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Witts battles to win in Norwich Ambition GBR race 2

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Callum Witts produced a second run performance that deserved to take the win in the second Ambition GBR Outdoor race of the season. Witts chased down first run leader David Hatcher from third place to register a great win. Hatcher had to be content with second place ahead of a rejuvenated Declan Huppach in third.

With many reminiscing about years gone by and the quality of the racing, the 2016 racers are making a name for themselves, new names are coming to the fore and with David Hatcher still providing the marker, the racing is close and competitive.

Hatcher set the marker with his no holds barred style of racing. Racing is all about getting from the start to the finish in the quickest time and this is what Hatcher achieves. Ollie Weeks came closest on the first run but the British Children's Team racer from the Midland Ski Club was the best part of nearly half a second off the Welsh Master's time with Witts in third. Adam Bannister, one of the racers to have stepped up his game this season already, was in fourth. These four being the only racers under the 14 second mark down the Marc Telling set course.

Few of the racers, either male or female, took the chance of taking the vertical head on in the first run. Telling was glad that lots of racers came up to him as it showed, he explained, that they had been looking at the course! Those that did try going straight into the open side of the vertical were rewarded with quicker times!

The second run saw a titanic battle from the racers from Pendle and Aldershot as each club pushed its racers harder in search of taking the race win.

Aldershot saw Toby Case battle his way down to eighth, just behind two from Pendle in the form of Robert Holmes and Josef Huppach then Harvey Charlton made his mark on the race in battling down to go into the lead with five to go. Declan Huppach then put down a marker to grab the lead with his best run of the season so far, he was almost half a second faster than Charlton.

Adam Bannister stepped up to the mark and while he was not as quick as Huppach, he had enough in reserve to stay ahead of Charlton.

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Three to go.

Callum Witts was the first of the fastest three from the first run and he destroyed the Sally Bartlett course to grab the lead – how would first Ollie Weeks react and then Hatcher.

Weeks was the first and while he was skiing well, he could not replicate the form from the previous day and crashed out. Hatcher was staring the race win in the face and was looking to post a fast time to underline his ability.

Sadly for the Welshman, he lost nigh on six tenths and dropped down to second behind Witts. For his courage on the second run, Witts deserved the win. Huppach grabbed third with Bannister and Charlton fourth and fifth.

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