

Walczyk hits World Cup podium in Deer Valley

Ski & Snowboard Club Vail athlete takes second in Deer Valley dual moguls

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Ski & Snowboard Club Vail freestyler Dylan Walczyk is skiing to impress in 2014-15, winning U.S. selections to start the season and following that up with a podium finish at a dual moguls World Cup event on Saturday.

Walczyk, who followed freestyle program director John Dowling over to Vail from the Breckenridge ski club three years ago, has had the most successful finish of anyone on the U.S. Men's Team so far this season.

He attributes his style of competition to Dowling.

"He is probably the most technical freestyle coach out there," Walczyk said.

IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM

Since being awarded the United States Ski and Snowboard Association Freestyle Club of the Year designation in 2013, Ski & Snowboard Club Vail has raised the bar for youth freestyle, showcasing its talent on the developmental, regional and international levels.

Skiers as young as 14 are making their debuts at the NorAm competitions this week; Dowling attributes the club's success to consistent, year-round training programs and to an influx of talented athletes.

Olivia Giaccio, of Edwards, is one such

athlete. Recently, Giaccio made an Olympic-level move called "a back-full" during competition at the age of 14.

"I don't know if there's ever been a 14-year old who's ever thrown that trick in a competition," Dowling said.

Another 14-year old SSCV skier, Tess Johnson, of Edwards, is making her mark on the FIS scene. Now old enough to compete as an FIS skier, Johnson competed at the U.S. Selections and earned an impressive third-place podium spot on the third day of the competition.

Dowling called Johnson's success at U.S. selections, "an impressive kind of performance."

Johnson has been holding a steady place on the podium in the development and regional levels for Rocky Mountain Freestyle, and she is looking toward qualifying for the Junior World Championships this year.

CLUB CAMARADERIE

Johnson's teammate, Morgan Shields, of Rochester, New York, has assured herself starting positions at the World Cup after having won first place one day at U.S. Selections this year and finishing second at the Junior World Championships last year. Shields has been racing with SSCV for three years.

Perhaps some of the success of the club is the camaraderie between the SSCV team members, Walczyk suggests.

"There's nothing elitist about the club," he said. "It's really easy for kids to come out and ski with the U.S. team members."

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