

Kashima places 23rd in moguls

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LAKE PLACID, N.Y. – Olympic gold medalist Hannah Kearney of Norwich, Vt., swept to her second win in two days in this weekend's Nature Valley Freestyle Cup in the Olympic village of Lake Placid. It was her fourth straight individual moguls World Cup win.

Kearney has been nearly unbeatable, finishing on the podium in five out of the first six moguls and dual moguls World Cups. She remains the overall World Cup leader.

Since her victory at Lake Placid a year ago, Kearney has been the definition of consistency, winning seven of her last eight individual moguls events. Kearney's hot streak does not count her win at last year's U.S. Championships in Squaw Valley or her gold medal win at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

"My final run of the day was my best. One judge gave me a 5.0 and that's such an honor," exclaimed an exuberant Kearney. "It feels great to be in Lake Placid which is basically my second home. My mom and dad are here, my best friend was here yesterday and everything just felt right."

Sunday's event was the first time in five years that the U.S. men have placed four athletes in the top 10 of a World Cup. Jeremy Cota of Carrabassett Valley, Maine, was the top finisher in sixth, followed by David Digraio of Farmington, Maine, seventh, Bryon Wilson of Butte, Mont. eighth, and Patrick Deneen of Cle Elum, Wash., 10th.

Official results, FIS Freestyle World Cup, Lake Placid, N.Y., Moguls

Men

1. Guilbaut Colas, France. 25.70
2. Mikael Kingsbury, Canada. 25.59
3. Pierre-Alexandre Rousseau, Canada. 25.16
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6. Jeremy Cota, Carrabassett Valley, ME. 23.98
7. David Digravio, Farmington, ME. 23.68
8. Bryon Wilson, Butte, MT. 23.00
10. Patrick Deneen, Cle Elum, WA. 15.18
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(Results based on qualification)

22. Ryan Dyer, Steamboat Springs, CO
23. Sho Kashima, Lake Tahoe, CA
29. Jimmy Discoe, Telluride, CO
31. Jay Panther, Park City, UT
36. Nathan Roberts, Park City, UT
39. Joe Discoe, Telluride, CO

Women

1. Hannah Kearney, Norwich, VT. 26.12
2. Chloe Dufor-Lapointe, Canada. 24.85
3. Kristi Richards, Canada. 24.57
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6. Heather McPhie, Bozeman, MT. 23.04

11. Eliza Outtrim, Steamboat Springs, CO. 20.75

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(Results based on qualification)

14. Kayla Snyderman, Winchester, MA

15. Alison Digravio, Farmington, ME