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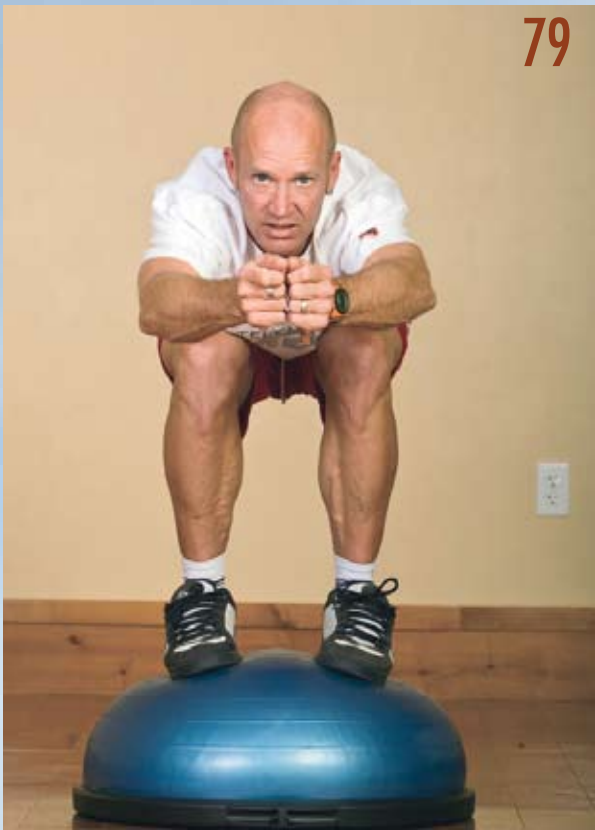
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Sheryl Crows!!

The Rock and Roll
Heart of a Hollywood
Rebel

The X-Factor

At This Year's Events,
These Four Stars Will
Shred



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Train your little muscles, strengthen your core, and see big results on the hill.

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Lightweight, breathable, and bomber: backcountry jackets and pants, field-tested and Skiing approved.

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PLUS: Breakthrough medical devices, angry marmots, and The Simpsons.

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New gloves; one fine-looking outerwear setup.

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Photographer Chris Figenshau became a tree hugger last year and captured some stellar images to boot.



96} I Schralped Everest

We send intrepid mountaineer Sam Moulton on a daring snowcat expedition to Everest*.



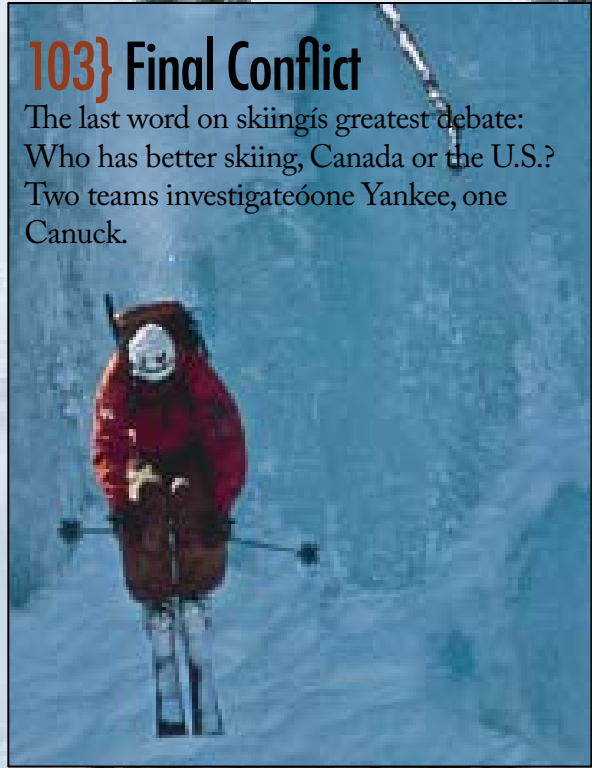
148} The Rock

Newfoundland is a geologic anomaly off Canada's Eastern Seaboard. It's home to poverty, strange dialects, and some great skiing.



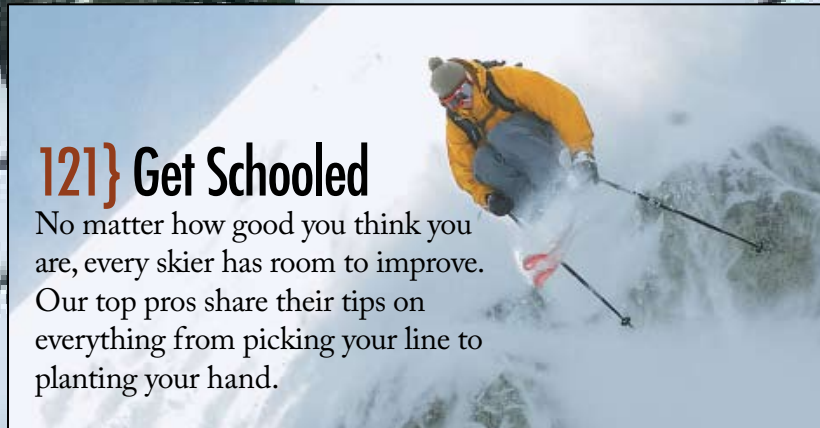
103} Final Conflict

The last word on skiing's greatest debate: Who has better skiing, Canada or the U.S.? Two teams investigate—one Yankee, one Canuck.



121} Get Schooled

No matter how good you think you are, every skier has room to improve. Our top pros share their tips on everything from picking your line to planting your hand.



Ski Gallery

Introducing four works of art disguised as skis.

1) PRIOR DOUGHBOY

Part of an ink-wash series by Canadian ski and snowboard manufacturer Prior, the Doughboy's graphics were created by illustrator and pro snowboarder Olivier Roy. He says the art was inspired by the dark skies and deep powder of Whistler's backcountry. The ski is tailor-made for the softpack with wide tips and narrow, upturned tails.

[\$999; priorskis.com]

2) FACTION WEDNESDAY

Australian street artist Mac10 usually paints on brick walls and sidewalks. In this case, his canvases are top sheets for Faction skis, which have been handcrafted in the Austrian Alps since 2003. The Wednesday is 92 millimeters underfoot and built with freestyle and freeride mounting points, under-boot reinforcement, and semi-stiff flex.

[\$599; factionskis.com]

3) ICELANTIC PILGRIM

Denver's boutique ski company Icelantic first recruited local artist Travis Parr in 2003. This year, it produced a line of four skis, including the Pilgrim, featuring acrylic-style fantasy graphics. The park-specific skis are built short (under 170 centimeters) and fat (up to 90 millimeters underfoot). Buy them from select retailers or at the Icelantic gallery and shop in downtown Denver.

[\$569; icelanticboards.com]

4) WAGNER CUSTOM SKIS

Telluride's Pete Wagner lets you craft your own skis, from sidecut to graphics. This top sheet features Asian-garden-inspired imagery by Colorado design firm Moxie Sozo on a Japanese ash-wood veneer. Despite the delicate look, the skis are rugged wood-core laminates.

[starting at \$1,595;

wagnerskis.com]

—JESSICA RUBINO

