

Bowman, Wise packing bags for Winter Olympics



David Wise and Maddie Bowman will represent the Reno-Tahoe area in the Olympics – again. Photo/LTN

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David Wise of Reno and Maddie Bowman of Meyers will both have the opportunity to defend their freeski halfpipe Olympic titles.

The two gold medalists from the Sochi Winter Games qualified for PyeongChang at the U.S. Grand Prix at Snowmass, the fourth of five selection events for the U.S. Olympic ski halfpipe team.

Wise won the men's contest, topping a stacked field that included U.S. teammates Alex Ferreira, Aaron Blunck and Gus Kenworthy. In his winning run, Wise went huge and landed a technical sequence of tricks that included a switch double cork 1080 and double cork 1260s on both walls.

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