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■ A case of the cold winter blues

As a child, I always hated skiing in January.

It wasn't that I didn't like skiing, but I have to admit that I somehow found it a lot more comfortable being inside 'looking' out.

No matter how cold it was, my father patiently packed up the car and we all went as a family so we could make our 10 a.m. lesson. I've always wondered if he really enjoyed going out in that weather.

Let's face it, it would have been so much easier to sit and watch the Bugs Bunny.

The days seemed so long and well just plain freezing. And they were. Okay call me a whimper, but anyone coming from my generation can't possibly say otherwise.

We'd head up the long lift lines and the sloooowww lifts to do a run or two and hopefully take a quick break.

When I look back at those days, skiing today has moved forward in leaps as it has been the case for many other sports.

And everything has moved forward considerably.

From hi-speed lifts to heated gondolas, modern snow making, greater technical ski wear are changing the way we deal with the elements. Where would be today if it wasn't for this technological advancement? That, and of course the impact of global warming on the environment.

We can celebrate this great sport of ours.

This is why each January now, we celebrate National Ski and Snowboard week. It's a way to celebrate and promote skiing to those who love it but also to those that may not have had a chance to try it out or have turned away from the sport.

So keep your eye out from January 17-25 and perhaps you'll also be able to take part of the celebrations. A number of ski hills offer discounts and give you the chance to try some of the latest gear around.

So no matter how cold it gets, get out there and have a blast.

Have a great month and we'll talk to you again next month.

Mike Styles
Managing Editor

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Cast in arm, **Kalle Palander** wins men's World Cup slalom



FLACHAU, Austria Finland's Kalle Palander continued to dominate the men's slalom field winning a World Cup race Sunday (Jan. 4) by more than half a second over his nearest rival despite sporting a cast on his right arm.

The defending World Cup slalom champion, wearing the cast because of tendinitis, twisted his way down the Hermann Maier Weltcupstrecke in a two-run combined time of one minute 42.24 seconds, finishing .54 ahead of runner-up Manfred Pranger of Austria.

"The cast is not a problem," shrugged Palander, who has been wearing it since before Christmas because of repetitive motion syndrome. "In a race you can have pain and you don't feel anything. It's in training that it's a problem. But I had injections and it was all right."

Italy's Giorgio Rocca, fourth after the opening run, crossed third in 1:42.80 after a strong second effort.

"I was expecting more but lost so much time in the first run," said the consistent Rocca, who has been fourth, second and third in the slalom this season. "My goal was second place but I missed that by a little."

Benjamin Raich, the winner of Saturday's giant slalom, was third heading into the final leg but dropped to fourth, .61 back. Thomas Grandi of Canmore, Alta., was the top Canadian, finishing 14th in 1:44.18.

The victory boosted Palander from fourth into first

in the World Cup discipline rankings, where he sits tied with Pranger on 200 points. He also climbed from ninth to third in the overall.

"I'm happy to be wearing the leader's bib. I like red," Palander said. "But the season is far from over and anything can happen."

"I was fourth last year in the overall and this year I suppose it's possible for me to finish in the top three."

The men's slalom skiers now head for the tougher races of the circuit, the classics in Chamonix, Wengen and Kitzbuehel.

"Now we will see the quality on the very steep, demanding hills," Rocca said. "Now we'll see who stands out. Experience will make the difference."

"Kalle is on form right now but on this hill almost anybody could go down and make it," Rocca continued. "But I'm curious to see how he handles the steeper, demanding courses. I don't think he's unbeatable."

American star Bode Miller capped a disastrous weekend by straddling a gate midway down the course.

Miller went out after taking a very direct line above the hairpin, hitting a gate with his boots and catching a buckle. It caused his feet to lock up together and the American went into the hairpin stumbling.

Miller has not scored points in a slalom since the end of last February when he was sixth in Yong Pyong, South Korea.

