



WOMEN'S SNOWBOARDING

is progressing faster than you would think. With the rapid evolution of parks and halfpipes, women's-only snowboard videos being pushed to the masses and the young talent that studies their every move, sitting back, honing their skills and getting ready to take both their snowboarding, and women's riding as a whole, to new heights.

The PacSun USASA snowboard team plays host to some of the world's next superstar riders, both male and female, but it's the ladies who made themselves heard this past winter, as future contenders in the long list of snowboarding's heavy-hitters. One such rider is 16 year-old Faye Gulini. Nailing down spots on the PacSun USASA team in three disciplines (Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Boardercross), Faye took it to the USASA Nationals at Copper Mtn, Colorado this winter and came away with a 6th, 4th and 1st place finish respectively. It's hard to imagine how difficult attaining any of those spots would be, as the Nationals are a true test of the nation's best snowboarders, but Faye made a clean sweep of the Open Class' categories, and we're looking forward to her performance at Nationals in 2009.

Another girl who is dead-set upon breaking down any and all gender barriers is 17 year-old Kelly Marren. Kelly is on track to be the next Elena Hight, Kelly Clark or Gretchen Bleiler, slaughtering it in pipes across the globe and proving that there is indeed no glass ceiling when it comes to modern-day pipe riding. Locking down a spot on the PacSun USASA team as one of their standout pipe riders, Kelly showed up at Nationals, threw down a backside 9 in her run (yes, a back nine) and nearly missed the top-spot on the podium, coming home with an impressive second place finish in the Open Class. Not bad for a 17 year-old, eh? SNOWBOARDER Magazine got wind of Kelly's talent and she was soon whisked away to their inaugural event, The LAUNCH, in which the world's best riders under 18 were presented with the park and pipe of their dreams, and young Kelly let loose and made her impression; mainly in the landings of jumps and pipe walls, cause the girl stomped everything.

These two girls are just a sample of the talent that the PacSun USASA Snowboard Team is grooming, and you'll be seeing more of Faye, Kelly and the rest of the PacSun USASA team in the coming years. If you can't wait, check out www.usasa.org and the pages of SNOWBOARDER Magazine to introduce yourself to the future rulers of our sport.

TEAM LIST

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| --Tyler Anderson | --Trevor Jacob |
| --Chloe Banning | --Derek Johnson |
| --Mikaela Casey | --Mackenzie Joyce |
| --Mick Dierdorff | --Chris Mahaney |
| --Kiah Ellis | --Kelly Marren |
| --Brett Esser | --Brooke Shaw |
| --Kaitlyn Farrington | --Alex Tuttle |
| --Faye Gulini | --Madeline Wiencke |
| --Alexander Hernandez | --Molly Wilson |
| --Jacqueline Hernandez | --Broc Waring |

Kelly Marren, Northstar-at-Tahoe, CA.
P: Ashley Barker