

Ashleigh McIvor keys Canadian skicross charge

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Alpine skier Lindsey Vonn of the U.S. waves to the crowd after winning the World Cup super-G in Austria Jan. 10, 2010.

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Ashleigh McIvor won gold to help Canada to a three-medal day Sunday at a World Cup skicross event in Les Contamines, France.

McIvor finished ahead of teammate Julia Murray in the women's final. Canada's Stanley Hayer added a silver in the men's event.

"What was nice about today's win was I didn't advance because someone crashed," McIvor said. "It was all good strong starts and good strong skiing."

With the victory, McIvor rose to second in the overall standings with 247 points. Six-time overall World Cup champ Ophelie David of France was fourth to retain the overall lead with 290 points.

"I was kind of in shock when my teammate and I were in first and second," Murray said. "I was really excited."

McIvor and Murray are from Whistler, B.C.

Hayer, of Calgary, finished behind Xavier Kuhn of France in the men's final. Chris DelBosco of Sudbury was sixth.

WOMEN'S SUPER-G: American Lindsey Vonn captured her third straight World Cup race, winning a super-G in Haus Im Ennstal, Austria, on Sunday to become the first American man or woman to earn a victory on three straight days and the first woman to do so since 1997.

Vonn covered the Krummholz course in one minute, 26.69 seconds to beat Anja Paerson of Sweden by 0.53 seconds. The win followed downhill victories on Friday and Saturday.

Britt Janyk of North Vancouver, B.C., led all Canadians, finishing 16th with a time of 1:28.83.

Nadia Fanchini of Italy and Martina Schild of Switzerland shared third place, 0.85 behind Vonn.

MEN'S SLALOM: Julien Lizeroux won a World Cup slalom race in Adelboden, Switzerland on Sunday, racing through from 12th place after the first leg.

The 30-year-old Frenchman had a combined time of one minute, 51.88 seconds after being 0.92 faster than any rival down the second run.

Austria's Marcel Hirscher was second, 0.34 back, and Croatia's Ivica Kostelic was third.

Michael Janyk of Whistler, B.C., didn't finish his first run.

FREESTYLE SKIING: Calgary's Warren Shouldice helped his Olympic chances Sunday, finishing sixth at a World Cup aerials competition.

Shouldice, the only Canadian to qualify for the final, finished with a two-jump total of 210.43 points at Calgary's Canada Olympic Park. China's Zongyang Jia won gold in 253.40, with overall leader Anton Kushnir of Belarus second in 244.60 and countryman Alexei Grishin third in 230.73.

The result was critical for Shouldice, who is still in the mix for a spot on the Olympic team.

In women's action, Genevieve Tougas of St-Hubert, Que., finished 10th in her first World Cup final.

China's Nina Li won gold in 195.63, while teammate Xinxin Guo was third in 167.73. Evelyne Leu of Switzerland was second in 178.99.

BOBSLED: German Andre Lange, a three-time Olympic champion, captured a four-man World Cup bobsled race Sunday.

Lange finished in one minute, 37.07 seconds to beat American Steven Holcomb, the World Cup leader, by 0.03 seconds for his second straight win. John Napier, also of the U.S., was third in 1:37.31.

Edmonton's Pierre Lueders and his crew of Jesse Lumsden, Neville Wright and Justin Kripps were ninth in 1:37.87. Lyndon Rush of Humboldt, Sask., and his squad of Chris Le Bihan, Dan Humphries and Wright finished 10th in 1:38.01.

LUGE: Natalie Geisenberger halted Tatjana Huefner's three-race World Cup winning streak, beating her German teammate and American Erin Hamlin on Sunday at Winterberg, Germany.

Geisenberger had a time of one minute, 53.179 seconds for her second World Cup victory this season. Huefner was .010 seconds behind.

Hamlin was .150 seconds back in third. Calgary's Alex Gough finished sixth with a time of 1:53.749.