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■ Canadian Tom Velisek wins boarder cross snowboard event

BAD GASTEIN, Austria (CP-AP) Tom Velisek of Nelson, B.C., captured the gold medal in a snowboard World Cup boarder cross event Monday as three Canadians placed in the top eight.

Jasey Jay Anderson of Mont Tremblant, Que., was fourth while Drew Neilson of North Vancouver, B.C., finished sixth.

"This is just an excellent day for me and the result of a lot of hard work," said Velisek. Meanwhile, in the women's event Dominique Maltais of Charlevoix, Que., finished second to American Lindsey Jacobelius, who capitalized on a group crash to win her first boarder cross title. Maria Danielsson of Sweden took third.

In the men's overall standings, Velisek is second with 1,024 points, trailing Simone Malusa of Italy with 1,060. On the women's side, Jacobelius and Karine Ruby of France are tied for the lead with 1,000 points.

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Croatia's Janica Kostelic to miss ski season with knee and thyroid problems

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) Olympic ski champion Janica Kostelic will miss the entire World Cup season because of thyroid and knee problems. Kostelic has had four knee operations in the past 10 months, the most recent one in October. The defending World Cup champion disclosed her thyroid condition in November.

"Janica won't be back this season," spokesman Ozren Mueller told The Associated Press. "She will now do everything needed to solve her thyroid and knee problems."

She was on the slopes Dec. 16 at Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, as a forerunner, a skier that tests the course. That worsened her knee problem and she cancelled another appearance as a forerunner the following day. She subsequently sought medical help in Austria.

Kostelic became the first alpine skier to win four medals at a single Olympics, taking three golds and a silver at the Salt Lake City Games.

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Austrian **Alexandra Meissnitzer** wins Super G women's ski race Sunday

MEGEVE, France (AP-CP) Alexandra Meissnitzer won a World Cup super giant slalom Sunday (Jan. 4) for her first victory since 1999, leading a 1-2-3 Austrian sweep.

Meissnitzer covered the twisting, tree-lined course in one minute 24.98 seconds, followed by Renate Goetschl in 1:25.19 and Michaela Dorfmeister in 1:25.40.

Emily Brydon of Fernie, B.C., was the top Canadian, finishing 22nd in 1:27.31. Anne Marie Lefrancois of Charlesbourg, Que., was 27th while Genevieve Simard of Val-Morin, Que., was 30th.

This was Meissnitzer's first victory in any competition since she captured the overall World Cup title in 1999. She won eight races that year, the last a downhill in Sierra Nevada, Spain.

The Austrian also was world champion in the super-G and the giant slalom at the worlds the same year in Vail, Colo. She tore knee ligaments during training in late 1999.

"After my injury I gave myself only one goal: To just win a race again," Meissnitzer said. "Now I have done that. I'm so relieved."

In the overall World Cup standings, she is sixth with 330 points. Sweden's Anja Paerson comfortably leads with 639 points, followed by Austria's Nicole Hosp with 500.

After two races, Goetschl leads the World Cup super-G standings with 180 points, with Dorfmeister at 140 and Hilde Gerg of Germany at 105. Meissnitzer jumped to fourth at 103, rebounding from her poor performance in the season's first race in Lake Louise, Alta., on Dec. 7.

Goetschl won in Canada but was no match this time for Meissnitzer, who powered down the 2.12-kilometre course with great technique.

Dorfmeister felt her finish made a statement for the older skiers on the circuit.

"I think the older women showed that we can still compete with the younger generation," the 30-year-old Austrian said. "They should not forget about us."

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■ Sweden's Paerson wins fourth World Cup slalom race this season

By Jerome Pugmire
The Associated Press

MEGEVE, France - Sweden's Anja Paerson used a brilliant second run Monday to win her fourth

World Cup slalom race of the season.

Paerson's winning time was one minute 42.25 seconds, ahead of Austria's Marlies Schild in 1:42.59. German duo Martina Ertl and Monika Bergmann-Schmuderer tied for third place in 1:42.70 at the race in the French Alps.

