

# Baldwin makes history with six British titles

THARSTON'S TJ Baldwin re-wrote the history books by winning all six U18 titles at the British Senior Alpine Ski Championships held in Meribel, France.

The clean sweep had never been achieved before in the history of British skiing.

In a hectic schedule of nine races in eight days, he showed that he was in a class of his own against his fellow U18 competitors.

On the first day Baldwin, 17, put in a stunning performance in the Senior Super G race to win the U18 trophy by 5.15 seconds. He was also the first junior (U21) and more importantly he took the bronze medal by finishing third in the senior standings, his first ever podium in the seniors.

On the second day, in the senior downhill race, Baldwin again showed his dominance over his British U18 rivals by winning the trophy by 1.75 secs. This time he was the second junior and sixth in the seniors.

The following day his run in the junior downhill competition was two seconds faster than the senior race.

Despite a big mistake and almost crashing after the second jump, his time was still fast enough to give him second place in the Junior (U21) championships.

Baldwin was easily the quickest U18 competitor on the first run of the senior slalom. In the second run Baldwin skied the most inspired slalom run of his life to win the U18 title by 2.15 secs, first junior and third in the seniors.

In the Junior Super G, Baldwin stormed down the course to win the British Junior title for the second year running and also give him the lead in the U18s going into the slalom leg of the Senior Super combined.

He held his nerve and put in a determined run to win his fourth U18 title by 3.51 secs. He was again the first junior and was fifth senior.

In the final event of the senior championships, the giant slalom, Baldwin easily won the U18 title by 4.22 secs to complete the clean sweep of U18 titles. He was also first equal junior and equal fourth in the senior standings.



**SIX APPEAL:** TJ Baldwin won six U18 titles at the British Senior Alpine Ski Championships in Meribel, France.

Picture: submitted.

His results in the seniors meant that he easily took the U18 overall combined title and also the juniors and was fourth in the seniors.