

California Championship Series finals

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West LA College, California, USA

The 2002 California Championship Series finals at West LA College featured tight slalom racing as well as racing for all the downhill sports with pleasant, sunny weather. The field was the largest of the 10 race series, with strong competition in every discipline. The downhill course was another variation on the "A course", with the straight start, followed by a right turn, a small chicane, and then a hard left that took out a few racers before the finish line. The course continued to produce tight racing, with many finishes up in the air until the last second.

The racers decided to do two-man races. That course is way too tight for 4 people if their skill levels are close.

Quarter final #1 : D.Orlando vs S. Peer :Peer had a fast start to take the lead. Orlando caught up to him at the bottom turn, but could not keep up in the flat section before the last turn. S.Peer finished first.

Quarter-final #2 : M.Henley vs R.Wurgaft
R.Wurgaft took the best start and stayed in front all the race.

Quarter final #3 : D.Benveniste vs G.Merkert . G.Merkert arrived first.

Quarter final #4 : W.Focke vs Erek Shaffer
Focke stayed in front during the race and finished first.

Semi-Final #1: W.Focke vs S.Peer
They both took a fast start and S.Peer was the fastest. W.Focke was just behind him before the last corner, waiting to pass him , but he crashed and lost the race.

Semi-Final #2 : R.Wurgaft vs G.MerkertMerkert had a better start and opened a gap but Wurgaft was faster on the flat and took a good line in the last turn and finally passed G on the finish line.

Consolation final,W.Focke vs G.Merkert :
G.Merkert took the best start and stayed in front during the race and W.Focke couldn't draft him.

Final : S.Peer vs R.Wurgaft : S.Peer arrived first after the last turn, R.Wurgaft was second. Scott Peer became 2002 inline downhill IGSA California Champion.

After a great season of racing, everyone is looking forward to more in 2003!

Results :

Inline Downhill - Men -

Rank	Name	Country
1	Scott Peer	USA

2	Robert Wurgaft	USA
3	George Merkert	USA
4	Warren Focke	USA
5	Donald Orlando	USA
6	Mark Henley	USA
7	Erek Shaffer	USA
8	Daniel Benveniste	USA

Inline Downhill - Women -

Rank	Name	Country
1	Kathyrn Kain	USA
2	Jennifer McLemore	USA

