

# Sabin repeats as World Cup champ

## ■ Whitefish skier dominates the Telemark circuit

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Whitefish's Reid Sabin has successfully defended his World Cup Telemark overall title.

Sabin, 29, won the classic race in Meiringen, Switzerland, on March 18 to guarantee his victory for a second-straight year. Sabin became the first U.S. skier to ever win a World Cup Telemark event and overall title last year.

Sabin totaled 780 points to finish well ahead of runner-up Per Bylund of Sweden with 700.

Also competing from Whitefish were: Chris Rice 14th, 204 points; Glenn

Gustafson 26th, 108; Jef Elliott 28th, 102; Matt Beedle 29th, 92; Niel Persons 40th, 39; Peter McMahon 41st, 36; and Chris Carpenter 57th, 9.

On the women's side, Whitefish's Cody Thompson finished sixth overall, 402 points, with Chris Coughlin 10th, 214.

Thompson finished second in the final standings a year ago behind Pia Raita of Finland.

Raita defended her title with 965 points.

Sabin's first victory this season was in the classic in January in Hafjell, Norway. He then won three out of five events on the East Coast in February.

Between the World Cup races, Sabin competed in Crested Butte, Colo., at U.S. Nationals, where he won all four events.

Last year Sabin captured six firsts in World Cup races.

Sabin and six other Whitefish skiers are representing the U.S. Telemark team in ValThorens, France, this week for the World Cup Championships. The championships are held every other year.

Participants will compete in the classic, sprint classic and giant slalom.

Thursday's race was cancelled due to bad weather. Racing was scheduled to resume today.



REID SABIN