Men from Squaw earn points in downhill

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WENGEN, Switzerland — Olympic gold medalist Bode MIller (Franconia, N.H.) finished fifth, a mere 0.35 behind winner Patrick Kueng of Switzerland in a wind shortened running of the 84th Lauberhorn downhill on Saturday.

The race start was lowered as high winds ravaged the upper half of the fabled course, cutting over a full minute from the normal leg burning run time. Young gun Jared Goldberg (Holladay, Utah) took advantage of the rugged and technical bottom half to storm to 12th from the 40th start position.

Miller navigated the turny middle part of the sprint course flawlessly, then made a small mistake just above the finish to drop out of podium contention.

Marco Sullivan (Squaw Valley) also charged from the late start numbers to finish 16th from bib 29. Travis Ganong (Squaw Valley) was the only other American to finish inside the points with 28th.

Ted Ligety (Park City) opted to sit out the downhill in order to rest for Sunday's slalom.