

University of Rochester

## Alpine Ski Team

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### Men Edge out Syracuse for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Slalom



Jess Cicoria making her way on the headwall.



Johnny Barclay attacking the pitch.

This year's season is fast under way as the University of Rochester's Alpine Ski Team competed this weekend at Labrador Mountain in the first of five weekends in the USCSA Empire Division series. On the drive from Rochester to Labrador temperatures reached -12 F making for a chilly day. Saturday began with the giant slalom race. The women's team was lead by Jess Cicoria with an impressive 7th place finish. Maya Silbert, Marissa Robinson, and Alana Hampton finished with back to back finishes and Emily Robbins, who after a rough first run was able to pull together a top 20 finish for the second run. Jess Socha and Lauren Corrigan pulled top 10 finishes in the junior varsity race and were quickly followed by Sarah Stelma. On the men's side, Dan Halligan pulled 6th place on his first run and finished 8th place overall. Johnny Barclay pulled a top 20 finish followed by Chris Cumming's with a 22nd place finish on his first run. The men's JV squad was lead by Will Surdyka with a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish. Garry Ellis, Ian Auger, and David Chadsey rounded out the finishers for the JV squad. A Saturday evening pasta dinner was graciously hosted by Alana Hampton's mother, which served to be delicious meal after a chilly

day. The amusement for the weekend was created as the SUV caravan of ski racers attempted to make it up Alana's steep and icy driveway. After 20 minutes of trying to push cars up the driveway and with one car in a ditch, the athletes decided to "just walk up" the driveway. During the night, 2 inches of fresh powder fell for the Slalom on Sunday. The slalom course proved to be an icy ordeal making for a tough course, but UofR skiers still prevailed. Emily Robbins and Jess Cicoria had top 20 finishes followed by Kelly Moore in 21st, Marrison Robinson in 28th, and

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**Emily Robbins and Kelly Moore attacking the pitch.**

Alana Hampton in 29th. Maya Silbert had a 6th place finish on the JV side followed by Lauren Corrigan and Sarah Stelma. Hannah Pullman had a top 10 finish on her first run, but due to a foot injury was unable to compete in the second run. The slalom proved to be an exciting day on the men's side, as they edged out powerhouse team Syracuse for a second place finish! The men were lead by Dan Halligan in 6th, Chris Cummings in 10th, and Ezra Milby 13th. The varsity squad was rounded out by Johnny Barclay in 15th and Dan deLahunta in 30th. On the JV side, Will Surdyka and Ian Auger tied for a 10th place finished and were followed by David Chadsey. Gary Ellis after having a DNF his first run was able to pull a 12th place finish his second run. Both men's and women's teams are off to a good start for regional qualification this year as 6 teams will advance from the Empire conference to the Mideast Regional Championships. Next weekend's race will be held at Swain Mountain.

**~Ezra Milby**



**Dan Halligan navigating the slalom on Sunday**

Pictures included in this newsletter were taken by Bob Story photography and can be found at <http://www.photorelect.com/pr3/thumbpage.aspx?e=4446988>

Results from the weekend can be found at <http://www.livetime.com>

### Race Schedule

Jan 18-19	Ithaca Invit.	Labrador, NY
Jan 24-25	Alfred Invit.	Swain, NY
Jan 31-Feb 1	UofR Invit.	Bristol, NY
Feb 7-8	Cornell Invit.	Greek Peak/Labrador, NY
Feb 16-17	Syracuse Invit.	Toggenburg, NY
Feb 20-21	USCSA Mideast Regionals	West Mountain, NY
Mar 3-7	USCSA Nationals	Winter Park, CO, NY