

# U.S. men out of contention in combined event

By USSA

WENGEN, Switzerland – Jared Goldberg (Holladay, Utah) was the top placed American in Friday's Audi FIS Ski World Cup Alpine combined event, but like the rest of the team, he chalked this one up as another training run for Saturday's main event – the Lauberhorn downhill.

"Today was a good day, just like another training run all the way down," Goldberg said after finishing 12. "I felt good, I was charging out of the start. Overall, I skied balanced and I'm ready for the next one."

Norway took the top two steps of the podium with Kjetil Jansrud taking his first career World Cup combined victory, and Aksel Lund Svindal in second. France's Adrien Theaux was third. Svindal remains second in the overall World Cup standings, but is now only 85 points behind Austria's Marcel Hirscher, who did not compete in Friday's event, and is not scheduled to race in Saturday's downhill.

For the rest of the Americans, Bryce Bennett (Squaw Valley) was 22, Steven Nyman (Sundance, Utah) was 32 and Tim Jitloff was 36 (Reno). Ted Ligety (Park City) and Andrew Weibrecht (Lake Placid, N.Y.) did not finish the slalom portion. However, Weibrecht was 17 in the downhill portion and Ligety was 38.