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Carson takes opening race spoils in Men's race in Manchester

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Sam Carson used his power and strength as well as his technique to post the quickest time on both runs in the opening BSA sponsored GBR Indoor Series race at Chill Factor. Oliver Weeks and Oliver Farr joined Carson on the Overall podium but neither could live with his speed and power as he won by almost a second.

With new sensation of the British team, Laurie Taylor, providing all the racers with an idea of how far they still need to go by forerunning, this was a great incentive to all watching. Taylor has made his Europa Cup, World Cup and World Championship debuts this season and much is hoped for him for the new season. The hard work he has put in over the years was evident as he took a line others did not have the ability quite for. With hard work, he showed those watching just quite what was possible.



[Laurie Taylor forerunning at the British Ski Academy sponsored GBR Series race 1. Taylor gave the watching racers and parents a glimpse of what is needed on the ski racing journey. it will be interesting to see how many racers start wearing race suits on the Indoor scene after seeing Taylor forerunning in his!. Credit: Racer Ready]

Carson took the lead on the first run with Weeks edging out Farr by just 0.04 of a second. behind these two Thomas Upton was ahead of Toby Case with Robbie Anderson in sixth overall. These three were separated by a mere eight hundredths of a second. If there is one thing that Indoor racing in the summer brings, it is close exciting racing.

Anderson was the first of the leading racers to go on the second run, set for the men by Jo Ryding, and he took the lead from Jamie Alldridge. Case then came down and bettered Anderson's time by almost half a second. We had a race on.

Thomas Upton could not quite match the time of Case, he was three hundredths behind yet still just stayed in front overall. Farr extended his advantage over Upton but his time too was bettered by Weeks before Carson went even quicker to put the result beyond doubt.

This was Carson's third win on the bounce this summer in indoor races and demonstrated his power and strength coupled with improved technique down the short Chill Factore slope.

The age groups were won by Jack Upton (Under 14, 12th Overall); Toby Case (Under 16, 5th Overall), Oliver Weeks (U18, second Overall); Sam Carson (Under 21, racer winner); Alex Molliex (Masters, 9th Overall).

Race results

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