

Holland has clavicle surgically repaired

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VAIL -- Six-time X Games snowboardcross champion Nate Holland (Squaw Valley) underwent successful surgery with Tom Hackett of the Steadman Clinic Saturday in Vail for a fractured clavicle.

Holland sustained the injury during training for this weekend's World Cup opener in Montafon, Austria. According to U.S. Snowboarding Medical Director Kyle Wilkens, Holland could be back freeriding this month.

"I'm keeping a positive outlook on the whole situation. Two years ago I broke my clavicle and was back on snow racing within a few weeks," Holland said. "I know what I need to do to get back in the start gate for Olympic qualifiers, and I'm am meeting that challenge head on."

The Olympic team will be selected in late January based primarily on World Cup results. Holland has been a member of the 2006 and 2010 Olympic SBX Teams.