

Bahrke second in World Cup dual moguls

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ARE, Sweden – The U.S. Freestyle Moguls Team isn't slowing down for anyone as Hannah Kearney (Norwich, VT) and Shannon Bahrke (Tahoe City, CA) went 1-2 and Patrick Deneen (Cle Elum, WA) took third during the dual moguls competition in Sweden on Saturday.

In total the U.S. put all six women in finals for the second day in a row with three in the final round of four.

"I feel fantastic. With it being the first dual, that's always a different ballgame. To win that as well as being able to win singles is really satisfying," Kearney said.

Kearney went head-to-head with teammate Bahrke who had an incredible day, save for a wipeout when skiing in the final with the winner.

With one World Cup left in the season, while Bahrke is looking forward to her competition, it is bittersweet when combined with her plans to retire at the end of the season.

With her level of consistency, Bahrke is hoping to end her career in moguls with similar success to what she's had this season.

"Having been on the podium for the last four times my expectations are high, but I'm just excited that it's going to be my last run and see how I'm doing," Bahrke said.

Kearney and Bahrke also led the way for three other teammates racing into the top-10 with Eliza Outtrim (Steamboat Springs, CO) just missing the podium in fourth, Heather McPhie (Bozeman, MT) in sixth and Laurel Shanley (Squaw Valley, CA)

in ninth.

On the men's side, Deneen put himself on the podium for the second consecutive day, including knocking off hometown favorite and Friday's winner Jesper Bjoernlund. The 2009 World Champion said it felt good to ski five runs so consistently.

Next up, the team makes their way to Sierra Nevada, Spain for a World Cup in a venue that will be completely new to them, and they're all excited to see what the course there will hold for them.

2010 FIS Freestyle World Cup Dual Moguls

Men

1. Guilbaut Colas, France
2. Maxime Gingras, Canada
3. Patrick Deneen, Cle Elum, WA
4. Mikael Kingsbury, Canada
5. Bryon Wilson, Butte, MT
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8. Joe Discoe, Farmington, ME
15. Dave DiGravio, Farmington, ME
22. David Babic, Washington, VT
34. Michael Morse, Duxbury, MA
37. Jeremy Cota, Carrabassett Valley, ME

Women

1. Hannah Kearney, Norwich, VT
2. Shannon Bahrke, Tahoe City, CA

3. Jennifer Heil, Canada
4. Eliza Outtrim, Steamboat Springs, CO
5. Chloe Dufour-LaPointe, Canada
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6. Heather McPhie, Bozeman, MT
9. Laurel Shanley, Squaw Valley, CA
13. Heidi Kloser, Vail, CO