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## BRITT COX JOINS AUSTRALIA'S ELITE WITH OVERALL FREESTYLE SKIING CRYSTAL GLOBE

The rise and rise of Australia's Mogul Queen Britt Cox this season has culminated in her winning the Overall FIS Ladies Freestyle Skiing Crystal Globe, which puts the talented skier in the same company as Olympic Gold medallists Dale Begg-Smith and Lydia Lassila, and five-time World Champion Jacqui Cooper.

The Ladies Crystal Globe is awarded to the freestyle skier who has accumulated the most points in any of the freestyle skiing disciplines (Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Big Air).

Cox's latest win the Dual Moguls in Thaiwoo, China on Sunday night gave her seven victories in eleven events for the season accumulating **HOW MANY POINTS** in what was a superb World Cup season for the 22-year-old.

"I'm so excited," Cox said holding her moguls crystal globe, "First win at the first event in Ruka, and now another one at the last event in China to wrap up the season. I'm just so happy."

Cox was on point throughout the season, locking up the moguls crystal globe last weekend with a ninth-place finish that was actually her worst result all winter, before finally making official her overall FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup win with Sunday's victory in China.

Cox's incredible achievements are certainly the biggest in what has been huge season for an Aussie snow sports contingent that has had their best-ever World Cup season. With her overall win, Cox joins an elite group of Aussie athletes, which includes Dale Begg-Smith, Lydia Lassila, and Jacqui Cooper.

Not bad for an athlete who had never won a World Cup competition before this season.

"It felt amazing to lift that crystal globe this afternoon and even sweeter after finishing the World Cup circuit with another win," Cox said.

"I am so happy to have been able to do the skiing I had envisioned for myself this World Cup season and I'm grateful for my support network for helping me to do just that".

"I think the women's field was really strong today," she said of the last World Cup event in Thaiwoo.

"As always with Duals, anyone can win any dual. I just wanted to ski fast but stick to my run plan each dual and I did that right to the end."

Of Cox's eleven World Cups this season, she has won gold in seven, bronze twice and was only off the podium twice with a 5<sup>th</sup> in Val St. Come, Canada and 9<sup>th</sup> in Dual Moguls in Tazawako, Japan.

In the men's event, Canada's king of the mogul mountain Mikael Kingsbury took back-to-back victories on the future 2022 Olympic course in Thaiwoo, making it also his seventh win in a row and 41st World Cup in total. Kingsbury was again unstoppable defeating on his way to the big final the likes of James Matheson (AUS), Jussi Penttala (FIN), Brodie Summers (AUS) and Bradley Wilson (USA).

Australia's Matt Graham who has consistently been in the top rankings, appearing eight times in the top six of the eleven Mogul Skiing World Cups this season including one gold, one silver and two bronze, was rewarded with the Men's Overall Moguls World Cup third position with **HOW MANY POINTS**

"I am happy to finish the world cup season in third place," Graham said. "Yesterday wasn't that great for me - getting kicked out in the round of 16 but right now I am just happy to maintain the third-place ranking.

Graham has been joined on the men's podium for the first time by Brodie Summers who has a silver and bronze this season.

Australia's mogul skiers have won a total **HOW MANY WORLD CUP MEDALS** this season and overall Australian winter athletes have won **HOW MANY WORLD CUP MEDALS** across all ski and snowboard disciplines.

The world's best moguls skiers now head to World Championships in Sierra Nevada (SPA), where they will compete in moguls and dual moguls competition on Wednesday and Thursday, March 8 and 9.

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