

# Whitefish racers narrowly miss podium

## ■ World Championships attract 80 telemark skiers

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Whitefish's Reid Sabin and Cody Thompson McCarthy narrowly missed winning medals in the giant slalom portion of the World Telemark Championships Sunday at Big Mountain.

Sabin, a former World Cup winner and resident of Whitefish, missed third place by only .17 seconds on a course that was drastically different from the day before. McCarthy finished three seconds off of first place in the women's division with a

time of 2:01.01.

Sunday's course on Ed's Run was set under partly cloudy skies, with sun peeking through the clouds occasionally. Saturday, however, racers in the sprint classic contended with 75-yard visibility in fog, rain and snow.

The World Championships are the culmination of the world cup schedule and have attracted 80 telemark skiers from 13 countries.

Erik Rykhus of Norway captured first place in Sunday's giant slalom with a time of 1:46.44 over two runs. David Primoic of Slovenia was second,

with a combined time of 1:48.52. Borge Sovik was third at 1:49.14, and Sabin's combined time was 1:49.35. Sabin was the only American to break the top 10 finishers for the men, but Glenn Gustafson, also from Whitefish, had one of his best World Championship finishes ever and placed 17th, followed by Jef Elliott at 19th. (Full results are on the scoreboard page.)

McCarthy, who will retire after this season, was the only American in the top five women. Amy N'Guyen of France captured first place, Francoise Matter of Switzerland was second, and Lena Rogell of Sweden took third. The United States'

Carol Hill placed 11th, while Whitefish's Cris Coughlin and Carrie Johnson finished 13th and 15th, respectively. Natalie Angell, also from Whitefish, placed 19th.

Coughlin was also the top U.S. finisher in the sprint classic Saturday, with 12th place.

Primoic, one of the favorites to win the overall title this weekend, came away with first place in the sprint classic Saturday. Chris Rice, formerly of Whitefish, was the top American finisher in the sprint classic, with a 14th place.

The World Championships feature three races: the giant

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# Racing wraps up today

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slalom, the classic and the sprint classic, and the championships wrap up today with the classic portion of the competition. In the classic race, skiers run through giant slalom sections, banked turns, rollers,

several skate sprints, and a Nordic distance jump where skiers can launch up to 100 feet. The race will start near the top of Big Ravine run and finish at the bottom of Chair Two.

The women's race starts at 10:30 a.m., with the men to follow. Racers ski one run only.