

Miller barely misses victory in downhill; 2 Squaw skiers not close

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CHAMONIX, France – Bode Miller of Franconia, N.H., came within 0.01 of victory in the first of two Audi FIS Alpine World Cup downhills in Chamonix on Friday, as Klaus Kroell snagged the first Austrian speed win of the season.

Swiss Didier Cuche finished third to snap a two-race win streak, but retained the World Cup downhill points lead as Erik Fisher of Middleton, Idaho, and Travis Ganong of Squaw Valley stormed into the top 15.

It was Miller's fourth World Cup podium this season.

Fisher was 12th and Ganong 13th.

Marco Sullivan of Squaw Valley was 27th.

The race was a make-up from the wind canceled downhill in Val Gardena, Italy.

A second downhill is scheduled for Saturday in Chamonix.