
Winter Olympics 2010: Shelley Rudman wins bronze medal in skeleton World Cup

Great Britain's Shelley Rudman has won bronze at the Skeleton European Championships at the Igls track in Austria meaning she took silver in the overall World cup standings.

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Rudman, the 2009 European champion and Britain's only medallist at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Turin, finished fourth in today's eighth and final round of the 2009/10 World Cup, which also doubled as the 2010 European Championships.

As the third highest placed European slider, she took European Championship bronze.



Climax: Shelly Rudman came second overall in the skeleton World Cup Photo: GETTY IMAGES

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She also finishes her 2009/10 World Cup campaign in second place in the overall rankings, having won medals in four of the eight World Cup races.

Her second place overall was a repeat of her final World Cup finish last season.

Germany's Anja Huber produced the fastest runs in each of the rounds to win both the World Cup race and the European Championship crown, while Melissa Hollingsworth of Canada won the overall 2009/10 World Cup.

Delighted with the result, Rudman said: "I am over the moon with a 4th place and a bronze medal in the Europeans and Silver in the overall World Cup after the week of bad luck I have had, and especially in Igls where you need to be a fast starter.

"This has been an amazing World Cup season and although I am a little disappointed at not taking 1st in the World cup overall it has been a fantastic fight and friendly rivalry with Melissa (Hollingsworth Canada) .

"I would like to say a huge well done to Mellissa for winning the World Cup. Now watch out."

Britain's Amy Williams was sixth in the European Championship and fifth in the World Cup for the season - equalling her overall World Cup finish in 2008/9.

Donna Creighton, meanwhile, finished 11th in the World Cup race and seventh in the European Championships. She was 16th in the overall World Cup.

The men compete in the final round of the 2009/10 Skeleton World Cup, which is also at Igls and also doubles as the European Championships.
