

Davis, Hight, Teter test out White's superpipe at Northstar

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The largest amount of snow in Lake Tahoe right now is without a doubt all packed into the walls of the new Shaun White Signature Superpipe at Northstar. After nearly 700 hours of work done by Snow Park Technologies and Northstar, the 22-foot superpipe opened to the public on Dec. 31.

The 500-foot long pipe is notable for several reasons. Not only was it the first halfpipe to open in Tahoe this winter, it is the first-ever 22-foot Tahoe superpipe that will remain open to the public. The massive terrain feature marks the landmark deal Shaun White signed with Vail Resorts last August that made Northstar his home mountain and primary training ground.

White has shown no interest in riding his namesake superpipe yet, however. Rumors flew that he would be at Northstar during the first week of January for a private training session, but for reasons yet to be uncovered, he never showed. Instead it was Burton teammate Danny Davis, who lives less than ten minutes from Northstar, who became the first to score a private session on the new pipe when he took over the two-day training window that White passed up.

"I guess I kinda bit on his session," laughed Davis, when asked about the opportunity he was given to break in the new pipe. "I called SPT and asked if Shaun was coming and they said 'No, you want it?' I was like, 'Hell yeah!' We always seem to be poaching his sessions. Thanks for this one Shaun!"

Davis landed tricks during the session that he hadn't put down

since his Olympic-dream-killing back injury two years ago.

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