"It was an unexpected win," said Paerson, who finished fifth in the first leg of the race. "I had a bad first run where I couldn't find my rhythm and tempo, and I think a lot of skiers had the same problem."

Paerson, 22, said she was "mad with herself" after the first run _ in which she clocked 51.88 seconds _ and gave herself a good talking to.

"I had to sit down for half an hour and pull myself together," she said. "I had a mental problem on the first run and was too cautious. I told myself I had to take more risks and just go for it."

She powered down the second run in 50.37 seconds, with only Ertl, 50.28, and Norway's Line Viken, 50.25, posting faster times.

Viken, who finished fifth, shaved an incredible 3.37 seconds off her opening slalom run of 53.62 and led the race for a long period until Ertl beat her time.

Meanwhile, Paerson's fierce rival Nicole Hosp of Austria slipped on the treacherous mid-section, which saw four other riders crash or miss a gate including all three French skiers.

Although Hosp recovered, she could only place 25th. Germany's Annemarie Gerg also fell out of contention just metres from the finish line.

Paerson now has a huge lead in the overall slalom standings, with 480 points after five of 10 slalom races this season.

"I try not to think about the overall standings, as this puts me under too much pressure," Paerson said. "I think that's what I was doing a little in the first run, telling myself I had to get points."

Schild, who posted times of 51.13 and 51.46, said she was happy with the way she raced.

"I did well, and tried to attack as much as possible," she said. "I didn't really feel under much pressure, but I maybe took the mid-section turn a little early and skidded a little."

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A day in the life of skiing

by Mike Styles
SkiRebel Magazine

Welcome to our January close-up feature. This month we are taking you on a snapshot tour of some of North America's and Europe's finest ski resorts. A day in the life of skiing is the first of photo essays that will follow throughout the year.

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»» 06H20, SESTRIÈRE, ITALY

The day is just starting at this resort north of Torino in the Italian Alps. In 2006, Sestrière will be hosting the downhill events; Photo: Mike Styles

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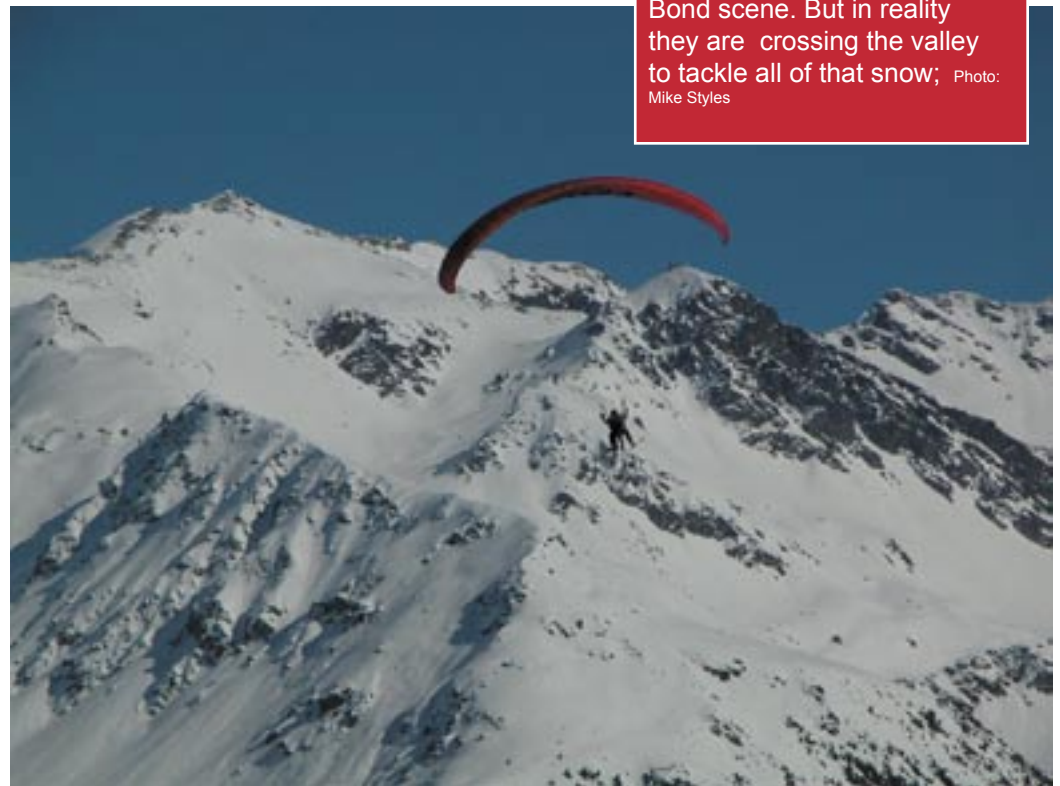


