

# TWINTIP TEST TEAM



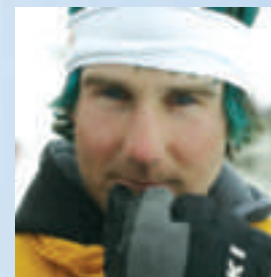
**TYLER BURSLEM**  
**Ht, Wt, Age:** 5'4", 135 lbs, 21  
**Roots:** Whistler **Sponsors:** DNA, Fischer **Where have I seen you before?** B.C. Mogul Team



**MYLES RICKETTS**  
**Ht, Wt, Age:** 5'9", 160 lbs, 24  
**Roots:** Kimberley, B.C. **Sponsors:** Atomic, Smith, Orage, Comor Sports, Jib Culture, TMC **Where have I seen you before?** All Snowjam Tour events



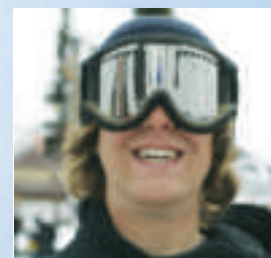
**EDDIE HICKS**  
**Ht, Wt, Age:** 5'8", 130 lbs, 16  
**Roots:** Mt. Seymour, B.C. **Sponsors:** TMC, Firstmate pet foods **Where have I seen you before?** 1st Jr. Nationals dual moguls, 2nd Jr. Nationals single moguls, 1st B.C. Champs halfpipe



**STEVE CRAZY**  
**Ht, Wt, Age:** 5'10", 160 lbs, 24  
**Roots:** Ontario **Sponsors:** Nordica, Helly Hansen, Stuntwax, G3, Fanatyk.co, Jib Culture, Whistler/Blackcomb **Where have I seen you before?** In the air, I'll huck what you want.



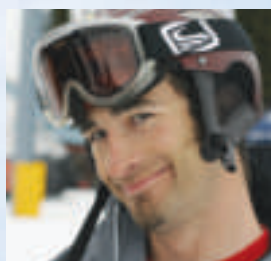
**KELTIE HICKS**  
**Ht, Wt, Age:** 5'3", 115 lbs, 12  
**Roots:** Mt. Seymour, B.C. **Sponsors:** TMC **Where have I seen you before?** *Ski Canada* twintip tester



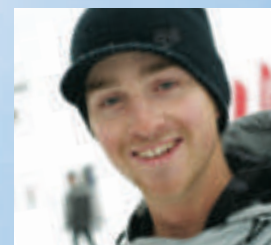
**BEN TIPPER**  
**Ht, Wt, Age:** 5'11", 160 lbs, 19  
**Roots:** Kimberley, B.C. **Where have I seen you before?** Orage Big Air 2003



**JESS BENNIE**  
**Ht, Wt, Age:** 5'5", 125 lbs, 23  
**Roots:** Horseshoe Valley, Ont. **Sponsors:** Atomic, SMS clothing, Scott-USA, WHelmets, 604 Jib Culture, Comor Sports, newschool.com **Where have I seen you before?** 2003 Women's Superpipe Invitational, 2003 Global X



**MAURO NUNEZ**  
**Ht, Wt, Age:** 5'9", 170 lbs, 30  
**Roots:** Spain **Sponsors:** Head/Tyrolia, Scott-USA, Jib Culture, Airwalk, Boeri, Ripzone **Where have I seen you before?** 2002 European Champion, 2nd Nokia Big Air Spain 2003, 1st Orage Big Air Nakiska



**EVAN WILCOX**  
**Ht, Wt, Age:** 6', 175 lbs, 20  
**Roots:** Hemlock Valley, B.C. **Where have I seen you before?** U.S. Open Halfpipe 2003 semifinal



**ATOMIC TWEAK** Tip/Waist/Tail: 108/78/102 Lengths available: 163, 172, 181 Suggested retail: \$699



TEST RESULTS	Skier Weight	lighter	heavier
	Skier Style	finesse	power
	Conditions	soft	hard
	Skier Ability	intermediate	expert
	Sweet Spot	back	forward
	Stability	low	high
	Agility	low	high
	Versatility	low	high

This is a ski that needs no tweaking. Testers were blown away by the solid feel and versatility that made everyone feel like a hero whether in the park or ripping down to it from the lift. The test team was unanimous: the Tweak was over the red line on the wow-o-meter

