

Frenchman Grange wins slalom

World championships » Going into the second run well behind, he tackles the course.

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Beaver Creek, Colo. » For the longest time. Jean-Baptiste Grange of France absolutely loved this course. Then, he wrecked his knee

flopped again. Funny how a win - a big win at that - can change perceptions.

Grange won the slalom title Sunday at the world championships after first-run leader Marcel Hirscher of Austria orating conditions.

Trailing by 0.88 seconds heading into the final run of the last race, Grange had no gles as he finished in a combined time of 1 minute, 57.47 seconds. Fritz Dopfer of Geronds behind, and teammate Felix Neurenther earned

"It's a wonderful gift for all of these four years - many injuries, bad bib numbers. no confidence sometimes, Grange said, "You know, skiing is always hard. But it's easier when you're on the podium and when you win."

Grange finished second Now his feelings have flip- in a super-combined race at Beaver Creek in 2007, But in 2009, he injured his right knee, which kept him out of Skiing into heavy snowfall, the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Didn't like this course so much anymore.

Just about the time he was returning to his winning ways. straddled a gate in the deteri- taking the 2011 world slalom title in Germany, chronic back pain began to constantly plague him.

So much so that he was trouble with the low visibil- actually contemplating reity and snow sticking to gog- tirement as recently as three weeks ago.

"I was thinking it's never going to be better." Grange many was second, 0.35 sec- said. "We are competitors so we want to achieve our goals. That's what I did today."

In the process, he made



JOHN LOCHER | The Associated Press France's Jean-Baptiste Grange races down the Beaver Creek, Colo., course Sunday on his way to a gold medal in the men's slalom competition at the Alpine skiing world championships.

friends with this hill again.

"I think I have a tough emotion in Beaver Creek - bad and very good." Grange said.

Even with Hirscher going out, the Austrians easily won the medal race with nine, which was four more than the Americans.

After Dopfer took over the lead, a local choir group

began practicing the German national anthem in a nearby building. In mid tune, though, they impressively switched to the French anthem as Grange took over the top spot with a nearly flawless run.

"I didn't expect this, but it's wonderful for me." Grange

Especially the way it went down. Hirscher going out? It seemed so unlikely, given how steady he's been.

The defending champion dropped time in the accumulating new snow. Then, with the finish line in sight, he went ont. He was as shocked as anyone, lifting up his goggles and staring down the course in

World championships. men's slalom results

1. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, 1:57.47 (1:04.26-53.21). 2. Fritz Dopfer, Germany, 1:57.82 (1:04.31-53.51). 3. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 1:58.02 (1:04.47-53.55). 4. Henrik Kristoffersen, Norway, 1:58.04 (1:04.64-53.40). 5. Mattias Hargin, Sweden, 1:58.09 (1:04.23-53.86).

U.S. skiers

21. Ted Ligety, 2:01.31 (1:05.31-

23. Tim Kelley, 2:02.44 (1:07.16-55.28)

Will Brandenburg, did not finish first run. David Chodounsky, did not

finish first run.

disbelief.

"Others had no problem with it." Hirscher said of the conditions. "So it's always your fault if you ski out."

The 25-year-old Hirscher leaves Beaver Creek with gold in the Alpine combined and team event, along with a silver in the giant slalom.

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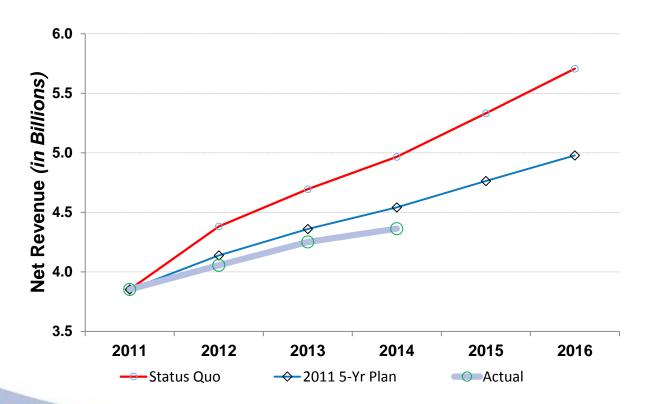


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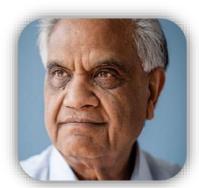




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