

Anderson 5th at Olympic test event

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Just one week after the Milan Big Air, snowboarders headed to PyeongChang for the big air Olympic test event on Saturday. Ryan Stassel (Anchorage) and Julia Marino (Westport, Conn.) grabbed podiums for the U.S. team.

Jamie Anderson of Meyers took fifth.

On the tallest big air scaffolding ramp in the world in the heart of PyeongChang's Alpensia resort, reigning slopestyle champion Stassel threw down huge jumps with a variety of tricks—including a switch backside 1260 and a backside triple cork 1440s—to take third. He finished behind Canadians Mark McMorris and Max Parrot.

After winning the Big Air at Fenway last season, Marino showed that she's here to stay in big air, landing on the podium in second place. She finished behind Austrian Anna Gasser and ahead of Katie Ormerod of Great Britain.

"We are fortunate to have a U.S. team full of such bold, courageous and talented riders," said Head Coach Mike Jankowski. "Momentum is on our side as we transition into our Olympic prep season and the team is ready to keep charging ahead towards 2018."