»» 07H20, SESTRIÈRE, ITALY

When there isn't enough snow and the temperature dips down the snowguns startup to guarantee a good blanket of snow in what has been turning out to be dry winters; Photo: Mike Styles

»» 09H20, GRIMENTZ, SWITZERLAND

Taken from one of the highest altitude ski villages in Europe, these two look like they are taking part in the latest James Bond scene. But in reality they are crossing the valley to tackle all of that snow; Photo: Mike Styles



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»» **09H40, VILLARS, SWITZERLAND**

These little tykes are making it up to the lift for their first run the Vaudoise region of the Swiss Alps. Villars is located about 90-minutes from Lausanne; Photo: Mike Styles



»» **10H12, LE VERCORIN, SWITZERLAND**

This big kid looks like he could use a lesson or two. Having a tough time getting off that lift at this hour of the day we can't imagine what shape he'll be in at the end of the day! Well at least he can smile! Photo: Mike Styles



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»» **10:27, BIG WHITE, B.C.**

Nothing like hitting some powder early in the morning! Photo: Klaus Gretzmacher

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»» **11H50, VERBIER, SWITZERLAND**

Pulling off a little Rodeo 720° in the snowpark just before lunch. Photo:

Mark Shapiro

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»» **12H01. VERBIER, SWITZERLAND**

And now for a little lunch. Boy am I hungry!

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»» **13H12, WHISTLER, B.C.**

Charging down North America's number ski resort is skier Chris Eby.
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»» **15H12, BELLA COOLA, B.C.**
 After a good day, there's nothing quite like a good soak in the hotsprings. Photo: Eric Berger



»» **19H30, SESTRIÈRE, ITALY**
 They call Sestrière the ski region of the Milky Way. On a clear night you can clearly see the stars from one end of the sky to the other. As this marks the end of one ski day another one is just beyond the horizon. Photo: Mike Styles

»» 2004 FIS Schedules

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ALPINE WORLD CUP

WOMEN

DH=Downhill; SL=Slalom; GS=Giant Slalom; SG=Super G; K=Combined

january

10-11	Lech/Arlberg, AUT	DH, SL, K
16-18	Cortina d'Ampezzo, ITA	2DH, SG
24-25	Maribor, SLO	SL, GS
31- Feb. 1	Haus/Ennstal, AUT	DH, SG

february

7-8	Region Arber, GER	SL, GS
14-15	S. Caterina Valfurva, ITA	DH, SG
21-22	Aare, SWE	GS, SG
28-29	Levi, FIN	2SL

march

10-14	Sestriere, ITA	DH, SL, GS, SG
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ALPINE WORLD CUP

