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Alcott: 12th in Bad Kleinkirchheim

The British Land Alpine Ski Team's Chemmy Alcott buried the disappointment of a relatively poor downhill showing yesterday in Bad Kleinkirchheim, Austria when she skied to an impressive 12th place in today's World Cup Women's Super G.

Racing first down the course Alcott, (23, Twickenham/The British Land Alpine Ski Team) set aside any nervousness about being the first woman ever to ski Super G on the resort's Franz Klammer Weltcup Abfahrt piste, and set a time of 1 minute 10.35 seconds. Her run set her up in the top three until several of the Women's Super G big guns attacked it, but 12th - the second best ever British Women's Super G result after her own 11th in Lake Louise in late 2003 - is her best result of the season so far and the third best World Cup result of her career so far.

After struggling in some of the women's world cup downhills Alcott was pleased not only with her skiing today, but also with the way in which she handled the pressure of skiing first. Two years ago she let the stress of opening the course get to her, but today she was able to use her intuition to ski the fall line as much as possible and return a very encouraging result, less than a month before the start of the Olympic Winter Games.

"It was tricky here because it is a fast hill, and the course was set fast and so I actually thought I might struggle after yesterday. There was really not much to go on and it's the kind of hill I would normally expect to watch a few of the other girls down and see what they do and then attack accordingly. I have been struggling on this hill because it is fast, grippy aggressive snow and I am a fast aggressive skier and that is combination which often proves slow for me." Said Alcott,

"But I even surprised myself. I trusted myself. It was super tough because I saw the forerunners and they were all looking very round on their turns and I just knew I had to be more direct."

"It is really good for me because it will improve my start numbers and if I can ski like that today when there is no line to follow, I know I can do better when my start number improves."

"I knew there was a bit of challenge on after Fin's result yesterday (Finlay Mickel was 10th in Wengen's Lauberhorn classic downhill yesterday)." Smiled Alcott, "But seriously, there is no rivalry, but it is just good to know that he encourages me I and I do the same with him. In the past there has been a bit of pressure in British skiing because there has often been only one skier making results. Now I hope we can both go forward and get results at the same time, supporting and encouraging each other."

Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup, Women's Super G, Bad Kleinkirchheim, Austria, Sunday: 1 J Kostelic (CRO) 1:09.41, 2 M Dorfmeister (AUT) 1:09.51, 3 A Meissnitzer (AUT) 1:09.51, 4 K Clark (USA) 1:09.63, 5 N Styger (SUI) 1:09.78, GBR: 12 C Alcott (Twickenham/The British Land Alpine Ski Team) 1:10.35.