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Satoya captures gold in women's freestyle moguls

Tae Satoya won the women's freestyle moguls event Wednesday to give host Japan its second gold medal in the Nagano Olympics.

Satoya, who finished 11th at the 1994 Lillehammer Games at age 17, collected

25.06 points in capturing the event held at Iizuna Kogen, 0.44 point ahead of Tatjana Mittermayer of Germany, who took silver.

Third place went to Kari Traa of Norway, with 24.09 points.

Japan's Aiko Uemura, a high-school

student from Hakuba, placed seventh with 23.79 points.

Satoya, a 21-year college student from Hokkaido, is the first Japanese woman to win a Winter Olympic gold medal.



Jani Soininen of Finland, flanked by Kazuyoshi Funaki of Japan and Andreas Widhoelzl of Austria, celebrates his victory in normal hill ski jumping

Soininen wins normal hill ski jumping gold

Jani Soininen of Finland soared to the gold medal in the Nagano Olympic normal hill ski jumping event Wednesday, holding off powerful rivals from the host country Japan.

Japan's Kazuyoshi Funaki came from behind with near perfect form to take the

silver and give Japan its second medal of the Nagano Games.

Soininen, ranked fourth in the World Cup rankings with two victories this season, combined two solid jumps of 90 and 89 meters for a winning total of 234.5 points on the 90-meter hill in Hakuba.

Funaki jumped 87.5 meters to place fourth in the first round and moved up to clinch his first Olympic medal with a 90.5-meter leap on his second try for a total of 233.5 points.

Austria's Andreas Widhoelzl traveled 88 and 90.5 meters to take the bronze with 232.5 points. (Kyodo News)




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