MEN

DH=Downhill; SL=Slalom; GS=Giant Slalom; SG=Super G; K=Combined

january

10-11	Chamonix, FRA	DH, SL, K
17-18	Wengen, SUI	DH, SL
23-25	Kitzbuehel, AUT	DH, SL, SG, K
27	Schladming, AUT	SL
31 - Feb.	Garmisch, GER	DH, SG

february

7-8	Adelboden, SUI	SL, GS
14-15	Sant Anton AUT	DH, SL
28-29	Kranjska Gora, SLO	SL, GS

march

6-7	Kvitfjell, NOR	DH, SG
10-14	Sestriere, ITA	DH, SL, GS, SG

FIS FREESTYLE WORLD CUP

WOMEN AND MEN

HP= Halfpipe ; SX=Ski Cross ; MO=Moguls ; AE=Aerials ;

january

10-11	Tremblant, CAN	MO, AE
11	Pozza di Fassa, ITA	SX
16-18	Lake Placid, NY, USA	MO, 2AE
17	Laax, SUI	SX
24-25	Fernie, BC, CAN	AE, DM
30-31	Deer Valley, UT USA	MO, AE, DM
31	Spindleruy Mlyn, CZE	SX

february

14-15	Inawashiro, JPN	MO, DM
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14-15	Harbin/Long-zhu, CHN	2AE
21-22	Naeba, JPN	SX, MO
28-29	Spindleruy Mlyn, CZE	MO, AE

march

3	Airolo, SUI	DM
6	Bosco Gurin, SUI	MO
10-14	Sestriere, ITA	HP, SX, MO, AE

NORDIC WORLD CUP

WOMEN and MEN

SP=Sprint; TE=Team Competition; TSP=Team Sprint

january

10-11	Otepaa, EST	15k (W), TE, 30k (M), TE
17-18	Nove Mesto, CZE	10k (W), 2SP, 15k(M), 2SP
25	Moena-Cavalese, ITA	Mar

february

6-7	La Clusaz, FRA	10k (W), TE 15k (M), TE
13-15	Oberstdorf, GER	Dpu, Tsp
18	Stockholm, SWE	2SP
21-22	Umea, SWE	10k (W), TE, 15k (M), TE
26	Drammen, NOR	2SP
28	Oslo, NOR	30k (W) 50k (M)

march

5-7	Lahti, FIN	10k (W), 2SP, Tsp 15k (M), 2SP, Tsp
12-14	Pragelato, ITA	15k (W) , 2SP, 30k (M), 2SP

SKI JUMPING WORLD CUP

MEN

january

10-11	Liberec, CZE	K120
17-18	Zakopane, POL	K120 (2)
22	Hakuba, JPN	K120
24-25	Sapporo Okurayama, JPN	K120

february

7-8	Oberstdorf, GER	K185
14-15	Willingen, GER	K130
28-29	Salt Lake City, USA	K120

march

6-7	Lahti, FIN	K116
10	Kuopio, FIN	K120
12	Lillehammer, NOR	K120
14	Oslo, NOR	K115

NORDIC COMBINED WORLD CUP

WOMEN and MEN

january

11	Seefeld, AUT	Individual
16-17	Strbske Pleso, SVK	Sprint, Team MS
23	Nayoro, JPN	MS, Sprint
25-27	Sapporo, JPN	Individual

february

14-15	Oberstdorf, GER	Team, Sprint
21-22	Liberec, CZE	Sprint, Individual
28-29	Oslo, NOR	Individual, Sprint

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march

5-6	Lahti, FIN	Individual, Sprint
6-7	Klingenthal, GER	Team, Individual
12-14	Zakopane, POL	Sprint, MS
20-21	St. Moritz, SWI	Individual, Sprint

SNOWBOARD WORLDCUP

WOMEN and MEN

PSL=Parallel Slalom; PGS=Parallel Giant Slalom; HP=Halfpipe; SBX=Snowboard Cross; BA=Big Air

january

10-11	Alpe d'Huez, FRA	PGS, SBX
16-17	Arosa, SUI	PGS, SBX
23-24	Kreischberg, AUT	HP, BA
31	München, GER	BA

february

4	Maribor, SLO	PGS
7-8	Berchtesgaden, GER	PGS, SBX
20-22	Sapporo-Makomanai, JPN	PGS, PSL, HP
26-28	Niigata Joetsu-kokusai, JPN	2SBX, HP

march

5-7	Mt. Bachelor, USA	PGS, SBX, BA
11-14	Bardonecchia, ITA	PGS, SBX, HP, BA

■ Overall World Cup Standings

(After 15 events)

