teter (21; Belmont, VT), Abe Teter (26; Belmont, VT) and Luke Wynen (28; Mammoth Lakes, CA).

Women

Molly Aguirre (20; Mammoth Lakes, CA), Claire Bidez (17; Minturn, CA), Tricia Byrnes (30; Stratton,

VT; 2002 Olympics), Elena Hight (15; Zephyr Cove, NV), Lindsey Jacobellis (19; Stratton Mountain, VT) and Hannah Teter (18; Belmont, VT).

Halfpipe Rookie Team

Jack Mitrani (16; Bondville, VT) and Louie Vito (16; Bellefontaine, OH).

Forster noted the SBX team alone has three World Championships medals to show from 2005 including two gold from Jacobellis and Wescott and a bronze from Jayson Hale.

"It's going to be exciting to see our SBX riders participate in the Olympics this year," said Forster.

"After such a great showing last season, especially at the World Championships, we expect to contend for medals in this new Olympic event."

2006 U.S. Snowboarding SBX Team

A Team – Jayson Hale (19; Sierraville, CA), Nate Holland (26, Olympic Valley, CA), Lindsey Jacobellis (19; Stratton Mountain, VT), Jason Smith (23; Basalt, CA), Graham Watanabe (23; Sun Valley, ID) and Seth Wescott (27; Farmington, ME).

B Team – Ben Jacobellis (25; Bondville, VT), Leslee Olson (26; Bend, OR), Mike Rosengren, (23; Bozeman, MT), Mark Schulz (31; Portland, OR) and Marni Yamada (26; Seattle, WA).

C Team – Joanie Anderson (18; Lake Tahoe, CA), Nick Baumgartner (23; Iron River,



Tommy Czeschin

MI), Alex Deibold (19; Manchester Center, VT), Jeff Greenwood (30; Boulder, CO; 2002 Olympics), Jordan Karlinski (17 on Aug. 24; Snowmass Village, CO) and Matt Shrive (27; Redlands, WA).

In addition, the alpine riders will be led by seasoned veterans including 2002 Olympic medalist Chris Klug.

"Our alpine riders are positioned to have another great year with Michelle Gorgone coming off her best season ever, and Chris Klug will be back and fired up after an injury last year," Forster said.

"We are going to be focused and ready to put American riders on the Olympic podium this February in Torino."

2006 U.S. Snowboarding Alpine Team

A Team – Michelle

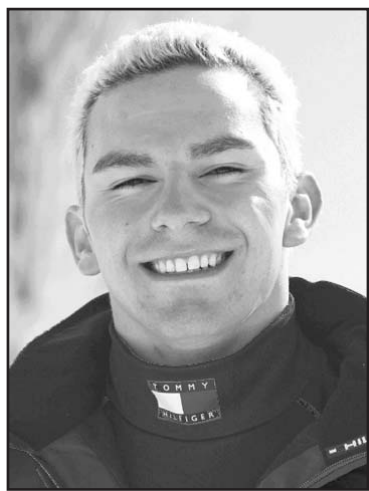
Gorgone (22; Sudbury, MA) and Chris Klug (34; Aspen, CO; 1998, 2002 Olympics).

B Team – Rosey Fletcher (29; Girdwood, AK), Tyler Jewell (28; Sudbury, MA), Lisa Kosglow (31; Boulder, CO; 1998, 2002 Olympics), Justin Reiter (24, Silverthorne, CO), Adam Smith (24; Tangent, OR) and Pete Thorndike (27; Meredith, NH; 2002 Olympics).

C Team – Stacia Hookum (29; Edwards, CO), Ryan McDonald (25; Entiat, WA), Erica Mueller (23; Chester, VT), Eric Warren (23; Bennington, VT) and Joshua Wylie (23; Londonderry, VT).

Depth is key to freestyle team in 2006

PARK CITY, Utah - Three reigning world champions, two defending World Cup champions and three reigning Olympic medalists are just part of the unprecedented depth on the 38-member U.S. Freestyle Ski Team named for 2006.



Travis Cabral

World Cup moguls and overall champion Jeremy Bloom (Loveland, CO) and aerials World Cup champion Jeret "Speedy" Peterson (Boise, ID) lead the American charge into the Olympic season.

Freestyle Program Director Polly-Jo Clark said the team includes seven 2002 Olympians among the 19 men and 18 women. Fourteen athletes have won World Cup contests.

Among the headliners on the men's team for this season are two gold medalists from the 2005 World Championships – moguls winner Nate Roberts (Park City, UT) and dual moguls champion Toby Dawson (Vail, CO). The men's group also includes former Olympic, world and World Cup aerials champion Eric Bergoust (Missoula, MT), Olympic aerials silver medalist Joe Pack (Park City, UT), aerialist Ryan St. Onge (Steamboat Springs, CO), who won his first two World Cup events this past season and Olympic moguls silver medalist Travis Mayer (Steamboat Springs, CO).

The women's team includes moguls world champ Hannah Kearney (Norwich, VT), Olympic moguls silver medalist Shannon Bahrke (Tahoe City, CA), former World Cup duals champion Michelle Roark (Denver) and Jillian Vogtli (Ellicottville, NY), who won her first World Cup contest in February.

