

Weeks follows up Dash 4 Cash win with English Open win

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With three races in three days for the top racers and having to battle the heat, this was the middle race of the action-packed race weekend. Ollie Weeks added the English Open, sponsored by Ski Bartlett, to taking the £1000 from the Dash for Cash the previous night with a great demonstration of smooth and tight racing. Toby Case battled his way down to second with Charlie Tubbs benefitting from the demise of others but make no mistake, this was a result his performance warranted. Brandon Matthews and Harrison Evans rounded out the top five finishers.

Dry slope racing is going through a renaissance at the moment in terms of the standard of racers taking part. Weeks took part in the European Youth Olympics last winter and is part of the Under 21 GB Team. Putting his reputation on the line by taking part in both Indoor and Outdoor races is great to see. His participation gives the younger racers something to aim for.

Weeks was fastest on the 1st run ahead of Craig Speed, the man to beat last season but just starting his 2019 season due to other commitments, in third was Toby Case. Josef Huppach was in fourth, just ahead of Joseph Thompson, another to have made big steps this summer after spending time training with the British Ski Academy amongst others and his performances have seen him now battling it out at the business end of the results page.

With the top five separated by four tenths of a second, it was all to race for on the second run.

With five to go it was Charlie Tubbs in the lead ahead of Brandon Matthews ahead of Harrison Evans. Tubbs had been in eighth place after the 1st run but had used his guile and determination to head the timings to this point.

Thompson was the next out the start gate of the leading five but he followed the likes of Joshua Price and Jack Feneley in not making the finish. The mutterings on the side of the course revolved around ceramic on the edges and quick feet. This was a real championship course that had been set by Paul Telling.

Huppach was next down and a mistake ridden run saw him drop out of contention.

Toby Case from third after the 1st run and was the 1st to post a time under twelve seconds. How would Speed and then Weeks react?

Speed was looking to get back to the way he had been skiing last year and was looking good until he straddled near the finish. Case was assured of a place on the podium along with Tubbs now. Just Weeks to go.

Weeks produced a sublime run to post the fastest run on the second run and take the win by almost six tenths of a second.

Next up is the British title race....

The age groups were won by Ben Brown (Under 14, 15th Overall), Ryan Bunton (Under 16, 10th Overall), Toby Case (Under 18, Runner Up), Ollie Weeks (Under 21, Race Winner) and Will Manns (Masters, 16th Overall)

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