1. Hermann Maier, Austria, 515; 2. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 469; 3. Kalle Palander, Finland, 449; 4. Hans Knauss, Austria, 440; 5. Lasse Kjus, Norway, 438; 6. Bjarne Solbakken, Norway, 383; 7. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 376; 8. Andreas Schifferer, Austria, 371; 9. Stephan Eberharter, Austria, 358; 10. Bode Miller, U.S., 337. 11. Daron Rahlves, U.S., 300; 12. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 219; 13. Davide Simoncelli, Italy, 216; 14. Manfred Pranger, Austria, 200; 14. Giorgio Rocca, Italy, 200. Canadians: 26. Erik Guay, Mont-Tremblant, Que., 135; 29. Thomas Grandi, Canmore, Alta., 125; 85. Jan Hudec, Banff, Alta., 16; 96. Vincent Lavoie, Cap Rouge, Que., 12; 98. Jean, Philippe Roy, Ste-Flavie, Que., 11.

■ Women's World Cup Super G Results

MEGEVE, France (AP) Results Sunday (Jan. 4) from women's World Cup super giant slalom in Megeve, France:

1. Alexandra Meissnitzer, Austria, 1 minute, 24.98 seconds; 2. Renate Goetschl, Austria, 1:25.19; 3. Michaela Dorfmeister, Austria, 1:25.40; 4. Carole Montillet, France, 1:25.54; 5. Hilde Gerg, Germany, 1:25.62; 6. Kirsten L. Clark, U.S., 1:25.74; 7. Melanie Suchet, France, 1:26.48; 8. Ingrid Jacquemod, France, 1:26.58; 9. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 1:26.63; 10. Caroline Lalive, U.S., 1:26.64. 11. Isolde Kostner, Italy, 1:26.74; 11. Silvia Berger, Austria, 1:26.74; 13. Catherine Borghi, Switzerland, 1:26.79; 14. Martina Schild, Switzerland, 1:26.91; 15. Regina Haeusl, Germany, 1:26.96; 15. Katja Wirth, Austria, 1:26.96; 17. Chimene Alcott, Britain, 1:27; 18. Isabelle Huber, Germany, 1:27.03; 19. Anne-Laure Givelet, France, 1:27.06; 20. Janette Hargin, Sweden, 1:27.14. 21. Alexandra Coletti, Italy, 1:27.25; 22. Emily Brydon, Fernie, B.C., 1:27.31; 23. Brigitte Obermoser, Austria, 1:27.32; 24. Karine Meilleur, France, 1:27.34; 25. Tanja Schneider, Austria, 1:27.37; 26. Daniela Ceccarelli, Italy, 1:27.41; 27. Anne Marie Lefrancois, Charlesbourg, Que., 1:27.47; 28. Fraenzi Aufdenblatten, Switzerland, 1:27.51; 29. Andrine Flemmen, Norway, 1:27.54; 30. Genevieve Simard, Val-Morin, Que., 1:27.56. Other Canadians: 42. Allison Forsyth, Nanaimo, B.C., 1:28.40.

