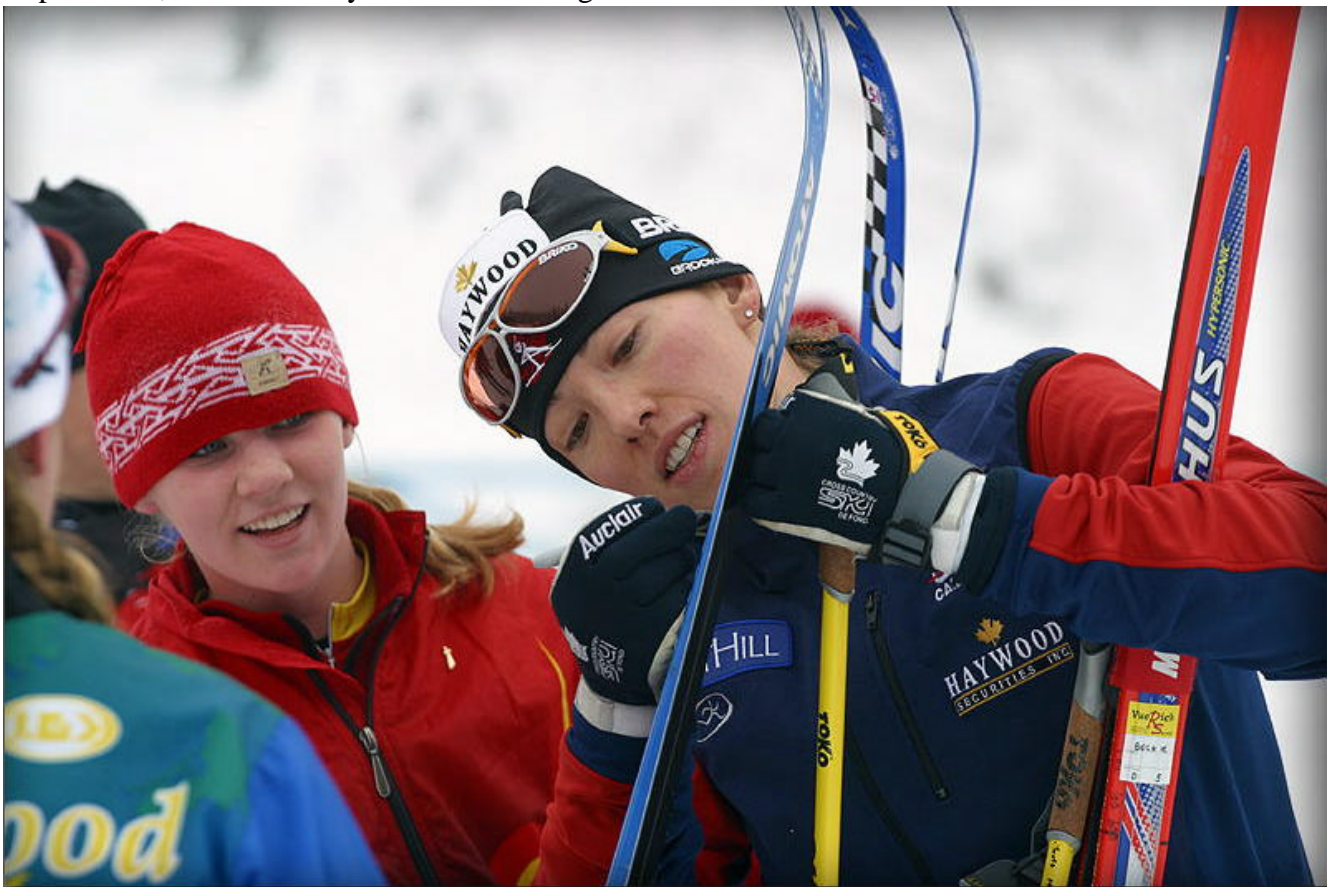


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Beckie Scott 2nd in World Cup!

Canadian Skier Beckie Scott (Toko Poles) was edged out by Marit Bjoergen (Toko Gloves) today in the final World Cup sprint race of the season. The Freestyle Sprint Race was held in Pragelato, Italy. The season is coming to a close too soon for Scott who has rounded into top form recently. This finish was her 5th top 10 result of the season with her last two results 2nd and 4th. There is only one World Cup race left, a 15km Freestyle race also in Pragelato.



Olympic Gold Medalist Beckie Scott signing autographs for a young fan

Americans with Solid Results Today as well

The Americans were also in action today. Andy Newell was 15th, Torin Koos 18th (Toko Poles and Gloves), David Chamberlain 53rd, Andrew Johnson 66th (Toko Poles and Gloves), and Carl Swenson 69th (Toko Poles and Gloves). These results are more impressive than they sound. The sprint races are now dominated by sprint specialists who are not competitive (on the World Cup level) in the traditional length races. The top non-Sprint specialist today was Sweden's Juergen Brink (Toko Poles and Gloves) in 25th place.

This years Queen of the US Nationals (3 Gold medals) Rebecca Dussault (Toko Poles) finished 35th