**SLOPESIDE SOUND BYTES:** "Perfect for the skier who wants to do everything." (Myles Ricketts) "Wow, it does everything. Not just a park ski." (Steve Crazy) "Everything about it is good. Great on rails, in the pipe or off the jumps." (Jess Bennie) "Solid for anything the mountain can dish up." (Ben Tipper)

**DYNASTAR TROUBLEMAKER** Tip/Waist/Tail: 112/78/102 Lengths available: 155, 165, 175, 182 Suggested retail: \$799



TEST RESULTS	Skier Weight	lighter	heavier
	Skier Style	finesse	power
	Conditions	soft	hard
	Skier Ability	intermediate	expert
	Sweet Spot	back	forward
	Stability	low	high
	Agility	low	high
	Versatility	low	high

Testers thought this was a park-junkie's dream. Strong skiers who live for the park will have a blast on the Troublemaker, but it's stable enough to enjoy the ride on the rest of the mountain, too. High marks for versatility and no surprises—just smooth arcs and sweet landings every time.

**SLOPESIDE SOUND BYTES:** "Versatile park ski that's great everywhere. No need to change your riding style." (Jess Bennie) "Good on jumps, stable at high speed." (Keltie Hicks) "Solid ski for park but not for beginners—strong intermediates and up." (Myles Ricketts) "Smooth, styled at everything. Nice switch landings." (Eddie Hicks)

**ELAN M-02** Tip/Waist/Tail: 116/76/105 Lengths available: 155, 165, 175 Suggested retail: \$625



TEST RESULTS	Skier Weight	lighter	heavier
	Skier Style	finesse	power
	Conditions	soft	hard
	Skier Ability	intermediate	expert
	Sweet Spot	back	forward
	Stability	low	high
	Agility	low	high
	Versatility	low	high

Railers rejoice! This is definitely a park ski that was praised for stability and good skiing qualities. Testers loved the cool metal insert underfoot for durability. Elan took a giant leap forward with this well-balanced ski that had *Ski Canada's* park rats leaping for joy.

**SLOPESIDE SOUND BYTES:** "Awesome ski! Great on rails, sweet jumping ski." (Keltie Hicks) "Pretty much just park, but nice and stable. Great idea with metal rail in base for extra durability." (Myles Ricketts) "Great for park rats and urban sliders. Fun on metal." (Steve Crazy) "Third edge in the base is a great idea. Fantastic job on this ski." (Eddie Hicks)

**HEAD MAD\_TRIX** Tip/Waist/Tail: 110/74/105 Lengths available: 163, 172, 180 Suggested retail: \$950 with bindings

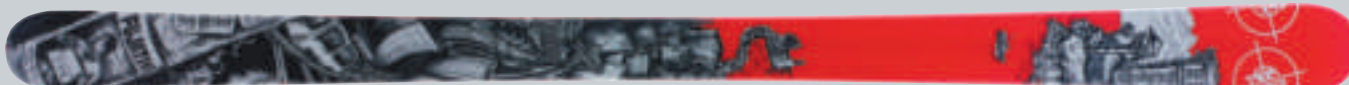


TEST RESULTS	Skier Weight	lighter	heavier
	Skier Style	finesse	power
	Conditions	soft	hard
	Skier Ability	intermediate	expert
	Sweet Spot	back	forward
	Stability	low	high
	Agility	low	high
	Versatility	low	high

It may be a little stiff for buttering, but versatility is this ski's middle name. Perfect for the jibber who doesn't want to spend all day in the park. Expect famous Head stability and responsiveness under the skin of this twintip. For good skiers especially, let the fun begin!

**SLOPESIDE SOUND BYTES:** "I was impressed. Good for park they are." (Ben Tipper) "This ski is fun! Responsive, lively, turns on a dime!" (Steve Crazy) "Great for ripping through the park. Awesome stability for all-round park skiing." (Keltie Hicks) "Same ski as last year, same stellar performance. Why change it if it works?" (Jess Bennie)

**K2 FUJATIVE** Tip/Waist/Tail: 113/80/140 Lengths available: 159, 169, 179 Suggested retail: \$600



TEST RESULTS	Skier Weight	lighter	heavier
	Skier Style	finesse	power
	Conditions	soft	hard
	Skier Ability	intermediate	expert
	Sweet Spot	back	forward
	Stability	low	high
	Agility	low	high
	Versatility	low	high

Jibbing and buttering were a natural on this soft, versatile ski. Strong aggressive skiers who like skiing switch will love the solid, confidence-inspiring feeling of the Fujative. Freeriders and park riders with some skills will get the most out of this solid player.

