

Weibrecht second in Hahnenkamm super G

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KITZBUEHEL, Austria – Andrew Weibrecht (Lake Placid, N.Y.) grabbed his second, and most prestigious, super G podium result of his career finishing second in Friday's Audi FIS Ski World Cup on the classic Hahnenkamm track.

"I couldn't be happier. It's awesome," said Weibrecht. "Growing up everybody thinks about getting on the podium at Kitzbuehel. Today is a dream come true."

Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal won the race, and scored his 15 career World Cup super G victory. Austria's Hannes Reichelt was third. Friday's super G also served as the first leg of the alpine combined and is followed with an afternoon slalom race.

"I thought I was close today, but Aksel skied a great run," Weibrecht said. "I'm a little disappointed that he beat me, but it's an amazing feeling. This is a dream come true to take home one of the Kitzbuehel trophies."

Wiley Maple (Aspen, Colo.) was 25, and Steven Nyman (Sundance, Utah) was 26. Thomas Biesemeyer (Keene, N.Y.) was 31, Bryce Bennett (Squaw Valley) 34, Drew Duffy (Warren, Vt.) 50 and Tim Jitloff (Reno) 53.

Weibrecht dedicated his performance to 1994 Olympic Downhill Champion Bill Johnson, who passed away Thursday afternoon.

"He really jump started American downhill racing," Weibrecht said of Johnson. "Nothing really happened up until 1984 when Bill came and put down that fantastic run in Sarajevo. He really revitalized the sport and paved the way for guys like

Tommy Moe, AJ Kitt and Kyle Rasmussen ... and those guys paved the way for our generation. It's really important to recognize where we have come from as a country in this sport, and Bill was a big part of that."