

Mancuso top U.S. woman in super G

By USSA

VAL D'ISERE, France – Julia Mancuso (Squaw Valley) capped the speed weekend in Val d'Isere finishing sixth Dec. 21 in an Audi FIS Ski World Cup super G.

Austria's Elisabeth Goergl took the win, while Lindsey Vonn (Vail) saw her hopes of matching the all-time win record dashed when she crashed near the top of the course.

Four Americans cracked into the points.

Soft snow continued to be an issue over the weekend – ironically after so little had fallen in the weeks leading into the races.

Mancuso continued to ski consistently and was pleased with where she's heading.

"I decided to go with my instinct," she said. "It was a step in the right direction. I'm happy with my finish and I know where I can make up that half second."

Vonn skied well out of the start, but found herself caught short and went out, crashing but walking away relatively unscathed.

"I skied pretty well on the top section, but I hit some softer snow and lost a little elevation and couldn't make the gate," she said. "I'm still happy with today. I skied well and aggressively. The most important thing is my knees are good. I love being on the World Cup again and pushing myself every day. Today wasn't as good as yesterday, but I'm skiing well."

Her quest to match the record 62 women's World Cup wins held

by Annemarie Moser-Proell will have to wait. Vonn earned No. 61 on Saturday.

In addition to Mancuso, Laurene Ross (Bend, Ore.) was 13, Stacey Cook (Mammoth Mountain) 22nd and Jackie Wiles 30.