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Skiing

Petoskey boys top are ski teams in Petoskey-Harbor Invite

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Petoskey's Anders McCarthy earned seventh place overall finishes in both slalom and giant slalom at the Petoskey-Harbor Invite.

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HARBOR SPRINGS — It's no secret and there's no denying it, Petoskey's boys want to be back atop the final ski podium.

It's an early season still, but the Northmen made a pretty strong case that they've got the talent to be there.

Petoskey, along with Harbor Springs, hosted the annual Petoskey-Harbor Invite at Boyne Highlands Resort on Wednesday, with frigid temperatures returning just long enough for some crisp and perfect conditions on the hill.



Harbor Springs' Connor Truman races down the hill during the morning giant slalom race, which he placed ninth in.

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The Northmen racked up a total of seven first place finishes between the slalom and giant slalom runs, leading to a first place overall finish and dominating 50-point total.

“It’s a great way to begin the season. I’m very proud of the boys and the girls team,”

Petoskey coach Erik

Lundteigen said. “It’s nice to start with that and this is a big race and a lot of the big guns were there. It was a solid performance. We were stacked up there really, really well.”

Traverse City West took second overall, followed by the Great North Alpine and Harbor Springs.

Petoskey didn’t score higher than 27 points in either slalom or giant slalom, opening the morning session with 23 points in the giant slalom race.

Harbor Springs' Andrew Truman earned a first place overall finish in the race with a combined time of one minute, 4.67 seconds.

Tripp Thomas of Petoskey placed third to lead the Northmen in a time of 1:06.26, Jimmy Flom took fifth place in 1:07.08, Anders McCarthy placed seventh (1:07.97) and Nolan Walkerdine took eighth overall (1:08.26).

For Harbor Springs outside of Truman, Connor Truman placed 15th in 1:09.57, Austin Smar took 20th (1:10.22) and Luke Baker placed 25th (1:10.87). Robbie Gillette also earned a 27th place finish.

Petoskey also raced a B-team, with Will Goelz placing 17th overall in 1:09.97, while Connor Mailloux, Michael Iverson and Nate Thomas placed 34th, 35th and 36th, respectively.



Charlevoix's Jake Snyder makes his decent in the giant slalom race, which came with a sixth place overall finish.

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For the Harbor Springs B-team, Ian Davis took 30th in 1:11.64 and Bode Blancato took 33rd.

Jake Snyder led Charlevoix with a sixth place finish in the GS race in a time of 1:07.22, while teammate Jack Bemis placed 42nd (1:14.71) and Jack Kita took 46th (1:16.73).

In the slalom race, Petoskey's 27 points again led by a wide margin, while Traverse City West placed second with 48 and Harbor Springs placed third with 49.

Thomas again led the Northmen with a second place finish, coming in at 1:17.18. Flom then took sixth (1:19.10), McCarthy placed seventh (1:19.91) and Gabe Rothman took 12th (1:22.89).

Walkerdine also finished with a 16th place run (1:24.35).

Andrew Truman led for Harbor Sprigs in the slalom race in third place at 1:18.24, Connor Truman took ninth in 1:21.69, Cole Hoffman placed 12th (1:22.89) and Smar took 25th (1:27.37).



Petoskey's Nolan Walkerdine rips a turn in the giant slalom race, which came with a top 10 overall finish.

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Petoskey's B-team was led by Mailloux in a 20th place finish (1:25.82), Iverson placed 21st (1:26.70) and Goelz and Wyatt Mattson took 24th (1:27.11) and 26th (1:27.69), respectively. Thomas also placed 33rd for the Northmen.

Leading for Harbor Springs' B-team was Cal Benjamin with a 14th place run in 1:24.09 and Blancato took 32nd (1:29.27).

Snyder again paced the Rayders with a 26th place showing at a time of 1:27.69, Bemis earned a 45th place finish, Kita took 54th and Garrett Bemis placed 55th.

Though some teams opened in Marquette late last week, the race at Boyne Highlands on Wednesday came as a true opener against area competition for most and Lundteigen couldn't be happier with how the showing went. He's been around enough championship teams, however, to know the work is just getting started.

"As the year goes on, we've just got to keep working, and we will, but it's always nice to have a result like this early in the season," he said.

Lundteigen also wanted to give a big thank you to everyone that made Wednesday's race possible, including a large number of volunteers who stood out in zero degree weather for hours.

"I want to thank Boyne Highlands," he said. "The surface was awesome. I really want to thank the parents. If we don't have parent helpers, none of this happens. They run it, control it and Petoskey and Harbor Springs really came together. They were phenomenal."

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