

Reno's Guldemond 3rd in slopestyle at Mammoth

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MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN – Hometown boy Brandon Davis led a U.S. sweep in slopestyle at the first U.S. Snowboarding Grand Prix of the 2016 season Thursday at Mammoth Mountain.

Davis (Mammoth Lakes) topped the field with a pair of 1260s, as Eric Willett (Breckenridge, Colo.) was second and Chas Guldemond (Reno) was third. Thursday was originally slated for just slopestyle qualifications, but due to an incoming storm the qualifications and finals were held all in one day.

"It means the world to me," Davis said of the win in front of a hometown crowd. "I just felt so comfortable being here at home surrounded by all my friends and family and I just couldn't have asked for it to go a better way."

The American women also fared well, with two U.S. team members earning spots on the podium: Jessika Jenson (Rigby, Idaho) was second and Karly Shorr (Milford, Mich) was third. Anna Gyarmati of Hungary took the victory.

Jenson rode with solid style, stomping back-to-back 540s on the jumps to earn the second spot on the podium.

Other top-finishing Americans: Ryan Stassel (Anchorage), fifth; Chandler Hunt (Park City), sixth; Nik Baden (Steamboat Springs, Colo.), seventh; Chris Corning (Arvada, Colo.), eighth; Eric Beauchemin (Grand Blanc, Mich.), ninth; Hailey Langland (San Clemente), fourth; Hailee Mattingley (Sandy, Utah), fifth; Kirra Kotsenburg (Park City,), sixth; Ty Walker (Stowe, Vt.), eighth.