Eastern Alpine Skiers Compete for the Podium in Post-Season Competitions

Snow sports athletes don’t always get the attention they deserve. Imagine training in the dead of winter, on the coldest and windiest days, often on the edges of darkness. They are a tough breed. They also travel a great deal, both for training and races; plane rides across the country are common and most weekend races involve missing classes and sleeping in hotels all over New England. On top of their rigorous academics, these athletes train long hard hours, get up early on weekends to compete, and relentlessly pursue ways to drop fractions of a second to pull ahead of their competitors.

And often they succeed, this year in impressive numbers. While most students have begun training for their spring sports, these Eastern Alpine athletes will be attending post-season regional and national events.
This season’s U16s mixed talent, experience, and hard work to build a cohesive team representing Holderness values both on and off the piste. Mentored by coaches Craig Antonides ’77, Carter White ’10, Lori Ford, and Leigh Anne Connors, Holderness will see 10 athletes competing in championship events this spring; many more will be gunning for podium spots at MJ’s Race on March 16 at Cannon Mountain.

U16 Eastern Championships (Stowe, VT): Malin Alusic-Bingham ’20, Tyler Boes ’21, Topher Davenport ’21, Riley Gustafson ’20, Brooks Reed ’21, and Abby Vieira ’20 pit their best skiing against the top U16 skiers in the East at the Ronnie Berlack Eastern U16 Junior Championships March 8–13. The results in this race will also determine who will qualify for the 2018 U16 National Championships at Mission Ridge, WA.

U16 Eastern Finals (Waterville Valley Resort, NH): Angus Christie ’20, Thomas Inwood ’20, Jackson Lehner ’21, and Madison Roth ’21 will battle it out for a Finals podium and a chance to compete in this year’s Eastern U16 Am-Cans on April 2-5 at Mt. Tremblant.
U19 Competitors

Holderness U19 FIS/USSA athletes are also seeing success, traveling the local and regional race circuits. FIS membership doubled from last season, bringing a more competitive training environment and increased speed. Led by senior Lila Schibli, Holderness women have landed on the podium of FIS events regularly and are lowering point profiles. The men’s team, that struggled with injury early in the season, is seeing success as of late and building on the momentum Head Coach Corey McKim has brought along with coaches Ben Moody, Jeff Harold, Matteo Bassi, Dan Marshal and Mike Kenney.

Eastern FIS Devo Championships (Attitash Mountain, NH): Abby Boes ’19, Justin Boes ’18, Caitlin Blinkhorn ’18, Claudia Cantin ’19, Hayden Dahl ’19, Ben Lash ’18, Kathryn Potter ’19, Andrea Reynolds ’19, and Lila Schibli ’18.

All the best to Holderness skiers competing this spring! Please stay tuned for information on Mt. Hood, Saas-fee, and Copper Mountain ski camps.