

Anderson secures spot on Olympic slopestyle team

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Jamie Anderson of South Lake Tahoe clinched the first U.S. Olympic berth in slopestyle snowboarding by winning the third of five women's events earlier Thursday, while Shaun White crashed in his first run and aborted his second run midway through in the third of five Olympic selection events.

No U.S. man has clinched one of three automatic U.S. Olympic spots in slopestyle yet. White fell from first place to fourth place in Olympic selection standings, but can clinch his spot with a win in either of the final two events Friday and Sunday.

Anderson, 23, is the two-time reigning Winter X Games champion and a gold-medal contender in Sochi. She won Friday with 92.7 points in her first of two runs, edging Karly Shorr by 2.9 points.

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