

Bowman, Anderson on top of podium at Dew Tour

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BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. – Olympic champion and Meyers resident Maddie Bowman came back to the contest season swinging, earning her second consecutive Dew Tour win and sharing the podium with fellow U.S. Freeskiing teammate and Olympian Annalisa Drew.

Bowman, who is coming back from a knee injury, picked up right where she left off last season, riding strong and landing both right and left 900s in her runs on Dec. 12.

“I just wanted to come out here and have fun and get my runs together. It’s a great first comp after knee surgery. I felt a different pressure (after the Olympics) when I came out here, but I just decided to go skiing and have fun. And you always do better when you just go ski and have fun,” Bowman said.

A top qualifier from the semi-finals, Drew put down a solid first run with an alley-opp flat 540 and a left 900 earning her second place and her first Dew Tour podium finish. Japan’s Ayana Onozuka put together an impressively large second run to clinch the third place spot just ahead of last week’s Visa U.S. Freeskiing Grand Prix halfpipe winner Janina Kuzma.

The competition continues today with the women’s freeskiing slopestyle final where young guns Julia Krass and Maggie Voisin will continue to make their mark on the slopestyle scene. Olympic champion David Wise of Reno will look to continue his halfpipe domination in the men’s freeskiing superpipe final.

For the third year in a row, Jamie Anderson of Meyers walked away with top honors at the Dew Tour, over Finland’s Enni

Rukajaravri and New Zealand's Christy Prior.

Anderson – known for putting together consistent gold medal runs – showed up on Friday nursing a rib injury sustained in practice earlier this week. But it didn't seem to matter, as she landed a cab 900 in her first run. It looked like Anderson was on the mend and on her way to the top of the podium with a 96.25 score. While Rukajaravri and New Zealand rider Christy Prior put down 90-point runs, Anderson's first run would prove to be unbeatable.

Snowboarding Dew Tour action continues Dec. 13 with the men's and women's halfpipe finals.