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# Nakusp boarders race at Big White

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In an exciting start to the 2007 race season, two snowboardercross races were held at Big White resort with three Nakusp riders in the competition. Snowboard cross pits four snowboarders at a time against each other through a course of jumps, rollers and banked corners called

berms.  
 In the open age, FIS category (international points system for competitive skiers and snowboarders), B.C. Team rider Jesse McDonald landed on the podium with a third in both races, teammate Carly Thorp placed 8th

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and 9th, while Alex Thorp placed 24th and 23rd in his first ever FIS event.

The riders must qualify in individual time trials which then determine against whom they race in the four-person heats. McDonald had the hole-shot out of the gate in both her first heats, and held the lead until the

end. The first two riders advance into the next heat, so McDonald moved on.

Carly Thorp had a good start on day one, but failed to advance past the first heat, while on day two she moved into the second round after tailing an Australian pro rider through the tight banked corners, only to be later eliminated early in the following round.

Alex Thorp held a solid line into the first corner in his first heat on both days. He tumbled on the first day after a pile up on the first corner and held tight the second day only to be passed further down the course.

McDonald entered the final heat both days with stiff competition. Day one saw her with the hole-shot again, and she held the lead until she

tumbled with another rider in the second corner, tumbled, yet managed to hold on to third place.

Stephanie Hickie of the Australian National team took first and B.C. teammate Natasha McCormick pegged second.

Day two held virtually the same fate for the 16-year-old rider, coming out of the gate with the pack and moving to the front only to get caught in

a three-person pile up on corner two, which enabled teammate Nickie Rogers to shoot past and take first. McDonald finished fourth in the race.

Thorp and McDonald join the B.C. Team heading to Mont Tremblant, Quebec this weekend for their first Nor-Am race of the season, and then on to Copper Mountain, Colorado for their first Grand Prix race.