

# SKIMOUNTAINEERING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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The British Women's Ski Mountaineering Team

Catrin Thomas  
Leanne Callaghan  
Gabby Lees  
Di Gilbert



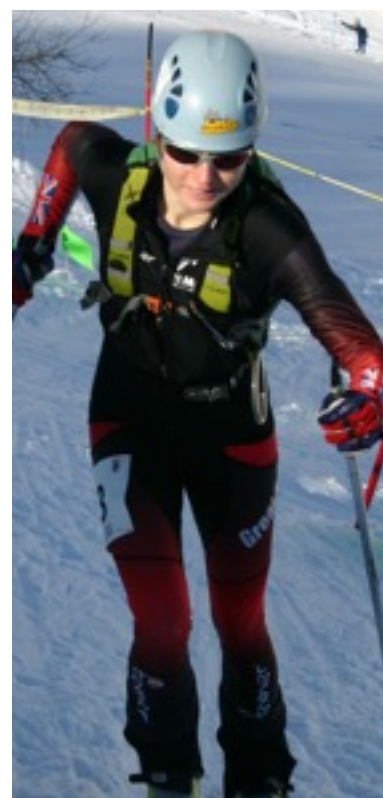
The British Women's Ski Mountaineering Team have recently returned back to the UK after successfully competing in the World Ski Mountaineering Championships.

From the 18th - 25th February the World Championships took place in the pristine natural heaven of the Resettums range's north face, close to the Friulian Dolomites' Natural park in Claut, Italy.

The municipalities of Andreis, Barcis, Cimolais, Claut and Erto e Casson hosted the national teams from France, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Great Britain, Slovakia, China, United States, Norway, Bulgaria, Canada, Japan,

Sweden, Portugal, Slovenia, Andorra, Greece and Germany with over 250 participating athletes.

The team, comprising of Catrin Thomas (46), Leanne Callaghan (38), Gabby Lees (20) & Di Gilbert (37) combined forces with the British Men's Team in the form of Es Tresidder, Ben Bardsley, Dan Gay, Ivor Ligertwood, Kirk Wadsworth, Tim Short and formed **Team GB**.



# The races

The planned individual sprint on Saturday was rescheduled later in the week due to snow conditions.

As a result the first race was the Team race on Sunday. A height gain of 2105m, descent of 2110m.

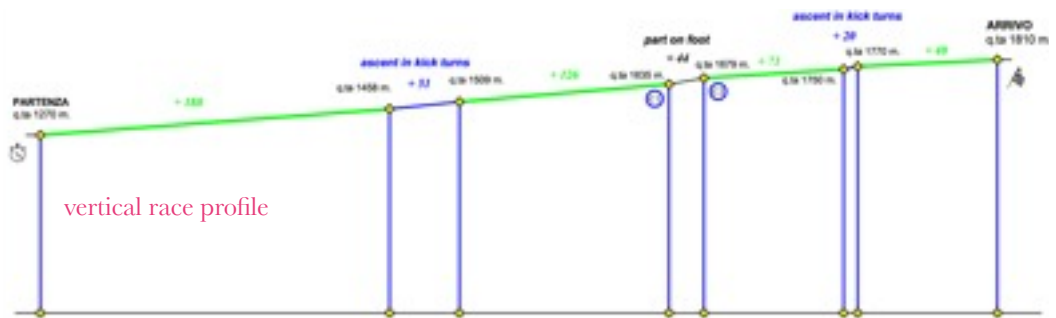
Gabby & Leanne came in 12th in their category with a time of 4:30:35. Ben & Ivor came in as the fastest British male team with 3:35:49, with Dan & Kirk clocking 3:58:14. Es combined with Nuno Caetano (the sole Portuguese racer) to complete the course in 3:23:23. The winning time was provided by Matteo Eydallin & Denis Trento from Italy in 2:30:26.

