

North Shore teen wins national ski title

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The Toyota U.S. Alpine Championships wrapped up on Monday with women's giant slalom with A.J. Hurt (Carnelian Bay) grabbing her second national title of the series.

Hurt, who skis for the National Training Group, won the alpine combined – her first career national title – last Wednesday. Hurt, who grew up skiing at Squaw Valley, made quite the impression this season with two NorAm victories and three FIS Ski World Cup starts.

“It's always difficult [winning a national title],” reflected Hurt. “I knew I was capable if I skied my best, and that second run was definitely some of my best skiing all year, so that felt really good – not only for the result but just to finish the season off like that.”

Hurt was able to make up a significant amount of time from the mid-section to the finish line of both courses and won by a margin of 1.51 seconds over the University of Denver's Andrea Komsic and Dartmouth College's Foreste Peterson – who tied for second.

At a mere 17 years old, Hurt was also the fastest junior on the day, followed by an impressive showing from Ski & Snowboard Club Vail's Allie Resnick, who finished fourth overall and second among juniors.

The Tom Garner Regions Cup was awarded to the Western Region, who amassed 2,171 points over the Eastern Region's 1,789 points, followed by Rocky Central with 1,347 points.