

Children Champs open with Super G

Louis Russell-Henry & Violet Miller win opening races of British Children's Championships

The dank conditions for the opening race of the British Children's Championship saw Violet Miller and Louis Russell-Henry claim the spoils for the Super G. After the Super G race the previous day, a non Championship race, had seen wins for Thomasine Nilsen-Wrede and Max Baggio, the Championship race, down a similar course was affected by the weather conditions.

Violet Miller, a product of the Ambition Race Group, started number five and took the lead from the winner from the previous days winner, Thomasine Nilsen Wrede by a comfortable margin of over two and three quarter seconds. It had looked like the race would run to start number order as Nilsen Wrede was followed down by Alice MacAulay and Hope Whitelaw and both racers slotted in behind the Nilsen Wrede.

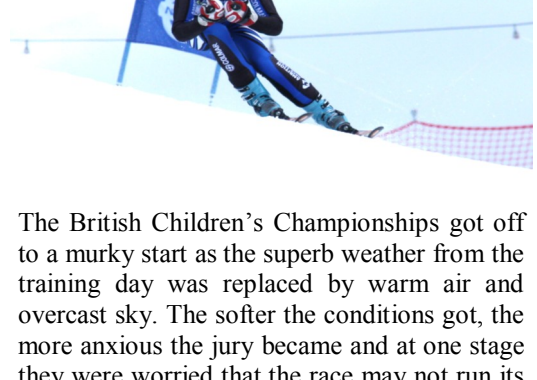
Katie Guest, who admitted after the race that she has been having problems finishing races recently, came down from number 7 and

although a significant time behind the leader slotted into second (for the second day running). Nicole Ritchie posted the third fastest time of the day as both the snow conditions and the weather started to deteriorate.

In the Children's 1 race, Honor Clissold improved her standing. Clissold gave some of the larger racers a run for their money and proved that good technique is a vital ingredient to winning a race. Clissold placed seventh overall, comfortably ahead of Megan Jenkins and Isabel Kirk who tied for second in 13th overall.

With the Children 2 age group being dominated by the older year, Clissold's performance was highly commendable as was Megan Jenkins's in her first year of Children's racing.

Amy Young, Katie Eden and Florence Bell rounded off the top ten finishers.



The British Children's Championships got off to a murky start as the superb weather from the training day was replaced by warm air and overcast sky. The softer the conditions got, the more anxious the jury became and at one stage they were worried that the race may not run its full course. Safety of the racers is paramount and the softening snow for a speed event raised the fear of another cancellation. Luckily the race was able to run its full course and saw number 5 in both races take the spoils; Violet Miller (above) and Louis Russell-Henry (below).

Left to Right: **Katie Guest** on her way to second.
Nicole Ritchie placed third after a disappointing race the previous day.
Honor Clissold took the Children 1 title with an assured display to go into seventh overall



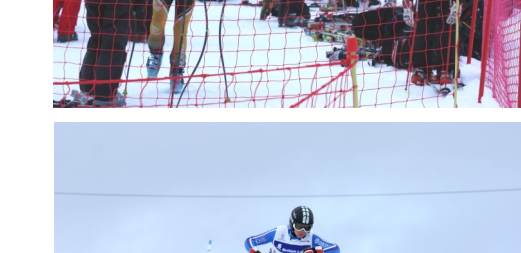
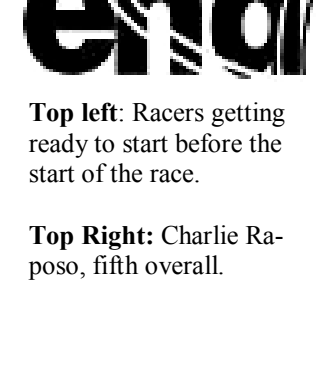
Russell-Henry edges out Henderson and Clissold to win Super G Championship; Robert Poth takes Children 1 title

While the conditions deteriorated as the race continued, the story of the race mirrored that of the girls race as Louis Russell-Henry, start number 5, came down to take the lead from start number 1, Charlie Raposo. This was where the similarities ended. Sam Clissold followed his fellow GB Children's teammate down and was just behind him in time and was then bumped down to third when Paul Henderson came

