

Anderson takes silver at X Games in France

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TIGNES, France -- Jamie Anderson (South Lake Tahoe) threw down a stylish and technical run to win silver in snowboard slopestyle at X Games Tignes on Friday. She was gunning for an X Games three-peat, after winning gold at X Games Tignes in 2011 and 2012.

She put down a progressive line in the first round, but couldn't match it in her final two runs. Norwegian Silje Norendal went home with the gold.



Jaime Anderson

Her first run put her on the podium, in particular the rails section with her super stylie boardslide 270 out with a nice gap before the landing.

En route to Tignes, Anderson's snowboard bag went missing and she was forced to ride on all new gear without having time to break it in.

"My board bag has been lost for like two weeks and it's a little challenging to break in all new boots and bindings. I am thankful to get some runs and be safe and sound," Anderson said.

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It was a progressive comp with new tricks performed by a talented field of international women. Anderson was the only American in the women's final.

In the men's final, Eric Willett (Breckenridge) took the top spot for U.S. Snowboarding in fourth place.

Sage Kotsenburg (Park City) wound up fifth, matching his season best fifth in Spindleruv last weekend.

Chas Guldemond (Reno) did not advance into the finals.

The beautiful bluebird weather and plentiful sunshine was a welcome sight after heavy snow early in the week threatened the competition.

Friday's event wraps up another X Games Tignes for snowboarding.