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■ Men's World Cup Ski Results

FLACHAU, Austria (AP) Results and standings from a men's World Cup slalom Sunday (Jan. 4):

1. Kalle Palander, Finland, 1:42.24 (49.73, 52.51); 2. Manfred Pranger, Austria, 1:42.78 (50.59, 52.19); 3. Giorgio Rocca, Italy, 1:42.80 (50.81, 51.99); 4. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 1:42.85 (50.65, 52.20); 5. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 1:43.14 (51.63, 51.51); 6. Alois Vogl, Germany, 1:43.50 (52.57, 50.93); 7. Johan Brolenius, Sweden, 1:43.63 (52.12, 51.51); 8. Markus Larsson, Sweden, 1:43.69 (51.53, 52.16); 9. Martin Marinac, Austria, 1:43.87 (52.20, 51.67); 10. Silvan Zurbriggen, Switzerland, 1:43.88 (51.79, 52.09). à11. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 1:43.89 (51.51, 52.38); 12. Kilian Albrecht, Austria, 1:44.01 (51.92, 52.09); 13. Tom Stiansen, Norway, 1:44.14 (51.59, 52.55); 14. Thomas Grandi, Canmore, Alta., 1:44.18 (51.81, 52.37); 14. Pierrick Bourgeat, France, 1:44.18 (51.57, 52.61); 16. Edoardo Zardini, Italy, 1:44.19 (52.38, 51.81); 17. Jure Kosir, Slovenia, 1:44.20 (52.18, 52.02); 18. Alain Baxter, Britain, 1:44.38 (51.88, 52.50); 19. Heinz Schilchegger, Austria, 1:44.40 (52.35, 52.05); 20. Andrej Sporn, Slovenia, 1:44.65 (52.05, 52.60). 21. Mitja Dragic, Slovenia, 1:44.91 (52.15, 52.76); 22. Urs Imboden, Switzerland, 1:44.96 (52.47, 52.49); 23. Tom Rothrock, U.S., 1:45.12 (52.44, 52.68); 24. Truls Ove Karlsen, Norway, 1:45.21 (51.82, 53.39). Did not finish first run: Jean-Philippe Roy, Ste-Flavie, Que



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Overall World Cup Standings

Overall World Cup Standings for women (After 13 races)

1. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 639 points; 2. Nicole Hosp, Austria, 500; 3. Renate Goetschl, Austria, 466; 4. Carole Montillet, France, 372; 5. Martina Ertl, Germany, 346; 6. Alexandra Meissnitzer, Austria, 330; 7. Michaela Dorfmeister, Austria, 313; 8. Hilde Gerg, Germany, 310; 9. Tanja Poutiainen, Finland, 276; 10. Kirsten L. Clark, U.S., 257.11. Sonja Nef, Switzerland, 231; 12. Anna Ottosson, Sweden, 193; 13. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 184; 13. Denise Karbon, Italy, 184; 15. Marlies Schild, Austria, 173.

Other Canadians: 30. Emily Brydon, Fernie, B.C., 89; 45. Genevieve Simard, Val-Morin, Que., 67; 53. Allison Forsyth, Nanaimo, B.C., 54; 82. Anne Marie Lafrancois, Charlesbourg, Que., 18; 86. Kelly Vanderbeek, Kitchener, Ont., 14; 92. Britt Janyk, Whistler, B.C., 8.

Top results from women's slalom

MEGEVE, France (AP) Leading results from a women's World Cup slalom Monday (leg times in parentheses):

