

Squaw's Bennett headed to Winter Olympics

By U.S. Ski & Snowboard

For the second-straight day, Bryce Bennett (Squaw Valley) led the way for the U.S. Ski Team, finishing 17th on the famed Lauberhorn downhill course at Wengen, Switzerland, on Saturday.

For any fans that arrived, or tuned in late, they missed the show as Switzerland's Beat Fuez came out of the No. 1 start position and took home the victory. Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal was second, followed by Austria's Matthias Mayer in third.

Steven Nyman (Sundance, Utah), competing in only his second downhill since returning from a knee injury, had some blazing top fast splits and made a miraculous recovery off the final jump and finished 28th. Kipling Weisel (San Francisco) made his World Cup downhill debut and finished 52nd. Jared Goldberg crashed midway down the course, but is OK.

Bennett secured his Olympic team selection Friday after finishing ninth in the alpine combined. However, he still has a shot to make the downhill team for the Games with a solid result next weekend in Kitzbuehel, Austria.

"The pressure is still on to throw some results down in downhill," Bennett said. "I want to compete in downhill (at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games). I think I'm skiing well, and I could have a good chance there if I keep skiing the way I am."