



Three VISA Women's Ski Jumping Team members to participate at Silver Mine Invitational

JAN. 11, 2010 — Reigning World Champion Lindsey Van, Abby Hughes, third-place U.S. National winner, and rising Continental Cup competitor Karin Friberg will jump at the 124th Annual Silver Mine Invitational Jan. 22 and 23 as part of the USSA Super Tour.

All jumpers are members of the VISA Women's Ski Jumping Team, which represents the United States in regional and international ski jumping competitions, including the highest level for women, the Continental Cup (COC), sanctioned by the International Skiing Federation (FIS).

The three jumpers say they are looking forward to the K-90 event in Eau Claire and in meeting the young athletes who represent the next generation of great ski jumpers.

Van, 25, won the gold medal in women's ski jumping at the Nordic World Ski Championships in Liberec, Czech Republic last February. It marked the first World Championships to allow women to participate in ski jumping and Van made history by being crowned the first women's gold medalist ever. She also is the first American in more than 80 years to win a medal in ski jumping at a World Championships.

Hughes and Friberg will be back in the States after traveling in Europe competing on the Continental Cup circuit. Hughes, 20, recently finished 10 in Schonach, Germany on the COC and is ranked 17th in the world. Friberg, 20, a Minnesota native, is making headway and gaining experience in her second season on the COC.

Women's Ski Jumping USA is a nonprofit foundation based in Park City, Utah and financially and logistically supports the VISA Women's Team. The athletes and their foundation are dedicated to helping inspire young jumpers across the U.S. and assist in the development of the sport. Visit www.wsjusa.com to learn more.

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