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Skiing in the tracks of her father, a former U.S. Ski Team speedskier, 14-year-old **TATIANA FIELDS** has excelled at breaking barriers. At age 6, she skied super-steep KT-22 at Squaw Valley near her home in Truckee, Calif. Then, at age 12, she became the youngest skier ever—male or female—to ski faster than 100 mph, clocking in at 104.15 mph.

Born July 10, 1986 (age 14)

**Early Days** “My dad, Ty, took me skiing when I was 2, but my first real memory of skiing is watching my father compete in a speedskiing race when I was 5.”

**Seed of Her Speed** “We skied at Squaw a lot, and I went wherever my dad went. He liked to ski fast, and I was always trying to keep up with him. I didn’t think about what I was doing—I just wanted to keep up.”

**Sweet Success** “I started racing at Sugar Bowl when I was 9. I train six days a week in winter. I’m ranked in the top four in the Far West in slalom and super G for my age class.”

**The Main Event** “In February of 1999, my father and I both raced in the U.S. Speedskiing Championships at Snowmass, Colo. Everyone helped me out. Jimbo Morgan [seventh in speedskiing at the 1992 Olympics and a Truckee neighbor] gave me some special poles with lead in them. I wore a speedsuit and aerodynamic helmet, and had 221-cm Dynamic downhill skis. The suit was a little too big and flapped some in the wind because I only weighed 95 pounds.”

**Fast Times** “I took six runs over three days and worked my way up to 100 mph. I was nervous, but it was a controlled environment—I didn’t have to worry about dodging people.”

**Enjoying the Ride** “My dad and his friends, like Jeff Hamilton [four-time speedskiing world champion and 1992 Olympic bronze medalist], helped me. The most important thing was to stay low and hang on for the ride.”

**Breaking the Barrier** “The run took less than 20 seconds, top to bottom. I didn’t know how fast I was going until I got to the bottom and heard everyone cheering. I knew I must have broken 100 mph.” —Reade Bailey