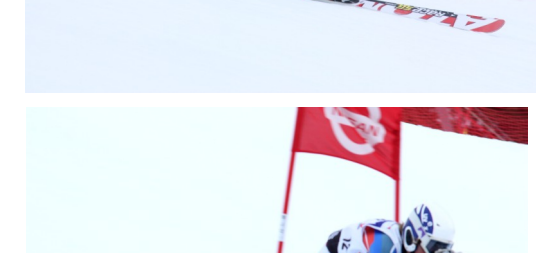
down a mere two tenths behind Russell-Henry. With the first five racers in the boys race seven tenths apart, this showed the depth of strength in the top level Children 2 boys. Lawrence Buchwiser took fourth place edging out Raposo.

The younger age group was won by Robert Poth who placed 16th overall with Jake Lismore in second and Fraser Buchan in third.

The top ten overall was dominated by the older boys, Raposo being the top racer from the younger year of birth. Gregory Saunders and Max Moss shared 6th overall with Laurie Taylor in 8th, Max Baggio, winner of the previous days race, in 9th and Xavier Barlow rounding out the top ten finishers.



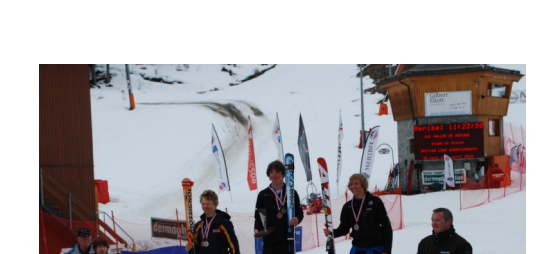
Top left: Racers getting ready to start before the start of the race.



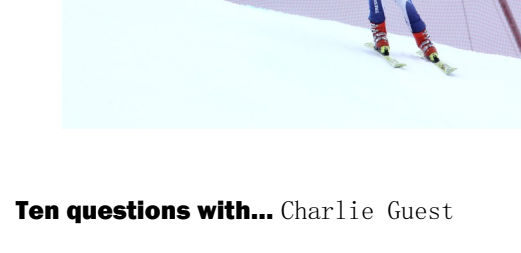
Top Right: Charlie Raposo, fifth overall.



Middle Left: Sam Clissold took third overall in the boys race.



Middle Right: Paul Henderson held it all together to take second place overall.



Bottom Left: Robert Poth, winner of the Children 1 title.



Bottom Right: The Children 2 podium: (L to R) Sam Clissold, Louis Russell-Henry & Paul Henderson

Ten questions with... Charlie Guest

Are you superstitious? Yes! I always have to wear the same thermals if I win a race.

Where did you watch the Olympics? At home

Do you think the right person won the Crystal Globe in your favourite discipline? Yes. Maria Riesch was so consistent in the slalom she did deserve it

Do you put your left or right ski on first? Left, I think.

Do you like your family coming to watch you race? Yes, it is good having the whole family, my sisters and brother

as well as Mum and Dad out here.

