

Ganong 6th in World Cup downhill

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LENZERHEIDE, Switzerland – Two-time Olympic champion Ted Ligety (Park City) became only the second American man in history to podium in all five events, tying for second in the Audi FIS Alpine World Cup Finals downhill in Lenzerheide.

Ligety, who started fourth to set the early pace, was just 0.11 off the winning time of Austrian Matthias Mayer, tying with Italian Christof Innerhofer. The finish bumped Ligety up to third in the World Cup overall chase with three races remaining.

Travis Ganong (Squaw Valley) was sixth and Bode Miller (Franconia, N.H.) eighth.

Ligety joined an elite group of only eight men – including Miller – who have scored podium finishes in all five World Cup disciplines.

Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal was fifth to move ahead of Marcel Hirscher for the World Cup overall lead. Ligety overtook Alexis Pinturault of France to jump into third.

Svindal hoisted the World Cup downhill crystal globe for the second consecutive season, after clinching the title a week ago in Kvitfjell.

Miller led the U.S. Ski Team in the final downhill standings with seventh, Ganong was ninth and Ligety pulled into the top 30 with 26th.