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**QUEBEC SKI RACERS OPEN PRESIDENT'S CHOICE CANADIAN K2 CHAMPIONSHIPS
WITH VICTORIES**

**Sheiner and Paquin-Ricard take top honours in Men's Super G and Ladies Super
Combined respectively**

VERNON, BC (March 24th, 2008) – Quebec provincial ski racers opened with victories in both the Men's and Ladies divisions as the President's Choice Canadian K2 Championships got underway today at Silver Star Mountain Resort near Vernon, BC.

Claudia Paquin-Ricard (Quebec City, QC) had to come from behind in the Ladies super combined, finishing the very challenging Gypsy Queen course with a winning two-run combined time of one minute 43.87.

"I won the super combined and giant slalom at the provincial championships so I was expecting to do well today but I didn't think I was going to win. It feels incredible," said the 14-year-old Paquin-Ricard, who hails from the Mont Ste-Anne Ski Club. Paquin-Ricard was in third place after the opening super G run but had the third fastest slalom run, which was good enough to claim the victory by 0.16s.

Tianda Carroll (Jasper, AB) finished in second place with Julia Roth (Toronto, ON) taking third spot.

On the Men's side, Julian Sheiner (Ottawa, ON) finished today's super G in 1:03.42 to win convincingly by 0.55s.

"It's one of the best feelings. It's a lot different from a regional race or provincials because this is a national championship. The competition here is really fierce," said Sheiner, who skis out of Mont Ste-Marie in the National Capital Outaouais (NCO).

"I know most of the racers who are here and I knew where I stood but it's been a while since we've all been together racing. You never know who has been improving over the course of the season and how much, so it's a good win for me," added Sheiner, who placed fourth in the super G at last season's Sierra Wireless Whistler Cup, a major international ski race for 13 and 14-year-olds.

Second place went to Ford Swette (Whistler, BC) followed by Jerome Tremblay (Mont Ste-Anne, QC) in third.

The President's Choice Canadian K2 Championships, for ski racers between 13 and 14 years old, continue tomorrow with a Men's super combined and Ladies super G.

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Rank	Bib	Name	Club	Result 1	Result 2	Combined
1	11	PAQUIN-RICARD, Claudia	MASS	1:06.67 (3)	37.20 (3)	1:43.87
2	7	CARROLL, Tianda	JASPR	1:06.23 (2)	37.80 (8)	1:44.03
3	13	ROTH, Julia	DEVGL	1:06.15 (1)	38.18 (13)	1:44.33
4	6	POWNALL, Breanne	DEVEL	1:06.77 (4)	37.99 (10)	1:44.76
5	19	BISNAIRE, Samantha	GEORG	1:08.59 (8)	37.52 (4)	1:46.11

6	32	RAMSDEN, Jocelyn	WHIST	1:08.62 (9)	38.01 (11)	1:46.63
7	30	LAMOURE UX, Katerine	TREMB	1:10.36 (29)	36.43 (1)	1:46.79
8	4	NICOLL, Avery	OSLER	1:07.36 (6)	39.47 (29)	1:46.83
9	15	LAMOURE UX, Alexina	SUTTO	1:07.98 (7)	38.99 (24)	1:46.97
9	2	DARLINGT ON, Kailee	WHIST	1:08.90 (11)	38.07 (12)	1:46.97

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Rank	Bib	Name	Club	Result
1	13	SHEINER, Julian	MARIE	1:03.42 (1)
2	16	SWETTE, Ford	WHIST	1:03.87 (2)
3	1	TREMBLAY, Jerome	MSA	1:04.03 (3)
4	3	MEGARRY, Morgan	CRAIG	1:04.20 (4)
5	8	KONANTZ, William	WHIST	1:04.69 (5)
6	17	GIGIC, Filip	KASC	1:05.33 (6)
7	14	BERGERON, Nicolas	BROM	1:05.44 (7)
8	9	SUGAR, Geoffrey	OSLER	1:05.69 (8)
9	50	STEINKE, Chris	FORTU	1:05.72 (9)
10	25	PARENT, Philippe	MSA	1:05.88 (10)