**SLOPESIDE SOUND BYTES:** "Great switch ski that's better backward than forward. Likes big fast turns and stomping air." (Steve Crazy) "Medium to soft flex, awesome for buttering. Very versatile." (Tyler Burslem) "Very soft, perfect for jibbing and butters." (Ben Tipper) "Good all-round, but perfect park ski—good switch and super stable." (Myles Ricketts)

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**NORDICA THE BEAST** Tip/Waist/Tail: 124/92/116 Lengths available: 166, 177, 188 Suggested retail: \$1,050



TEST RESULTS	Skier Weight	lighter	heavier
	Skier Style	finesse	power
	Conditions	soft	hard
	Skier Ability	intermediate	expert
	Sweet Spot	back	forward
	Stability	low	high
	Agility	low	high
	Versatility	low	high

The Beast impressed with a great ride from park to powder. Most testers thought The Beast was happiest riding all over the mountain, but the big 92-mm waist also inspired super-confidence in the park. No snow was too gnarly, no hit too big. Skiers with a wide range of skills enjoyed a sweet ride.

**SLOPESIDE SOUND BYTES:** "Nordica really stepped it up with this ski. Stable but surprised me with how easy it was to turn. Excellent!" (Jess Bennie) "Sweet, perfect flex and good dimensions." (Evan Wilcox) "A fat ski with sidecut is fun in most conditions." (Mauro Nunez) "A big-mountain ski you can use in the park. A bit fat for pipe, but solid on jumps and rails." (Myles Ricketts)

**PRIOR** Tip/Waist/Tail: 125/95/115 at 181 cm Lengths available: 165, 171, 175, 181, 188, 193 Suggested retail: \$899



TEST RESULTS	Skier Weight	lighter	heavier
	Skier Style	finesse	power
	Conditions	soft	hard
	Skier Ability	intermediate	expert
	Sweet Spot	back	forward
	Stability	low	high
	Agility	low	high
	Versatility	low	high

Prior skis are made in Whistler, an ideal playground to develop a big mountain twin. This is a fairly stiff ski that impressed testers with its solid feeling underfoot. Advanced to expert park riders and all-mountain rippers will feel secure on this new bad boy on the mountain.

**SLOPESIDE SOUND BYTES:** "Solid, stable, looks very durable. Relatively stiff tip and tail but an all-round good ski." (Tyler Burslem) "Stiff and stable, a real skier's ski. You need to find the centre and stay there." (Steve Crazy) "Solid and very stable, best for park." (Ben Tipper)

**ROSSIGNOL SCRATCH FS** Tip/Waist/Tail: 110/80/103 Lengths available: 168, 174, 180 Suggested retail: \$750



TEST RESULTS	Skier Weight	lighter	heavier
	Skier Style	finesse	power
	Conditions	soft	hard
	Skier Ability	intermediate	expert
	Sweet Spot	back	forward
	Stability	low	high
	Agility	low	high
	Versatility	low	high

Park riders of all abilities will find this ski light and agile but stable when needed. Testers loved the Scratch FS in the air, but two testers thought this was the best all-round ride of the day. This ski is a good combination of mountain skiability with park and pipe competence.

**SLOPESIDE SOUND BYTES:** "Snappy and super responsive. Great on the rails, too." (Eddie Hicks) "A fun ski mostly park-oriented. Soft tip and tail is perfect for buttering." (Mauro Nunez) "Quick and easy to throw around in the air. Rides well switch." (Evan Wilcox) "Light, agile and does everything you need in the park but still rad everywhere else." (Myles Ricketts)

**SALOMON TENEIGHTY** Tip/Waist/Tail: 114/80/108 Lengths available: 151, 161, 171, 181 Suggested retail: \$649



TEST RESULTS	Skier Weight	lighter	heavier
	Skier Style	finesse	power
	Conditions	soft	hard
	Skier Ability	intermediate	expert
	Sweet Spot	back	forward
	Stability	low	high
	Agility	low	high
	Versatility	low	high

Light, snappy and easy to turn sums up the popular Teneighty. The wide range of this ski makes it good for an intro to park skiing, but lighter experts also enjoyed it. Although this ski can ride the whole mountain, it really feels at home in the park.

**SLOPESIDE SOUND BYTES:** "Versatile ski with good sidecut. Likes to party with the whole ski hill." (Mauro Nunez) "Good all-round ski but great in the park. Basically the Teneighty we've come to know and love." (Jess Bennie) "Nice jumping ski for the park." (Keltie Hicks) "Lightweight and agile, medium flex." (Tyler Burslem)

