

Mancuso takes bronze in super G

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SCHLADMING, Austria – Julia Mancuso (Squaw Valley) put on a full speed attack through fog, soft snow and deep ruts to win super G bronze on the opening day Tuesday of the FIS Alpine Ski World Championships in Schladming. It was her fifth career World Championships medal and third in super G.

Audi FIS Alpine World Cup overall and super G leader Tina Maze of Slovenia captured gold with Lara Gut of Switzerland silver.

Lindsey Vonn (Vail) crashed about mid-way down the course, suffering a season-ending ACL tear.

“I think that might’ve been one of the most difficult races I’ve ever been in. It was a really long course and a lot of hurry up and wait. I didn’t know I’d be so tired at the end of the run,” Mancuso said.

Alex Hoedlmoeser, women’s head coach, said, “It was amazing how Julia attacked the course knowing that Lindsey had been hurt. She is an amazing professional. No matter what the conditions, she prepares herself for the race and today was a great example. It’s a real credit to her tenacity and ability to adjust to the challenge.”