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Sprint Classic - March 5, 1999

The Classic is the most grueling and difficult event in telemark racing and separates the players from the posers. It has everything: downhill Gates, uphill sections, 360s and jumps. The sprint classic is an abbreviated version of this. Competitors are scored based on raw times plus penalty points — one second



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is added to the score for each penalty incurred. Skiers must ski with feet a boot length apart, ski with smooth transitions between turns (no bobble or pause between tele turns) and clear minimum distances on jumps. Each time they miss one of the above, a second is added onto their score—strong motivation to ski clean.

In today's sprint classic, Cody Thompson from Whitefish, MT took first for the women with a score of 184.36, a whopping 12.74 in front of second place Diana Mauriks. Dana Breslau, on hiatus from the work world to ski to her heart's content this winter took third place, 1.79 back.

Chris Rice from Park City, UT beat his rivals to take first with a score of 158.23. Members of the Whitefish coalition, Reid Sabin and Glen Gustafson, took 2nd and 3rd respectively.

—Michelle Quigley, in Bavarian oblivion for *The Mountain Zone*

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Giant Slalom- March 6, 1999

Chris Rice ripped up the course in today's giant slalom to take 1st with a 2-run combined result of 99.270 and no penalties. Reid Sabin from Whitefish, MT was 2nd at 1.97 back and Taug Boschen, also from Montana, took 3rd place 3.24 at back. Dave Terwilliger from Lake Placid, NY took 4th and Glen Gustafson took 5th under beautiful skies at Stevens Pass.



Chris Rice

Local telemark skier Carole Hill stole 1st in the women's event, skiing two solid runs to beat Cody Thompson, winner of yesterday's sprint classic race, by .52. Thompson had three penalty points that cost her the race—she was in 1st place before penalties were factored in. After that, Thompson moved to a respectable 2nd place, and last year's GS winner Lori Stahler took 3rd at 3.09 back. Another local in the top-5, Cheryl Vanderhorn, took 4th place and Canadian Angela Shomker showed up for the fun this weekend and took 5th.



Carole Hill

—Michelle Quigley, Mountain Zone staff

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Reid Sabin skied a bomber telemark classic race to move in on first place with no penalties. Sabin finished with a time of 99.180, ahead of powerhouse Chris Rice by 3.82. Even without the three second jump infraction that he incurred, Rice would have not been able to overtake the lead—first place was out of reach today for him. Neil Persons finished 3rd at 6.77 back on the difficult classic course with a long, steep second skate section that pushed the threshold for many of the competitors here.



Reid Sabin

Winner of all events except for yesterday's [giant slalom](#), Cody Thompson once again demonstrated her style and skill as she clocked a better time than 50% of the men, even with the two-second penalty she incurred. Lori Stahler, who took first in last year's slalom in [Whitefish](#), came in 2nd by a cavernous 9.5 points, and Canadian Diana Mauriks finished 3rd at 4.570 off the winning time.



Cody Thompson

—Michelle Quigley, Mountain Zone staff

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