Monday was reserved for the Cadet/Junior Individuals races, which meant on Tuesday it was the Vertical races.



Thursday saw the much awaited Individual race, with 1420m of ascent and 1720m of descent.

Gabby came in 8th in the Espoir Category with 2:08:20, Leanne came in 26th with 2:06:10 and Catrin came in 31st with 2:37:16 in the Senior Women Category. An impressive performance by Catrin who was wearing what has



Di & Catrin came in 29th & 31st (0:48:49 & 0:50:44) in their category whilst Gabby came in 8th in hers with a time of 0:42:21

Ben & Es battled out for the fastest British male with Ben getting the upper hand with a time of 0:29:47 and Es getting 0:30:19, coming 44th & 46th in their category. Tim completed in 0:30:44 with Dan in 0:32:09.

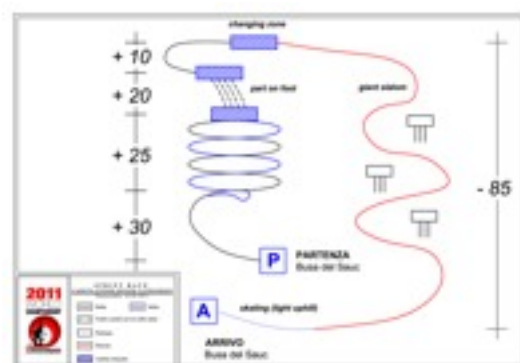
Wednesday was sprint day, with Gabby coming 11th in the Espoir Women category with a time of 5:11:68. Leanne came in 27th in the Senior Women category with 4:55:81, Di came in 33rd with a time of 6:42:60.

We only had 2 men competing in the dreaded sprint with Es coming in 51st with a time of 3:58:60 and Dan coming in 60th with 4:58:60.

now been classified as 'heavy metal'.



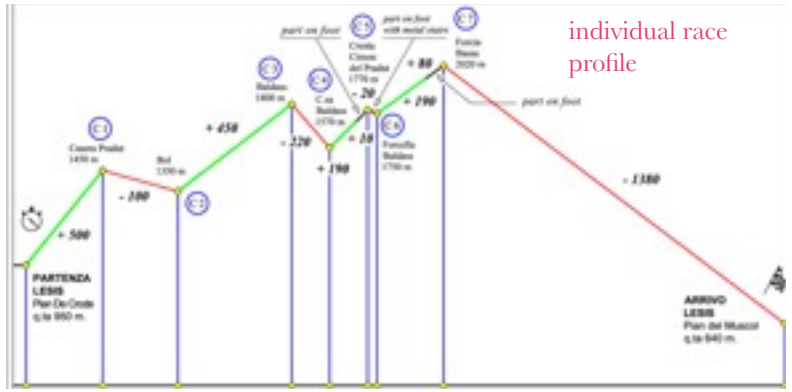
individual race



What is more impressive is the winning times from both the Senior Male and Female. Kilian Jornet Burgada (Spain) came in 1:27:08 and Mireia Miro Varela (Spain) came in 1:24:54.

Our final race day was the team relay. A course very similar but longer than the sprint saw Leanne, Gabby and Di represent Team GB whilst Catrin joined forces with Chigaya Mase & Michiko Horibe to represent Japan.

Team GB came in 9th, whilst Team Japan



individual race profile



relay race

came in 10th.

Unfortunately we only had 3 men (Es, Dan & Ben) for the male race but combined with Nuno from Portugal to enable them to compete. They came in 14th.

**Germany, Norway, Andorra, the Czech Republic and the United States.**

**Team GB gained the official National ranking of 12th behind France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Austria, Poland,**



We would like to take this opportunity to thank a very big thank you to the people who have made this come possible.

The support and encouragement that we have received both before and during the event has been amazing.

Thank you very much from all of the girls who wore the lycra suits and flew the GB flag to the very best of their abilities.

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TEAM GB

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