

Anderson wins season's first slopestyle World Cup

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Olympic champion Jamie Anderson of Meyers earned the first win of the 2017-18 slopestyle snowboarding world cup season on Sept. 4 at the Winter Games NZ in Cardrona, New Zealand.

The 26-year-old Anderson, who earned the first gold medal in women's slopestyle snowboarding at the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014, scored 85.78 points to beat Japan's Miyabi Onitsuka and New Zealand's Zoi Sadowski Synnott, who finished second and third, respectively.

Anderson, the two-time defending champion in the biennial event at the Cardrona Alpine Resort, earned the top spot in qualifying with a 95.50 out of 100, while fellow American Hailey Langland, just 17, won her qualifying heat with 92 points, sending the Americans into the finals as the two top qualifiers.

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