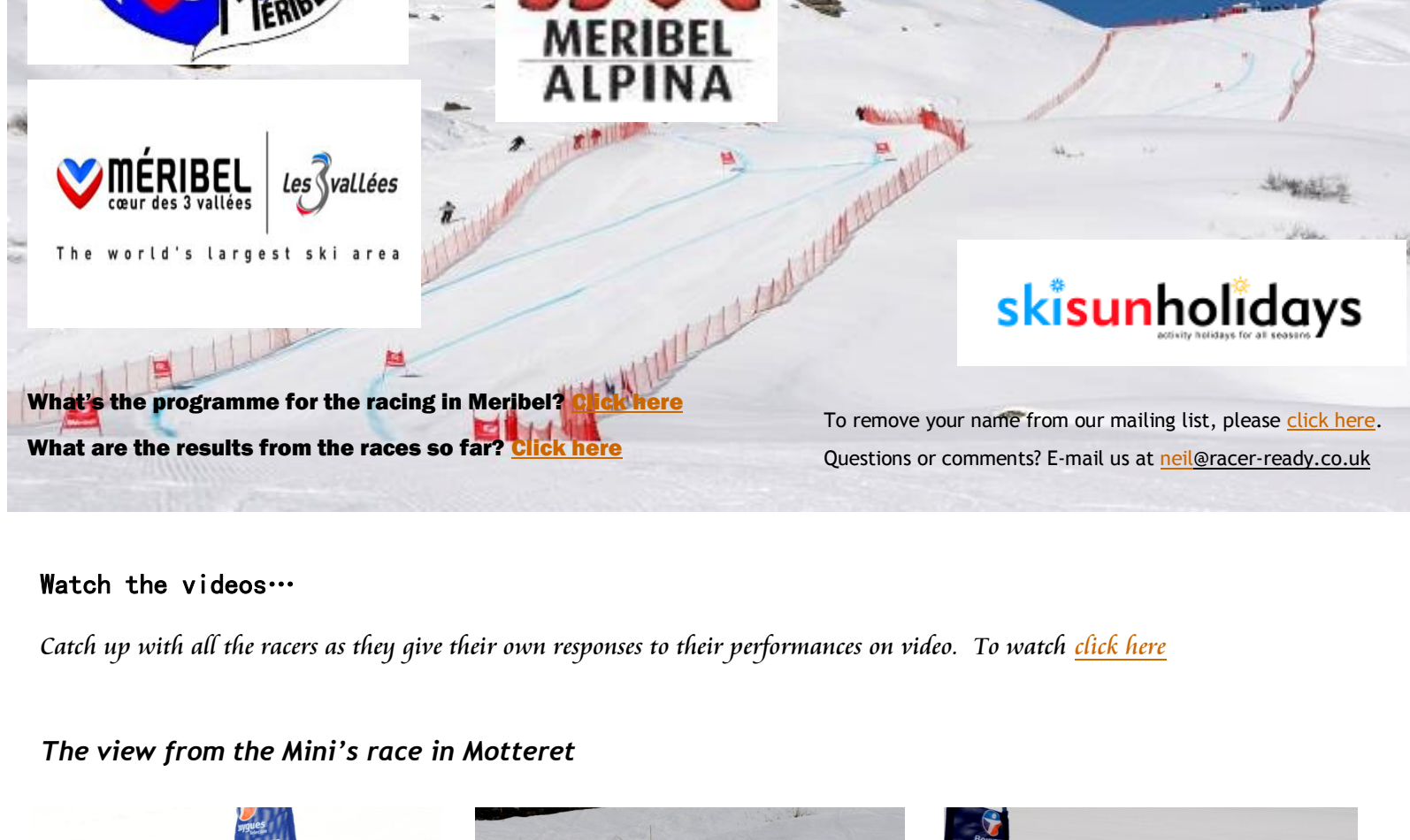
What unusual things do you put in your rucksack on race day? I do not actually know. I think I just take what I need but maybe pen and paper.



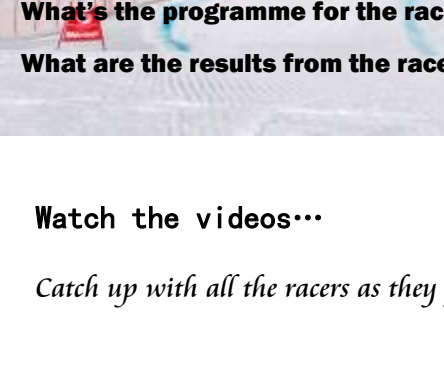
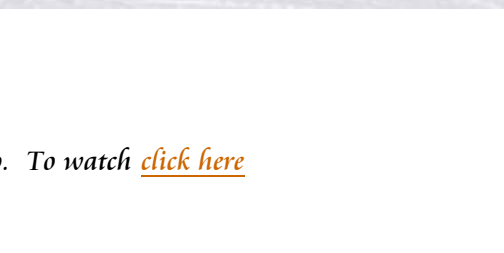
What is your last thought as you head out the start gate? It is usually what I am working on. Right now it is to keep my shoulders level!

Croissants or Pain au Chocolat? Pain au Chocolat.

Powder or freshly groomed piste? Freshly groomed !

Tea or coffee? Coffee!



