

Squaw's Ganong in top 10 in training run

By Elizabeth Karam, U.S. Ski Team

BEAVER CREEK – Travis Ganong of Squaw Valley produced another strong result, finishing seventh in the second Audi Birds of Prey downhill training run before the race was canceled after 45 racers because of visibility. Austria's Michael Walchhofer, who won the season's opening downhill in Lake Louise last weekend, led the run in 1:48.34.

"The course is in great shape. It's a little slicker than it was the first day – you can really take at it. It's pretty fun," said Ganong, who was 24th Tuesday. "It's my first top-10 in a training run or anything, so I know I have the speed."

Olympic gold medalist Bode Miller led a tight string of U.S. with 11th followed by Steven Nyman of Utah and Andrew Weibrecht of New York in 12th and 13th.

A third training run is scheduled for Thursday at 10am.

Official results, Audi FIS Alpine World Cup, Beaver Creek, Dec. 1, Downhill Training

1. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 1:48.34
1. Peter Fill, France, Italy, 1:48.34
3. Hans Grugger, Austria, 1:48.40
4. Erik Guay, Canada, 1:48.41
5. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 1:48.65
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7. Travis Ganong, Squaw Valley 1:48.84

11. Bode Miller, Franconia, N.H., 1:48.97
12. Steven Nyman, Sundance, Utah, 1:48.98
13. Andrew Weibrecht, Lake Placid, N.Y., 1:49.09
32. Ted Ligety, Park City, 1:50.39
40. Marco Sullivan, Squaw Valley, 1:52.64