

# Mancuso 6th in downhill at Lake Louise

By U.S. Ski Team

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta – Olympic champion Lindsey Vonn of Vail made spectacular athletic recovery Saturday to finish second in downhill again at Lake Louise leading a pack of seven Americans into the top 25. Audi FIS Alpine World Cup leader Maria Riesch of Germany earned back-to-back downhill wins as Julia Mancuso of Squaw Valley posted another solid result with sixth.

On a critical left turn midway down the course Vonn's skis released from the snow sending her sailing through the air sideways. The three-time World Cup downhill champion then landed hard on her left hip, immediately bounced up, regained her tuck and continued to charge missing the win by a mere 0.10 seconds.

"I realized I was on my hip and thought I was going into the fence and I just kept thinking 'get back up, get back up, get back up,'" said Vonn, who attributed the save to her rigorous off season conditioning program. "Somehow I caught my edge and was able to stand back up. Once I was on my feet again I just kept thinking 'make up time.'"

Mancuso continued to show she's a contender landing in the top 10 in her last three World Cup downhill races.

U.S. women close out racing in Lake Louise on today.

**Official Results, Audi FIS Alpine World Cup, Lake Louise, Dec. 4, 2010, Downhill**

1. Maria Riesch, Germany, 1:29.60
2. Lindsey Vonn, Vail, CO, 1:29.70

3. Dominique Gisin, Switzerland, 1:30.38
4. Daniela Merghetti, Italy, 1:30.44
5. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 1:30.64
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6. Julia Mancuso, Squaw Valley, CA, 1:30.65
14. Chelsea Marshall, Pittsfield, VT, 1:30.99
15. Alice McKennis, Glenwood Springs, CO, 1:31.03
15. Leanne Smith, Conway, NH, 1:31.03
19. Laurenne Ross, Klamath Falls, OR, 1:31.39
25. Stacey Cook, Mammoth, CA, 1:31.53
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42. Julia Ford, Plymouth, NH, 1:33.00