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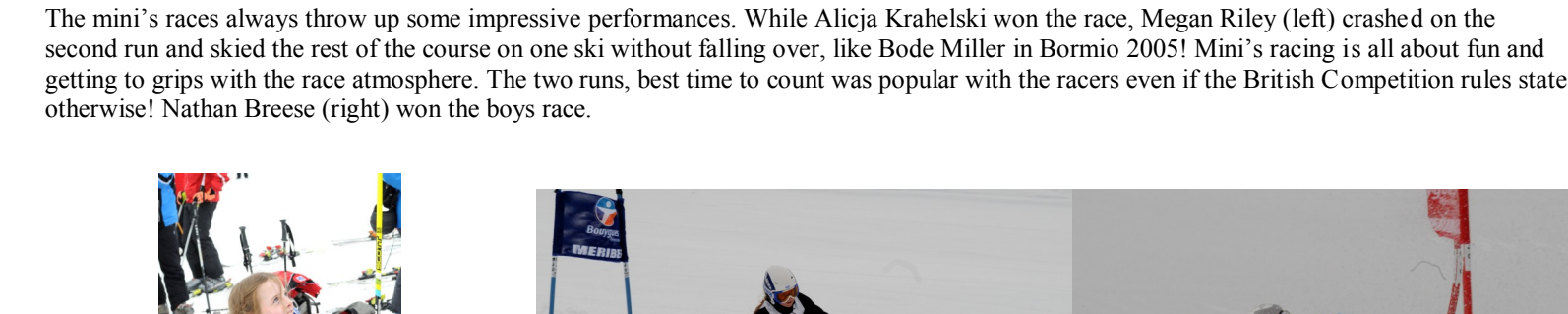
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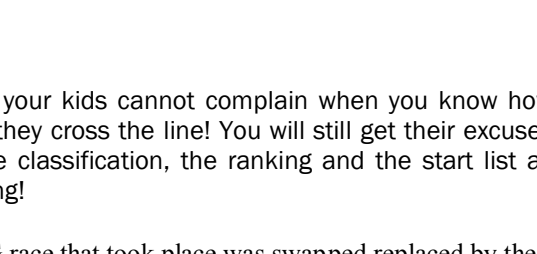
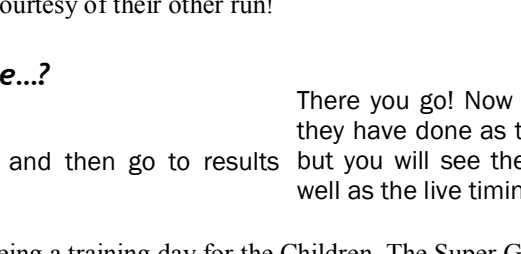
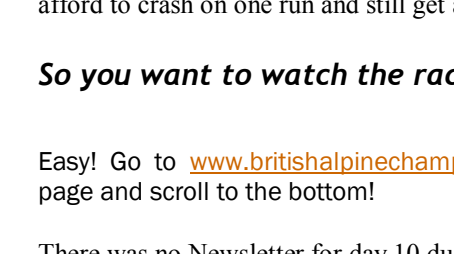
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The view from the Mini's race in Motteret



The mini's races always throw up some impressive performances. While Alicja Krahelski won the race, Megan Riley (left) crashed on the second run and skied the rest of the course on one ski without falling over, like Bode Miller in Bormio 2005! Mini's racing is all about fun and getting to grips with the race atmosphere. The two runs, best time to count was popular with the racers even if the British Competition rules state otherwise! Nathan Breese (right) won the boys race.



It is not all about the racing as Eildh Ryan practices her balancing a pole on her hand in the finish area after the race (left hand picture). Alicja Krahelski on her way to winning the girls race. For some young racers, having the best time to count format proved to be a saviour as they could afford to crash on one run and still get a time courtesy of their other run!

So you want to watch the races live...?

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There you go! Now your kids cannot complain when you know how they have done as they cross the line! You will still get their excuses but you will see the classification, the ranking and the start list as well as the live timing!

There was no Newsletter for day 10 due to it being a training day for the Children. The Super G race that took place was swapped replaced by the non championship race.