1. Anja Paerson, Sweden, one minute 42.25 seconds (51.88-50.37); 2. Marlies Schild, Austria, 1:42.59 (51.13-51.46); 3. Martina Ertl, Germany, 1:42.70 (52.42-50.28) and Monika Bergmann-Schmuderer, Germany, 1:42.70 (51.82-50.88); 5. Line Viken, Norway, 1:43.87 (53.62-50.25); 6. Kristina Koznick, U.S., 1:43.88 (53.23-50.65); 7. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 1:43.99 (52.96-51.03); 8. Sarka Zahrobska, Czech Republic, 1:44.06 (53.06-51.00) and Sarah Schleper, U.S., 1:44.06 (52.96-51.10). 10. Michaela Kirchgasser, Austria, 1:44.12 (52.74-51.38); 11. Henna Raita, Finland, 1:44.22 (53.51-50.71); 12. Nika Fleiss, Croatia, 1:44.35 (53.58-50.77); 13. Maria Riesch, Germany, 1:44.48 (54.01-50.47); 14. Sabine Egger, Austria, 1:44.50 (53.26-51.24); 15. Annalisa Ceresa, Italy, 1:44.62 (53.12-51.50); 16. Nicole Gius, Italy, 1:44.73 (53.21-51.52); 17. Resi Stiegler, U.S., 1:44.81 (53.52-51.29); 18. Trine-Bakke Rognmo, Norway, 1:44.82 (53.87-50.95); 19. Karin Truppe, Austria, 1:45.04 (53.49-51.55); 20. Veronika Zuzulova, Slovakia, 1:45.07 (54.13-50.94). 21. Mariles Oester, Switzerland, 1:45.16 (53.49-51.67); 22. Noriyo Hiroi, Japan, 1:45.65 (54.53-51.12); 23. Tanja Poutiainen, Finland, 1:45.92 (52.25-53.67); 24. Renate Goetschl, Austria, 1:45.98 (54.57-51.41); 25. Nicole Hosp, Austria, 1:47.70 (51.35-56.35).

Did not finish: Christel Pascal, France; Laure Pequegnot, France; Sonja Nef, Switzerland; Annemarie Gerg, Germany; Claire Dautherives, France.

World Cup Men's Snowboarding Results

KLAGENFURT, Austria (AP) Results Saturday (Jan.3) at a World Cup men's 'big air' snowboarding competition:

1. Aleksi Vanninen, Finland, 1,000 points; 2. Simon Ax, Sweden, 800; 3. Alessandro Boyens, Germany, 600; 4. Florian Mausser, Austria, 500; 5. Jaakko Ruha, Finland, 450; 6. Sami Saarenpaa, Finland, 400; 7. Marko Grilc, Croatia, 360; 8. Christophe Schmidt, Germany, 320; 9. Matevz Petk, Slovenia, 290; 10. Hubert Fill, Austria, 260.

Overall Standings

1. Simon Ax, Sweden, 1,840 points; 2. Jaakko Ruha, Finland 1,570; 3. Aleksi Vanninen, Finland, 1,450; 4. Risto Mattila, Finland, 1,400; 5. Florian Mausser, Austria, 1,320; 6. Alessandro Boyens, Germany, 920; 7. Miikka Hast, Finland, 800; 7. Erik Haugo, Norway, 800; 9. Antti Autti, Finland, 790; 10. (tie), Hubert Fill, Austria, and Matevz Petk, Slovenia, 600.

Nordic Combined Skiing Results

OBERHOF, Germany (AP) Top results Tuesday at a Dec. 30 World Cup nordic combined skiing event:

1. Ronny Ackermann, Germany, 36 minutes 2.2 seconds; 2. Felix Gottwald, Austria, 53.6 seconds behind; 3. Todd Lodwick, U.S., 1:06.6; 4. Christoph Bieler, Austria, 1:18.1; 5. Daito Takahashi, Japan, 1:23.5; 6. Hannu Manninen, Finland, 1:25.2; 7. Samppa Lajunen, Finland, 1:26.4; 8. Ludovic Roux, France, 2:12.8; 9. Bjoern Kircheisen, Germany, 2:14.4; 10. Michael Gruber, Austria, 2:24.5.

Overall World Cup Standings (after six of 20 events)

1. Ronny Ackermann, Germany, 550 points; 2. Hannu Manninen, Finland, 400; 3. Felix Gottwald, Austria, 337; 4. Sebastian Haseney, Germany, 289; 5. (tie), Michael Gruber, Austria, and Daito Takahashi, Japan, 235; 7. Samppa Lajunen, Finland, 227; 8. Petter Tande, Norway, 191; 9. Todd Lodwick, U.S., 161; 10. Ludovic Roux, France, 159.

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