

Ganong closer to making U.S. Olympic team

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BORMIO, Italy – Travis Ganong (Squaw Valley) closed the 2013 calendar with another positive stride toward his first Olympic Winter Games with a tie for 10th in a rugged Bormio downhill to lead the U.S. Ski Team.

Starting second, Ganong powered through snow at the top of the notorious Stelvio and through rattling bumps in the middle section to post his best Audi FIS Alpine World Cup finish of the season.

Norwegian Aksel Lund Svindal, who skied in relatively clear conditions, skied a flawless line to win the race for the 25th World Cup victory of his career.

Marco Sullivan (Squaw Valley) also landed in the points for the U.S. Ski Team with 22nd.

Bode Miller (Franconia, N.H.) was rocked hard through the middle section and bounced low on the traverse to finish outside the top 30.

Austrian Hannes Reichelt was second with Canadian Erik Guay third for his second straight downhill podium.