

ROUND-UP

Disappointing festival but Weeks is not finished yet

SKIING

Leamington ski racer Oliver Weeks was pleased with the experience he gained from the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) despite disappointing results.

Weeks, a late call-up to the 27-strong Great Britain squad, finished 33rd in the slalom and was a Did Not Finish in the giant slalom.

Nevertheless, he believes his first taste of the EYOF was a beneficial one.

"My target was to come to EYOF and enjoy it because it's a very unique experience mixing in with athletes from different sports and other nations," he said.

"I wanted to perform the best to my ability and represent my country, so I'm enjoying it.

"Normally when you go to an event, you're in a tight-knit group of similar athletes where you know what everyone is doing.

"But in these events, you're with different athletes."

And having made mistakes in both slalom runs, Weeks is already setting targets for himself.

"Run one wasn't too bad considering the conditions - I was a late bib so the course was cut up a little bit. It wasn't my cleanest run, but I was fighting the whole way.

"Second run the course held up a lot better, so you could actually attack it a lot more on the flat.

"The piste was so much nicer this afternoon.

"I made a little mistake coming into the flat and lost a lot of speed there, so ended up finishing just outside the (top) 30.

"I'm pretty happy with it though and I'll look to push more towards that thirty-mark next time out."



Leamington skier Oliver Weeks. Picture: Garry Bowden/SIPPA

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