

Bennett places 19th in alpine combined

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Ryan Cochran-Siegle (Starksboro, Vt.) led three Americans into the top 20 in Friday's FIS Ski World Cup alpine combined event in Bormio, Italy.

Alexis Pinturault of France won Friday's race, Italy's Peter Fill was second, followed by Norway's Kjetil Jansrud in third.

Cochran-Siegle was 14th, followed by Jared Goldberg (Holladay, Utah) in 15th and Bryce Bennett (Squaw Valley) in 19th.

"When I kicked out of the start gate, I wasn't able to let it go as much," said Cochran-Siegle, who tweaked his knee earlier this week in downhill training. "But there is some good that I am able to take away from this race, and some things I still need to work on.

"I think it's good that we're all in the points and we can move forward from today," he added. "But we also have a lot of work to do as well."

On the women's side, in one of the tightest finishes on the FIS Ski World Cup circuit this season, Italy's Federica Brignone edged out Germany's Viktoria Rebensburg and Mikaela Shiffrin (Eagle-Vail, Colo.) by just 0.08 seconds to win Friday's giant slalom in Lienz, Austria.

In finishing third, Shiffrin picked up her ninth podium result of the season and maintained her overall World Cup lead over Rebensburg. However, with her second-place finish, Rebensburg moved into the overall World Cup giant slalom lead by 13 points over Shiffrin.

