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Poth raises his game to dominate in Manchester

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If the first race of the Ambition GBR series was enough to whet the appetite for more, the second race produced some tremendous racing and was a great incentive for others to enter the series. Robert Poth underlined his huge potential in posting the fastest time on both runs to take the win ahead of Kieran Norris. Graham Dickson delivered a performance that he has been threatening to do for a long time in taking third overall. Oliver Weeks and Declan Huppach rounded out the top five finishers Overall.

Robert Poth showed what he is capable of at the Delancey British Junior Championship Slalom where he placed seventh Overall and took the British Title. In the second run of the

first race, he posted the fastest time to go second overall and then he further underlined his potential with posting the fastest two times in the second race. If Norris had raised the bar in the first race, Poth saw him and raised it even higher. The challenge of Euan Kick did not materialise as the Glasgow racer crashed out on his inside ski on the first run.

After the first race, one racer commented that the performance of the three leading racers would destroy his points. the reply to that was do not worry about your points but raise your own standard and the points will come. It is great to see Delancey British Junior Team racers taking part in the GBR series and giving the rest of the field the opportunity to see how much they still have to do.

Poth produced two runs that were very impressive to take the win. While Norris was not that far behind him, he will not like to be beaten and will go away, lick his wounds and come back looking for the win. The next round in Glasgow will also be on the home slope for Kick and he will not want to be beaten. Expect fireworks!

Graham Dickson has often failed to deliver a performance that would see him on the podium yet in this race, he did not just deliver, he battled his way onto the podium. Although some way off the time of Poth and Norris, this was a moral boosting performance for the Glasgow Ski Racing and BSA athlete. Dickson's second run was his best of the weekend in being much closer to the leaders times.

After a disappointing first race, Oliver Weeks was back at the top end of the results sheet and just failed to battle his way onto the podium in taking fourth. Although Dickson managed to overtake him, courtesy of his tremendous second run, Weeks will learn from the experience.

Declan Huppach is another racer that has come from the Pendle slope. Although he started out on the plastic mat, Huppach is catching up fast with the racers that have spent more time on snow. His potential is obvious. Fifth place was good but he has the potential and desire to go further.

With racers of all ages battling it out, little separated the racers – desire, determination and speed were all in evidence and with all the age groups battling it out down the same course, the premier summer racing series was fascinating to watch. The standard is definitely improving.

The age group winners were: Oliver Pollitt (under 14), Oliver Weeks (Under 16, 4th overall), Declan Huppach (Under 18, 5th Overall); Robert Poth (Under 21, Race Winner); Kieran Norris (Senior, 2nd Overall) and Alex Molliex (Masters).

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Picture – Robert Poth on his way to making it three fastest run times in a row at Manchester.
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