



Team Telemark Nordic Racers Kick Off New Year with Spectacular Results Among Top Skiers in Canada

WEST KELOWNA, January 13, 2022: Team Telemark Nordic Ski and Biathlon racers started 2022 with impressive results, including the selection of Garrett Siever, a Grade 12 student at Mount Boucherie Secondary School to represent Canada on the U20 team at US Supertour races in Lake Placid, NY and Craftsbury, VT January 29 - February 6, 2022.

At the World Junior/U23 Championship Trials in Canmore, AB, January 6 - 11, eleven racers (four female/seven male) represented Team Telemark in Skate and Classic technique events over four days of racing. Racing in temperatures sometimes less than -17°C, the team delivered some incredible performances on the national stage, challenging some of the best skiers in Canada.

In the 30km Skate technique, Garrett Siever clinched fourth place in the Under 20 Men's race, notable given he is the youngest racer in the top ten, at just 17 years of age. He was followed by teammates Nathan Achtem (30th), Finn Redman (31st), Evan Edwards (32nd), and Francis Stanley placing 16th in the Under 23 category. In the women's 15Km, Breagh Bridge placed 23rd in Under 20 followed by Alessia Galvagno (32nd) and Sylvie Achtem (49th). Clair Littlefair placed 11th in the Under 23 race. Placing sixth in the Masters 10km was Ben Achtem.

Team Telemark kicked off the New Year with a strong showing at the first Teck Okanagan Cup and BC Winter Games Trials at Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club held January 2nd. The team was represented by 20 athletes ranging in categories from U10 to Masters. Several top finishes earned Telemark eight podium spots including gold and silver for Ryker Ulansky and Liam Aaserud, 4th for Ben Wilkie, gold for Grace Szabadi (all U10), gold for Jake Ulansky and Kira Aaserud, and silver for Jessica Wilkie (all U12) and bronze for Tayte Proulx-Royds (U14). Masters racer John Wilkie of Penticton, brought home gold to round off the podium finishes.

Telemark Biathlon Team saw some impressive results at the Telemark Biathlon Okanagan Candy Cane Cup, Dec 18 including a sweep of the podium with Novice Under 10: 1st, Marcus Par, 2nd, Elias Walker, 3rd, Matthew Koga. U13: 1st, William Bertrand, 2nd, Tamiris McNern, 3rd, Lachlan Carmichael. Youth: 2nd, Alex Rozek.

Both Revelstoke and Telemark events were qualifiers for the BC Winter Games which will be held in Vernon, February 24-27, 2022. Qualifying racers will be announced shortly.

See full race results on [Zone4](#).

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