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Success stories: George Peasgood (left) and Billy Major are on the winning track in their sports of duathlon and skiing.

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Young stars grab spots on podium

TWO teenage stars are making great strides in their chosen sports.

Billy Major has capped off a fine season by being crowned the under-18 British Alpine National Ski Champion.

The 16-year-old former Dame Bradbury School pupil was in action in Meribel and had a successful 10 days' competition.

Major, who is from Saffron Walden but now lives in France, got on the podium in several races at senior level.

But in the age group races, he was first in the under-18 SuperG, first in the under-18 SuperCombined and first in the under-18 slalom, as well as second in

the under-18 downhill and second in the under-18 giant slalom.

Major, who represented Team GB in Brasov at the 2013 European Youth Olympic Winter Festival in February, said: "It's been a very good season, with the results in the British Championships and getting to represent TeamGB in the Winter Youth Olympics in Romania, which was a great experience.

"Hopefully I can work hard and continue progressing and one day race in the full Olympics."

Meanwhile, fellow teenager George Peasgood grabbed a spot on the podium at the British Elite Duathlon Youth and

Junior Championships in Loughborough.

The 17-year-old Walden TRI member was taking part in the Tri5 paratriathlon category at Prestworld Airfield.

Peasgood, who was racing on his new Giant Trinity SLO TT bike, was up against the current world paratriathlon champion, and he won a bronze medal.

He has recently been named on the 2013 UK Sport Lottery funded world-class paratriathlon squad and is focussed on this year's PruHealth World Triathlon Grand Final in London in September and the Rio Paralympics in 2016.