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Holland nails boardercross win; Anderson takes bronze

By Micah Abrams, ESPN Action Sports

History was made twice Saturday on the X Course in Buttermilk, Colo. The record books began their rewrite when Lindsey Jacobellis earned the first-ever double three-peat by winning the women's Snowboarder X. Jacobellis, who won the event in 2008 and 2009, pulled off her first three-peat from 2003 to 2005.

The two-time defending champion was challenged early in the Snowboarder X final by Norway's Helene Olafsen. Jacobellis, who has a history of being her own worst enemy by pushing too hard at the wrong time, played it safe over the course's biggest airs and never looked affected by Olafsen, who steadily lost ground. The undisputed leader of the women's Olympic Boarder Cross Team ultimately cruised to her historic win.



Nate Holland

A few minutes later, it was Jacobellis' Olympic teammate's time to shine. Nate Holland has dominated the Winter X Snowboarder X course since 2006, at one point winning nine straight heats in the process. On Saturday, Holland displayed a more cautious style than the brash Lake Tahoe local is known for, coming out of the semifinal round by carefully navigating a horrific pileup in the upper rhythm section before moving on to the final.

Read the whole story

Air show in South Lake Tahoe

The Lake in the Sky Air at Lake Tahoe Airport in South Lake Tahoe is Aug. 28.

For more information, click here.

Soroptimist meeting in South Lake

Soroptimist International of Tahoe Sierra meets every Thursday at 7:30am at the South Lake Tahoe Senior Center, 3050 Lake Tahoe Blvd.

All are invited.

Breakfast and coffee are served.

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Joann Conner will be talking about the Women’s Entrepreneur group on Feb. 18.

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Lauren Tomaselli with Explore Tahoe is the guest speaker Feb. 11

Zephyr Heights GID board seeks candidates

Zephyr Heights is looking for homeowners interested in serving on the Zephyr Heights General Improvement District board.

To be on the Nevada board requires a modest time commitment focused on utilizing public tax dollars efficiently for neighborhood road improvement, area beautification, and the like.

A stipend of $100/month is available.

It is a non-partisan position.

For more information, contact ZHGID board Chairman Guy Moss at (775)588.3025.

Deadline to file is March 12.

Mancuso 1 of 7 U.S. women to score in downhill

By USSA

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland -â€“ Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO) held on for a solid fifth place after a costly mistake in Saturday's Audi FIS Alpine World Cup downhill, leading an impressive U.S. Team effort that saw seven Americans finish in the points.

Germany's Maria Riesch won the race, narrowing Vonn's overall lead to 61 points after the two-time defending champion was bounced on a hole that had developed above a hard left boot sidehill turn and got sucked low.

"We were aware of it and we'd discussed it over the radio, but a number of racers still had trouble in that spot," said U.S. Women's Head Coach Jim Tracy.

"I'm pretty disappointed with my result," Vonn said. "It was just really unfortunate. I knew the hole was there. I'd gotten it from the coaches and from Thomas (Vonn, her husband). But when I was on course, the light was so flat, I couldn't see anything.

"My ski just hit it at the exact wrong place, the exact wrong time," she said. "I'm lucky, honestly, to have made the course. I was pretty close to going out there."

Tracy said he was pleased she held on to boost her discipline lead to 126 points, but chagrined she couldn't nab her first downhill win at St. Moritz.

On a banner day for American women, Alice McKennis (Glenwood Springs, CO) earned the best result of her young career, taking ninth.

“She took advantage of her start number (3),” Tracy said. “We thought it was going to be tough early because the forecast called for wind and snow, but there was none really. It was impressive to see a couple of the girls step up.”

Close behind was Chelsea Marshall (Pittsfield, VT) in 10th, her second ever top 10 (8th in Sestriere, Italy, in 2008).

Stacey Cook (Mammoth Mountain, CA) landed in the points for her eighth consecutive World Cup downhill, taking 12th.

“All of them did a great job,” Tracy said. “They’re capable of finishing in the points every race, so to see them put it together is great.”

As if four in the top 12 weren’t enough, Leanne Smith (Conway, NH) was 18th, Julia Mancuso (Olympic Valley, CA) was 22nd, and Laurenne Ross (Klamath Falls, OR) got her first World Cup points in 28th.

Sunday’s super G is the final World Cup race before the Olympics.

St. Moritz, Switzerland, Jan. 30, Women’s Downhill

1. Maria Riesch, Germany, 1:41.31

2. Ingrid Jacquemod, France, 1:42.10

3. Fabienne Suter, Switzerland, 1:42.27

4. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 1:42.28

5. Lindsey Vonn, Vail, CO, 1:42.52

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9. Alice McKennis, Glenwood Springs, CO, 1:42.90

10. Chelsea Marshall, Pittsfield, VT, 1:43.05

12. Stacey Cook, Mammoth Mountain, CA, 1:43.17

18. Leanne Smith, Conway, NH, 1:43.50

22. Julia Mancuso, Olympic Valley, CA, 1:43.78

28. Laurenne Ross, Klamath Falls, OR, 1:44.23

36. Kaylin Richardson, Edina, MN, 1:44.87

44. Keely Kelleher, Big Sky, MT, 1:46.56

Jitloff 29th in final GS before Olympics

By USSA

KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia -â€“ A day after cruising to his third consecutive giant slalom victory at Kranjska Gora, Ted Ligety (Park City, UT) battled from behind for third in yet another GS on Saturday, his fourth Audi FIS Alpine World Cup podium of the season.

“That was pretty impressive,” said Men’s Slalom Coach Rudi Soulard. “To finish top three two days in a row is great.

“He made a small mistake on that last pitch, skiing a little bit conservative,” Soulard said of Ligety’s second run. “Still, it’s more points for him. You want to win, but at the same time you feel like ‘I can’t make any mistakes,’ or you’ll fall out of the points. Tactically, it was clever.”

With only one GS remaining, the World Cup Finals at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Ligety owns a 352-309 lead over Italy's Massimiliano Blardone in the discipline standings. Ligety won the GS title two years ago.

"It's very nice to still have the red bib and build my lead on Blardone, but then obviously losing a little bit to Marcel (Hirscher, the winner), it's not all that safe."

Ligety – sixth in the overall standings, just four points out of the top five – said Austria's Hirscher won it on the same stretch where he struggled.

Tim Jitloff (Reno, NV) was the only other American in the final, skiing well until a late mistake cost him.

"It was nice to see him get back on track," Soulard said.

Jake Zamansky (Aspen, CO) was slated to start, but felt back pain during Friday's GS and opted to rest in favor of being 100 percent for the Olympic preparation training camp next week in Park City, Soulard said.

Sunday's slalom is the final race before the Olympics.

Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, Jan. 30, Men's Giant Slalom

1. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 2:31.30

2. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 2:31.75

3. Ted Ligety, Park City, UT, 2:31.88

4. Massimiliano Blardone, Italy, 2:32.16

5. Davide Simoncelli, Italy, 2:32.39

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29. Tim Jitloff, Reno, NV, 2:37.00

DNS 1 â€“ Jake Zamansky, Aspen, CO

DNQ 1 â€“ Dane Spencer, Boise, ID; Warner Nickerson, Gilford, NH

DNF 1 â€“ Tommy Ford, Bend, OR

Lake Tahoe ski report, Jan. 30



Snow was great at Sierra this morning. Here’s the ski report for all you afternoon riders. It’s brought to you by Curtis Fong, the Guy from Tahoe.