

Ganong takes 7th in first super G of season

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VAL D'ISERE, France – Travis Ganong (Squaw Valley) and Ryan Cochran-Siegle (Starksboro, Vt.) brushed aside the disappointment of losing home field advantage by leading the U.S. to seventh- and 15th-place, respectively, in today's Audi FIS Ski World Cup super G.

Norway took the top two spots on the podium with Kjetil Jansrud winning his 15th career World Cup. Aksel Lund Svindal, who is back after suffering a season-ending knee injury in Kitzbuehel last season, was second. Italy's Dominik Paris was third.

The Dec. 2 race was scheduled for Beaver Creek, Colo. However, weather conditions forced the FIS to relocate the Birds of Prey events to Val d'Isere for the opening speed World Cup, where the men are racing for the first time since 2007. Ganong's result, his sixth career top-10 World Cup result, came from the 27th start position.

"Seventh place from that start position is a really solid result and I can build off of that. It's a good way to start the season," said Ganong, who was bumped from the top 20 on the start list due to a new start order, which allows athletes with 500 overall World Cup points to be slotted in after the first seed. "I kind of got screwed (on the start order) and I was pretty bummed out last night."

Equally as impressive was Cochran-Siegle's 15th-place finish, a career-best World Cup result, which came from the 61st start position. This was Cochran-Siegle's first World Cup super G since his injury in 2013, when he blew his ACL and MCL while racing the downhill portion of the alpine combined at the

Schladming World Championships.

Other American finishers included Andrew Weibrecht (Lake Placid, N.Y.) 18th; Ted Ligety (Park City) 29th; Steve Nyman (Sundance, Utah) 33rd; Brennan Rubie (Salt Lake City) 34th; Jared Goldberg (Holladay, Utah) 50th; Bryce Bennett (Squaw Valley) 53rd.