Mancuso's 7th tops for U.S. women in super G

By USSA

CORTINA, Italy — Julia Mancuso (Squaw Valley) blasted through heavy snow Sunday to finish fifth and lead three U.S. Ski Team women into the top seven as Germany's Viktoria Rebensburg picked up the win.

Leanne Smith (N. Conway, N.H.) was sixth and Lindsey Vonn (Vail) seventh.

Vonn remains second in the Audi FIS Alpine World Cup super G standings with Mancuso third. It was the final speed event before next month's FIS Alpine Ski World Championships in Schladming.

Vonn and Mancuso remained second and third in the Audi FIS World Cup super G standings.

Mancuso survived a scare coming out of the start where she lost her pole and almost went out. She mastered challenging weather conditions with heavy, wet snow falling throughout the race.

"It was really tough to be fast today with it snowing so hard. It was OK until the bottom and I had to wipe my goggles coming around the corner, but I don't think it cost me much time," Mancuso said.