

UW Alpine Women's Team makes Nationals!



2010 Wrap - up

The 2010 ski season has been an exciting one for the University of Wisconsin Hoofers Alpine Ski and Snowboard Teams.



Fall semester was busy with preparations for the season including a solid Dryland schedule and record-breaking sales at the Hoofers Resale in the Memorial Union.

Sophomore Jake Kastner and Team Captain Andrew Duncanson started the year off by coaching a great high school training camp fundraiser at Welch village before the season opener at Afton Alps, MN. The men's team tied for fourth and the women's team rounded out the top 5 at their first race of the season.

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The season continued with the LaCrosse race where the men's team pulled off a 3rd place overall finish fueled by a second place slalom finish at Mt. Lacrosse. The women's team came up with 4th place finishes overall at both Mt. Lacrosse and Spirit Mountain. Janelle Schofield led the women's team in giant slalom finishing 2nd and 3rd at Lacrosse and Spirit respectively. This was no small feat at Spirit in particular, where the team weathered rain, sleet and snow throughout the weekend.

The annual winter training trip returned to Big Sky, MT this year. A week of training in the mountains (with a powder day or two) provided a great anchor to a successful season. The team ate like kings as Assistant Coach, and team Head Chef, Greg Webster, in the house kitchen, managed to successfully turn ground beef into delicious Mexican, American, and Italian cuisine for 25.

As the season progressed improvement was seen from all team members. At the regional qualifying race at Giants Ridge Minnesota, both the men's and women's teams finished 5th overall. The team then headed to Illinois to race at Chestnut Mountain where both the men's and women's teams decided to show the Chicago division who was in charge. In keeping with tradition, "The Nut" was 2 days of GS. The men came home with a 1st place trophy and the women brought home a 2nd place trophy. Joe Kutschenreuter finished 1st in day two of giant slalom and Andrew



The 2009-2010 Alpine Team at "The Nut"

Duncanson finished 2nd in day one of giant slalom. Emily Duncanson lead the women with a 2nd place finish during the first day.



Andrew Duncanson and Dakota Dux. Don't worry ladies, Andrew broke the same tooth a year ago and they've already fixed it one time. He'll be good as new in no time. For some reason Slalom gates hate him.

On to Regional Championships at Marquette. Again this year, only the top 3 teams qualify for Nationals. The men were led by Jake Kastner finishing 6th in slalom to a team finish of 5th. Teammate Andrew Duncanson had a slight downfall when he re-broke a front tooth off after a strike in the face by a gate on the first run of the weekend. The men came out hungry for speed on day two and finished 2nd in the giant slalom event. Overall for the weekend the men were tied for 3rd and in keeping with tradition, lost in the tie breaker by the smallest margin imaginable ending their season in 4th.

The women's team was led by Emily Duncanson who laded down two solid runs to finish with an outstanding 5th place finish in slalom which helped the team to a 4th place finish for the day. On day two the women's team came out determined to push into 3rd place. With another outstanding performance by

Caitlin Lahr (5th) and Janelle Schofield(6th) the women's team found themselves in a tie for 3rd. Great individual finishes by the ladies pushed the tie-breaker in favor of the UW and the women qualified for Nationals!



The 2010 UW Women's Alpine National's Team

This season owes it's success to everyone on the team, from the fastest racers to the most dedicated gatekeepers. Without a doubt the women will represent the UW strongly at Sunday River, Maine.