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# Maier bounces back to win men's super G



Maier on his way to Olympic gold

**A**ustrian Hermann Maier, who suffered a spectacular crash in last week's downhill race, bounced back to win the Olympic men's super giant slalom event which was finally held in Hakuba on Monday after two postponements caused by bad weather.

The 25-year-old ski instructor, the current World Cup overall leader with 10 victories so far, clocked a winning time of 1 minute, 34.82 seconds for the gold medal on the Happo-one slopes.

Maier, unbeaten in the super G with

four World Cup wins in the event this winter, beat Switzerland's Didier Cuche and two-time Olympian Hans Knauss of Austria by an identical 0.61 second.

Cuche and Knauss both won the silver medal with 1:35.43.

Last Friday, Maier crashed out of the men's downhill race as he lost complete control at an early turn and went flying off the course and through two walls of netting just 18 seconds into his run.

Japan's Tsuyoshi Tomii finished in 24th place while compatriot Yasuyuki Takishita

ended in 27th.

The men's super G is among a number of Alpine races that have been repeatedly postponed due to unfavorable weather in Hakuba. The event, initially slated for Feb. 13, was rescheduled for the following day but was again canceled.

Monday's race was delayed 45 minutes by fog. (Kyodo News)

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