

Mancuso 33rd in super G; Vonn on top

By USSA

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy – Two-time defending World Cup champion Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO) retook the overall lead Friday, notching her second consecutive super G win and first victory in the discipline at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

"I'm really happy," Vonn said. "It couldn't be going any better for me right now in the speed disciplines. It's nice to have the confidence back and have a more positive race after the last week of technical races."

Vonn, who hasn't missed a super G podium in four tries this season, surpassed Germany's Maria Riesch atop the 2010 Audi FIS Alpine World Cup leaderboard after the dominant .67-second margin romp.

Rest assured, she was plenty fast in her seventh World Cup win of the season. In addition to her 56-point overall lead over Riesch, Vonn holds an iron-clad 170-point lead in the super G.

Fabienne Suter of Switzerland finished second, followed by Sweden's Anja Paerson.

After tearing her ACL in a Cortina downhill last season, Leanne Smith (Conway, NH) crossed 20th for her third-best finish ever in the super G and added some more intrigue to next week's Olympic team selection

Her 20th matched teammate Keely Kelleher (Big Sky, MT) for the third best U.S. super G result of the year behind leaders Vonn and Julia Mancuso (Olympic Valley, CA). It was the final super G before the Olympic Team is named next week.

Stacey Cook (Mammoth, CA) landed in the points in 30th, while

Alice McKennis (Glenwood Springs, CO, 32nd), Mancuso , 33rd, Kelleher , and Chelsea Marshall (Pittsfield, VT) gave the U.S. Ski Team seven finishers in the top 40.

Vonn will go for career win No. 30 in Saturday's downhill, for which she was fastest in training Thursday after Mancuso held that distinction Wednesday.

Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Jan. 22, Women's Super G

1. Lindsey Vonn, Vail, CO, 1:21.74
2. Fabienne Suter, Switzerland, 1:22.41
3. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 1:22.48
4. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 1:22.79
5. Andrea Fischbacher, Austria, 1:22.84
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20. Leanne Smith, Conway, NH, 1:23.66
30. Stacey Cook, Mammoth, CA, 1:24.15
32. Alice McKennis, Glenwood Springs, CO, 1:24.23
33. Julia Mancuso, Olympic Valley, CA, 1:24.39
39. Keely Kelleher, Big Sky, MT, 1:24.95
40. Chelsea Marshall, Pittsfield, VT, 1:25.09