



Carrabassett Valley Academy junior, Troy Tully, blazes his way to two silver medals in the Greg Francoeur Memorial Mogul Meet last weekend at Sugarloaf.

Francoeur Memorial opens Eastern Moguls

CARRABASSETT VALLEY — Mogul skiers from all over the east converged on Sugarloaf's Skidder trail for the Greg Francoeur Memorial meet on Jan. 3 and 4.

Thanks to great early season conditions and the hard work of the Sugarloaf staff and Sugarloaf Ski Club volunteers, the course was in great shape and the two-day mogul competition was a great success.

After two days of intense head-to-head of competition, Carrabassett Valley Academy junior, Troy Tully, placed second each day. Senior, Alison DiGravio, finished with a second place finish on Saturday and a third on Sunday.

"It was great to have the season's opening mogul competition on home snow. Our athletes have made great improvements during summer and fall training and this event affords them the opportunity to compare themselves against athletes from across the east. The conditions for the event and our results were a great tribute to our friend Greg Francoeur," Nate McKenzie, CVA Freestyle Program Manager, commented after the event.

The Greg Francoeur Memorial meet was established following Francoeur's tragic death in 2002. Francoeur was an avid skier who took great joy in sharing his love of the sport. He was particularly interested in helping younger skiers perfect their technique and devoted many hours to the students at Carrabassett Valley Academy. The Greg Francoeur Memorial Scholarship was established by Francoeur's family and friends to celebrate his passion for excellence and to encourage others to strive for their personal best.

Maine Mountain Series Slopestyle Season opens

CARRABASSETT VALLEY — The season opening United States of America Snowboard Association Maine Mountain Series Slopestyle competition took place in Sugarloaf's Stomping Grounds terrain park on Sunday, Dec. 28.

Competing against snowboarders from across the state, Carrabassett Valley Academy athletes reaped the benefits of their hard work and training. Freshmen Jack Dawe stomped a backside 540 melon to take the gold in Youth Men. Senior Benjamin Bisson threw a big frontside 630 on the hip to take Silver in Open Class Men. While Freshmen Brianna Daly ripped up the park with a gold winning run in Youth Women and Junior Nicol Colarusso threw down two solid runs to take gold in Junior Women.

Up and coming Sugarloaf/Carrabassett Valley Academy athletes also had a great showing taking several medals. It was evident that the younger riders were well prepared for the event. Morgan Rodway, Libby Shanahan and Milly Detels earned gold medals. Silver medals went to Rollie Zagnoli and Jake Wren and Miriah Chapman took home a bronze medal.



If you build it, they will come!

Skis fill the racks in front of Saddleback Mountain's base lodge over the vacation. According to JoAnne Taylor, spokesperson for the mountain, "We are seeing lots of new faces this year. People are being drawn by the new Kennebago quad chairlift which offers a beautiful ride above tree line, breathtaking views and access to all levels of ski trails. People also love our \$40 lift ticket." (Steve Mitman photo)

Bill Bousum draws many racers

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CARRABASSETT VALLEY — Sugarloaf was the home again for the season starter for J5, J4 and J3 alpine ski racing with the Bill Bousum giant slalom on Dec. 29.

In boys' action the overall winner was second-year J4 speedster Sam Morse (54.96)(2)(57.92)(5) (1:52.88) of Carrabassett Valley. SCVA's J3 racer Dan Falt (55.43)(3)(58.33)(7) (1:53.76) took the silver.

In other local top 10 finishes, Ian Wilson (J3) skied his way to fourth, Briggs Williams (J4) finished sixth. Johann Colloredo (J3), James Marshall (J3) and Lucas Bonnevie finished in order seventh through ninth.

SCVA J3 racers Benjamin Hilfrank and Jeremy Leavitt tied for 10th.

Sugarloaf hosted 86 of the young men participating in that race.

In ladies action, CVA's J3 speedster Chloe Cochrane (57.36)(1)(57.88)(2) (1:55.24) took the top podium spot. Taking silver just behind her was J3 SCVA racer Jennifer Rowland (57.81)(2)(57.74)(1) (1:55.55). CVA's J3 racer Helena Williams (58.68)(3)(58.51)(4)(1:57.19) nailed the final spot on the podium.

CVA J3 racers Eliza Whatley and Nathalie Michaud finished fourth and fifth. SCVA J4 racer Czari Cochrane finished sixth. SCVA J3 racers Sydney Andrews and Erin Luce finished seventh and eighth and J4 local racers Elly Bengtsson and Leika Scott came in ninth and 10th.

In all, 46 lady racers came out for the event.

Schrader bangs in 11

CLINTON, N.Y. — Hamilton College women's basketball team posted a 0-1 week, losing a non-league match-up at Bowdoin College on Jan. 3, 49-44.

Sarah Schrader (class of 2009), a Rangeley Lakes Regional High School graduate, sank two free throws to tie the score again at 44-44 with 3:30 left. The free throws were Hamilton's last points and the host Polar Bears knocked down five of six down the stretch to hang on. She recorded 11 points, nine rebounds and four assists in the game.

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