Jitloff 5th in GS in Italy

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ALTA BADIA, Italy — Four-time World Champion Ted Ligety (Park City) was held to third Sunday in the Alta Badia giant slalom as Austrian Marcel Hirscher captured his second straight giant slalom win.

Midway through the eight-event Audi FIS Alpine World Cup giant slalom season, Ligety and Hirscher have each won a pair of races, however Hirscher leads this discipline standings by 60 points after Ligety did not finish the giant slalom last weekend in Val d'Isere, France.

Tim Jitloff (Reno) added an inspiring highlight to the day with a powerful fifth place finish from the 31st start position to match his career-best World Cup result.

Hirscher earned the wire-to-wire win ahead of Alexis Pinturault of France for his second straight giant slalom victory.

Bode Miller (Franconia, N.H.), Warner Nickerson (Gilford, N.H.) and Robby Kelley (Starksboro, Vt.) did not qualify for the final and Brennan Rubie (Salt Lake City) did not finish the first run.