

THESE SEVEN ATHLETES WILL RECEIVE AN INJURY WILDCARD FOR THE FWT2020 SEASON

Held back by injuries last year, these riders get another shot at the podium.

As a professional freerider, injuries happen and can disrupt athletes' careers. Fortunately, each season the FWT announces a second chance to compete on the upcoming season with "injury wildcards" across the competitive categories.

In **the Ski Men Category**, **hard charger Ivan Malakhov (RUS)** is back in the game after an explosive crash put him out of commission all of last season. He'll be joined by **Sam Lee (NZL)** who was also sidelined due to a leg injury; it will be Sam's first season back on skis. Swiss shredder **Yann Rausis** is back on course to compete after a season-ending knee injury. **Konstantin Ottner (GER)** is an up-and-coming contender on the tour that has just overcome shoulder and knee problems. **Hank Bilous (NZL)** is back on his feet and warming up in the Austral winter in preparation for the FWT2020.

In the **Ski Women category**, **Rachel Croft (USA)** has been training hard heading into the upcoming season after a knee injury kept her out. She'll be joined by **Maude Besse (SUI)** who was unable to compete in Europe due to a season-ending injury after the Canadian stop.

With this level of talent being thrown back into the mix, the 2020 season could take a lot of different directions. Newcomers will face returning legends, hungry to prove themselves after sitting on the sidelines. The big question is whether these recovering athletes will be able to perform at the top of their game after going through processes of mental and physical healing.

They will also have to face the entire FWT2020 lineup including several wildcards that will be announced in the coming weeks.

Stay tuned to catch the entire roster of 2020 athletes by following FWT2020 social channels and at www.freerideworldtour.com.

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