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Julie Parisien

Born: 1971

Julie Parisien was a rare talent in the world of alpine racing. She was capable of winning in any of the four disciplines. From the time she started to compete at the national level until her retirement she won or medaled at nearly every level.

She was born in Montreal in 1971. Within a year her parents, who were doctors, moved to Auburn, Maine and Julie first learned to ski at a small hill called Lost Valley. Possessed with talent she followed her two older brothers, J.P. and Robbie, to Vermont's Burke Mountain Academy. In 1989 she won the U.S. Junior Olympic Super G and GS titles and then was a bronze medalist in the Super G at the World Junior Championships.

In 1990, at the age of 18, she claimed the U.S. combined title after medaling in both the downhill and the slalom. Clearly, she was an up and coming racer for the U.S. Ski Team.

Over a four week period, in March of 1991, she won NorAm, Europa Cup and World Cup races. The last was the

GS event at Waterville Valley in New Hampshire. She was also the NorAm Super G Champion and won in slalom and GS events as well that season.

She was named to the U.S. Olympic Team for the 1992 Albertville Games, the first of three Olympic Teams she would compete on over her career. Her winning ways and quick wit made her the cover girl for the U.S. Ski Team's media guide.

She won her second World Cup race, a slalom event in Sundsvall, Sweden in 1992, and opened the 1993 season as the winner at a World Cup slalom race in Park City. She was the U.S. combined champion again that year and a slalom silver medalist at the World Championships in Morioka, Japan.

She was named to the 1994 U.S. Olympic Team but was not on form. The tragic loss of her older brother, J.P., affected her ability to race and after the Olympics she took time off to grieve.

She returned to racing, making the 1998 U.S. Olympic Team and won her third U.S. combined title. It was her fourth U.S. career championship. Hers was a career fully meriting recognition by the U.S. National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

She retired in 1999 and today, at the time of her induction, is living in Michigan and expecting her fourth child with her husband who is completing medical studies.

Julie Parisien was elected to the National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame in 2006.