

Holland just misses podium in snowboardcross

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Lindsey Jacobellis (Stratton Mountain, Vt.) added a fourth World Championship title to her long list of snowboarding accolades and Nick Baumgartner (Iron River, Mich) collected his second World Championships bronze medal in Kreischberg on Friday.

Experience was the key to success for Jacobellis and Baumgartner, who both fought hard battles to land on the podium. Jacobellis' fourth win in as many World Championship starts didn't come easy.

"This year was definitely my hardest World Champs to win because I didn't make any starts and I was fighting through all the heats, trying to finding opportunities to pass," said Jacobellis.

In each of the four rounds, Jacobellis failed to win the hole shot, but what she lacked at the get-go, she made up for with her 12 years of World Cup experience.

Baumgartner also rode hard, seizing the opportunities in each race to earn his spot in the final. For the first half of the medal round, it looked like Baumgartner and teammate Nate Holland (Squaw Valley) would take one and two. But in the ways of snowboardcross, Baumgartner was bumped into the fence on an attempted pass and got tangled up with Holland, so the duo settled for third and fourth behind Italian Luca Matteotti and Canadian Kevin Hill.