2006 U.S. Freestyle Team

Men

A Team – David Babic (25;

Washington, VT; moguls), Jeremy Bloom (23; Loveland, CO; moguls; 2002 Olympian), Travis Cabral (21; South Lake Tahoe, CA; moguls), Toby Dawson (26; Vail, CO; moguls), Travis Mayer (23; Steamboat Springs, CO; moguls; 2002 Olympian), Joe Pack (27; Park City, UT; aerials; 2002 Olympian), Jeret Peterson (23; Boise, ID; aerials; 2002 Olympian) and Ryan St. Onge (22; Steamboat Springs, CO; aerials).

B Team – Eric Bergoust (35; Missoula, MT; aerials, 1994, '98, '02 Olympian) and Luke Westerlund (27; Breckenridge, CO; moguls).

C Team – Zac Amidan (23; Ogden, UT; aerials), Scott Bahrke (19; Tahoe City, CA; aerials); Lance Field (23; Boulder, CO; aerials); Landon Gardner (19; Park City, UT, moguls); Brady Johnson (25 on April 27; Littleton, CO; moguls), Tim Massucco (22; Park City, UT; aerials), Michael Morse (24; Duxbury, MA; moguls), Tim Preston (21; Campton, NH; moguls) and John Riopel (20; Salt Lake City; aerials).

Women

A Team – Shannon Bahrke (24; Tahoe City, CA; moguls; 2002 Olympian), Hannah Kearney (19; Norwich, VT; moguls), Michelle Roark (30; Denver; moguls), Laurel Shanley (22; Squaw Valley, CA; moguls), Jillian Vogtli (31; Ellicottville, NY, moguls; 2002 Olympian).

B Team – Emily Cook (25; Belmont, MA; aerials; 2002 Olympian); Kelly Hilliman (27; Tonawanda, NY; aerials), Jana Lindsey (20; Black Hawk, SD; aerials), Kate Reed (21; Montrose, CO; aerials) and Lacy Schnoor (19; Draper, UT; aerials).

C Team – McKenzy Golding (18; Reno, NV; moguls), Heather McPhie (20; Bozeman, MT; moguls), Jaime Myers (23; Boise, ID; aerials), Eliza Outtrim (19; Hamden, CT; moguls), Jill Priest (33; Park City, UT; aerials), Shelly



Shannon Bahrke

Robertson (26; Reno, NV; moguls), Emiko Torito (22; Denver; moguls) and Sharlee Strebel (25; Layton, UT; aerials).

"This is a very strong U.S. Freestyle Ski Team," Clark said.

"Our athletes have proven they can contend for podiums week in and week out. We finished the last season with five of the top seven men in moguls and brought home the World Cup overall, moguls and aerials titles. Our athletes are extremely motivated and if everyone stays healthy, the coaches and I are optimistic about our chances at the Olympics as well as on the World Cup. This should be an exciting winter for all of us."

Championships set for March

PARK CITY, Utah – The 2006 U.S. ski championships will likely be a homecoming celebration like no other for alpine and freestyle athletes returning from the Olympic Winter Games next March.

The Sprint U.S. Freestyle Championships will be held March 23-26 at Killington, VT. That same week, the U.S. Alpine Championships will return March 26-30 to Sugarloaf, ME.

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U.S. Team

(Continued from Page 1) its highest ranking in history - for the 2005 season. Miller became the first U.S. skier to win the World Cup overall title since 1983 when Phil Mahre and Tamara McKinney each won. He also won the super G title, giving him three World Cup titles in the last two years; he was the giant slalom champion in 2004. In addition, Miller was the downhill and super G gold medalist at Worlds in Bormio, Italy.

Rahlves was silver medalist in downhill and bronze medalist in GS while Mancuso took the bronze in super G and GS.

Kildow, kicking off what turned out to be a breakthrough season, won the first downhill of the winter for the women while Schleper captured the slalom at World Cup Finals.

"This is a very talented Ski Team," Hunt said. "We have World Cup champions and Worlds medalists, Junior Worlds champions and medalists, and NorAm champions, too. There is a good cross-section of veterans - Bode,

Daron, 'Clarky' and others - and the next wave of contenders, led by Julia, Lindsey, Resi, Ted and Jimmy."

U.S. Ski Team

Men - A Team

Bryon Friedman (24; Park City, UT), Ted Ligety (20; Park City, UT), Bode Miller (27; Franconia, NH; 1998, 2002 Olympics), Daron Rahlves (31; Sugar Bowl, CA; 1998, 2002 Olympics), Tom Rothrock (26; Cashmere, WA; 2002 Olympics), Erik Schlopy (32; Park City, UT; 1994, 2002 Olympics), Dane Spencer (27; Boise, ID; 2002 Olympics) and Marco Sullivan (25; Squaw Valley, CA; 2002 Olympics).

Women - A Team

Kirsten Clark (28; Raymond, ME; 1998, 2002 Olympics), Lindsey Kildow (20; Vail, CO; 2002 Olympics), Caroline Lalive (25; Steamboat Springs, CO; 1998, 2002 Olympics), Libby Ludlow (23; Bellevue, WA), Julia Mancuso (21; Olympic Valley, CA; 2002 Olympics), Bryna McCarty (22; Concord, VT), Jonna Mendes (26; South Lake Tahoe, CA; 1998, 2002 Olympics), Sarah Schleper (26; Vail, CO; 1998, 2002 Olympics) and Resi Stiegler (19; Jackson Hole, WY).