

Ganong top U.S. skier in super G at 26th

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VAL GARDENA, Italy – On a snow-hungry super G course in Val Gardena resembling a luge track, the U.S. men on Dec. 20 could not rival the women's Val d'Isere results. Andrew Weibrecht (Lake Placid, N.Y.) was the top U.S. athlete in 19th place, while Ted Ligety (Park City) and Friday's downhill winner Steven Nyman (Sundance, Utah) did not finish.

Travis Ganong (Squaw Valley) rounded out the top 30, in 26.

Kjetil Jansrud of Norway took his third win of the season – nailing the line so many men missed, and beating the field by almost half a second. He earned another 100 World Cup points to grab the overall lead. Dominik Paris of Italy took second and Birds of Prey SG winner Hannes Reichelt of Austria was third.

It was a tough course, causing men to pinball over the famed camel bumps, before sending them directly into the gates after it. There, they were getting late, sending many off the course – including Ligety, who skied out on an icy spot near the finish.

To round out the field, Jared Goldberg (Holladay, Utah) took 38, Bryce Bennett (Squaw Valley) 41, Tommy Biesemeyer (Keene, N.Y.) 42, Tim Jitloff (Reno) 51 and Marco Sullivan (Squaw Valley) 55.