

Upton wins as Weeks extends lead in BSA Sponsored GBR series

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There was drama and excitement all the way to the end of the third round of the British Ski Academy GBR Series at Pontypool. A commanding lead after the first run by Toby Case and an out of sorts Oliver Weeks saw their fortunes reversed as Weeks came from way down the field to battle into joint second with Jack Feneley while Tom Upton scored his first GBR race win by a third of a second. Charlie Tubbs and Josef Huppach rounded out the top five finishers overall.



Coming into the Pontypool double header Weeks was comfortably in the lead of the GBR series overall. With neither the recently married Chris Carr or Joe Grieve racing in Pontypool, the field was fairly open in terms of season long standings. Courtesy of their wins, Grieve and Corr held the Outdoor lead with Robert Holmes and William Dalziel in joint third. With three wins on the indoor series to his name, Weeks however held the lead overall.

After the first run Toby Case had given the rest of the field notice of his intention to try and battle back some of the advantage Weeks held over him in the race for the overall, 100 points. A mistake midway down the field had seen Weeks jettison time and he was down at the wrong end of the top ten finishers. Case lead from Upton with Feneley third.

Weeks skied the second run like a man possessed and took a comfortable lead. Weeks was smooth, clean and pinching every inch he could to try and rescue his situation. Case would be going last and Weeks knew he could not afford to give his younger rival any advantage if he was to see his advantage eke away in the season long standings.

Jack Feneley was the first to match Weeks before Tom Upton posted the second fastest time of the run to go into the lead with just Case to go.

Case has been in this position before, that of going last in a GBR race. Know that he needed to put as many places between him and Weeks in order to pull points back in the series, Case had to go for it.

The top section was good but just after he came onto the pitch that leads into the finish, he sat back just a little too much and ended up on his backside and out of the race. Had the pressure of Weeks's run put him off or had he just pushed too hard on search of the race win? It will go down to experience.

With Weeks taking joint second, he also took over the lead in the GBR series with two races to go while Jack Feneley moved up to second with Upton sharing third with Corr and Grieve. Case was left to lick his wounds and prepare for the next race.

The age group wins were taken by Ben Brown (Under 14, 11th Overall), Ryan Bunton (Under 16, 9th Overall), Jack Feneley (Under 18, joint second), Tom Upton (Under 21, race winner), Oliver Lombard (Senior) and Garedd Gardner (Masters, 18th Overall).

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