

Ganong 18th in super G, Miller finishes with one pole

By U.S. Ski Team

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany -- Four-time World Champion Bode Miller of Franconia, N.H., produced a run in Wednesday's FIS Alpine World Ski Championship super G like only he can. Miller was leading by 0.29 before his right pole was ripped out of his hand on a gate. He then continued to build his lead to 0.93 before losing balance near the bottom and standing up into the finish.

"I wasn't out of the race when I hooked my arm. It was a matter of making it to the finish without a big mistake and I probably couldn't have avoided that mistake with a pole. I just need to hang on to all my equipment until I get to the finish," Miller said.

Miller ended the day 12th as 30 racers, including Ted Ligety of Park City failed to finish.

Tommy Ford of Bend, Ore., was 14th and Travis Ganong of Squaw Valley was 18th, with Italian Christof Innerhofer taming the unforgiving Kandahar track for victory.

"Anyone who's willing to throw down and risk it all is going to be successful on this course. We're all talented enough to be fast, it's just a matter of who's willing to risk it for the podium," Ganong said. "I wish I'd have gone after it a little more, but this is my first World Championships start. It feels good to know I still have the downhill to look forward to."

Official Result, FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Super G

Gold: Christof Innerhofer, Italy, 1:38.31

Silver: Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 1:38.91

Bronze: Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 1:39.03

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12. Bode Miller, Franconia, NH, 1:41.06

14. Tommy Ford, Bend, OR, 1:41.06

18. Travis Ganong, Squaw Valley, CA, 1:41.49

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Did not finish

Ted Ligety, Park City, UT.