



Robert Martí and Anna Oller winners of the Giant slalom U16.

The winners of the Giant slalom in the U16 category followed different strategies to claim the first place on the podium. Whilst Robert Martí (AND1) found himself in a very tight group of skiers at the end of the first heat, when there was a difference of only 10 hundredth of a second, and had to risk it all on the second heat, the Spaniard went strong on the first heat. In fact, she was the only female skier who registered less than 44" on the first heat and could take it a bit easier on the second one.

As for the Andorran, on the second heat, he managed to create a gap of almost 1 second away from his closest rivals Marcus Vorre from Denmark and Djordy Schaaf from the Netherlands.

Another Andorran skier, Alex Rius, couldn't quite make the final podium since the British skier Iain Innes beat him on the fight for the fifth place by only 23 hundredth of a second.

Tuesday, 28 January 2014							
Technical Data	Race	GS U16/M	GS U16/F	Race Information	Race	GS U16/M	GS U16/F
	Track		Portella del Mig		Portella del Mig	Snow	Powder
Start/Finish		2270/2070	2270/2070	Weather	Clearly	Clearly	
Vertical Drop		200	200	Temperature	-4°	-4°	
Gates		28/30	28/30	Competitors	60	54	
Homologation N.		10607/10/12	10607/10/12	Start Time	10h20/12h20	10h20/12h20	

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Classification	Race	GS U16/M					GS U16/F					
	1	Robert MARTÍ	AND1	44'09	45'28	1'29'37		Anna OLLER	SPA1	43'48	45'93	1'29'41
2	Marcus VORRE	DAN	44'02	46'04	1'30'06	0'69	Anna Henderson	GBR	44'08	45'67	1'29'75	0'34
3	Djordy SCHAAF	NED1	44'12	46'16	1'30'21	0'91	Abril VALLE	ARG1	44'31	45'75	1'30'06	0'65
4	Barnabas SZOLLOS	HUN	44'27	46'21	1'30'48	1'11	Megan JENKINS	GBR	46'10	44'84	1'30'94	1'53
5	Iain INNES	GBR	44'67	46'23	1'30'90	1'53	A.GORNOSTAEVA	RUS	44'23	46'80	1'31'03	1'62
Rank	Name	Nation	Man1	Man2	Total	Dif.	Nom	Nation	Man1	Man2	Total	Dif

Pleased with the victory but mainly with the way he got it, Robert Martí made the following comment about his performance: *On the first heat, I was one of the first skiers to go down the slope and I think that helped with my good score. Anyway the time differences were very small and I knew I had to risk it all on the second heat in order to be amongst the winners at the end. That's exactly what I did and it couldn't have worked better. The rivalry was massive and I thought before the race that winning this giant slalom wasn't going to be easy.*

The winner amongst the girls, Anna Oller, who was familiar with the Borrufa's podium since she was first and third last year, knew as soon as she recognized the slope which path she had to follow: *I thought the first heat fit my skills a bit better so I tried to get some advantage and it worked. I was also pretty fast on the second heat, which had more turns, but I knew I didn't have to risk it much.*

As for the Andorran girls, it wasn't a very good day. Marta Riba who made it into the Top 10, 8th to be precise, was the best, whilst Carla Grau (13th), Mariona Ramentol (15th) and Laura Arnabat (29th) stayed further behind.

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