

U.S. men miss podium in super G in Italy

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VAL GARDENA, Italy – Coming off a career-best super G result at Beaver Creek, Andrew Weibrecht (Lake Placid, N.Y.) was once again the top American, finishing fifth, at the Audi FIS Alpine World Cup super G Friday.

The winning ways of Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal continued as the Attacking Viking captured the Val Gardena super G for the fourth time in his career and fourth victory this season. Following Svindal in second and third, respectively, were two of his countrymen, Kjetil Jansrud and Aleksander Aamodt Kilde, marking the third ever Norwegian World Cup podium sweep and first ever in super G. Austria's Matthias Meyer was fourth.

Carrying serious speed from the top of the course, Weibrecht caught air over a blind roll, pushing him well wide of his intended line on the critical steep-to-flat section of the trail. However, by pushing it on the rest of the course he managed to claw back much of his lost time, leaving those watching to wonder what might have been.

Three other Americans scored World Cup points with Travis Ganong (Squaw Valley) in 19, Jared Goldberg (Holladay, Utah) in 21, and Steven Nyman (Sundance, Utah) in 28. Marco Sullivan (Squaw Valley) was 46 and Tommy Biesemeyer (Keene, N.Y.) was 50.