



# **Snowsport** **Cymru Wales**

## **Winter Season International Results Round Up**

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As the summer season of artificial slope events rush up on us Snowsport Cymru Wales are proud to highlight an amazing winter fun of international excellence for our Welsh athletes! With so many excellent performances, its hard to know where to start (or stop) and we are bound to miss out some really important results - if we do, please let us know and we will update the next newsletter further!



### **Menna Fitzpatrick and Jennifer Kehoe**

Winning the Overall World Cup in the visually impaired skier category has got to be a great place to start our highlights. Following from Menna & Jen's Paralympic successes in 2018 they continued their journey through 2019 with wins at World Championships & World Cup. And of course, a visit to 10 Downing St, some MBEs, nominations for BBC Sports Personality Awards - What a year!

### **Maisie Potter**

A tough year for Maisie, coming back after serious injury to her ankle that took her out of the ruling of the Olympics 2018 and most of the winter season. However, Maisie bounced back with a an excellent result of a 4th place at European Cup Boarder Cross in France. This result will motivate Maisie to push even harder for 2020 in the knowledge of what she can achieve.

### **European Youth Olympics Winter Games**

Wales had an unprecedented 3 snowsport athletes representing GB at the European Youth Olympic Winter Games held in Sarajevo in February. Luca Mai Hopkins Lane competed in the Slopestyle and Big Air disciplines, whilst Edoard Guignonnet and Oliver Weeks both competed in the alpine disciplines.

### **Luca Mai Hopkins Lane**

Luca also injured herself mid season having gained an excellent 5th place in a Big Air European Cup event in 2018. Luca finished the season competing for GB at the Junior World Champs in Sweden, finishing in 21st place in Big Air

### **Edouard Guignonnet, Oliver Weeks & Tom Butterworth**

Each of these 3 FIS athletes (in 1st or 2nd year of international competitions) have progressed strongly through the ranking to score PBs by the season end and as a result helping hit some serious milestones for Welsh Snowsports. Some fantastic end of season results scored at the GB Champs showed their true potential.

### **Giselle Gorringe**

How does 5th place on etc first run of a major international childrens race sound? Pretty awesome we reckon, though a mistake at the top of the 2nd run set her back couple of slots but still finished in 11th place overall. Giselle had previously set out her season expectations with a win of the slalom at the English Champs (and overall combined 1st U16) as well as winning the British School Girls Champs. Gigi now moves on to FIS ranked No1 in Slalom and Giant Slalom for her year of birth in GB.

### **And Last (but Certainly not Least!)**

A massive shout out for a couple of pocket rockets in our U10 girls category. Young female competitors Alice Bond and Lowrie Howie put in several back to back podium results at the GB Minis Champs at the end of the season, showing some huge Welsh potential for the years to come.

We're sure, and apologise in advance, we will have missed out some really important results. If we have please do not hesitate to get in touch and let us know so that we can include these next time.

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