

Ganong in top 10 in downhill

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KVITFJELL, Norway – After a short delay, the fog cleared in Norway to leave a bluebird sky and perfect track for Steven Nyman (Sundance, Utah) to take his third Audi FIS Ski World Cup downhill podium in three races, finishing third.

“I skied really well and I’m happy with how I’m feeling on my skis and my movement and the continued podiums,” said Nyman after the race. “Three in a row, that’s kind of cool!”

Even with a bobble at the top, Nyman quickly made up time, nailing an aggressive line to take first from the early leader Canadian Manuel Osborne-Paradis. But it wasn’t quite enough to keep the lead, with Dominik Paris of Italy squeaking out his second downhill win in two races and 24-year-old Frenchman Valentin Giraud Moine surprising the fans to take second.

“It’s funny. Every race day I’ve been really nervous. I have to settle myself down and focus on the necessities,” said Nyman. “I know everything is working right—I know my body is right; I just have to perform.”

Behind Nyman, Travis Ganong (Squaw Valley) cracked the top 10 in his first race back after taking a few weeks off to nurse a nagging knee injury from earlier this season, taking eighth. Marco Sullivan (Squaw Valley) started his 105 World Cup downhill to take 18th. Andrew Weibrecht (Lake Placid, N.Y.) was 20th and Tommy Biesemeyer (Keene, N.Y.) 36th.