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GRAHAM CAPTURES FOURTH WORLD CUP PODIUM THIS SEASON

A nasty stomach virus, which required a hospital admission on Tuesday night, did not keep mogul skier Matt Graham from reaching his fourth podium in the second World Cup events in Deer Valley, Utah today.

Graham picked up the bronze medal behind Canada's Mikhail Kingsbury and Kazakhstan's Dmitry Reikherd, repeating a photo that has seen the three same men on the podium together in Calgary and Thaiwoo this season.

Yesterday's first World Cup saw a brave Graham put mind over matter to make the final 16 before bowing out of the first round of Finals in 13th. Another 24 hours was all it took for the world number three to sufficiently recover and deliver another consistent run.

"Coming from Calgary I picked up a pretty bad stomach virus on travel day and for the last few days I've been in the wars," Graham said after being hospitalised for three hours on Tuesday night for intravenous treatment.

"A lot of people of people telling me to take it easy and take the day off," he said of the first World Cup. "I listened to my body and knew what I could do."

"Yesterday in the start gate in the final, I had a big pain in my tummy and it took very ounce of resilience. I did make a mistake on the last jump."

"(Today) I was in a lot of pain, but it was better this afternoon. I wasn't sure if I was going to compete until thirty minutes before the event. I mustered the energy."

"The top guys had a great run too and to be up against those guys was special given the circumstance. It was the icing on the cake."

"For sure it's worth it now," he said.

"We have a week off now and I can recover then come out firing in the final event in Tremblant (Canada) before PyeonChang."

World Champion Britt Cox has faced stiff competition this season and did so again today, coming away with a fourth place in the second Deer Valley World Cup after missing the Super Final yesterday.

Undeterred, Cox says she on track and feeling good.

“Really close to the podium tonight so I’m happy with my skiing but there’s definitely more in the tank and more that I need to do but happy to be in the mix in the super final tonight,” she said.

“I’m happy that I progressed through the rounds today - skied better in each round and my skiing is moving in a positive direction. I’m determined that I’m focussed on doing the work that needs to be done.”

Jakara Anthony, who reached her first Super Final yesterday placing 5th overall was again in good form today, qualifying into the top 16 and then coming 12th.

Other Australian results today included Taylah O’Neill placing 17th in the qualifying in an unlucky tie break situation to not make the final 16, Claudia Gueli 26th, Madii Himbury 36th, Krystle Yin 38th and Sophie Ash 48th. In the Men, James Matheson placed 44th, Cooper Woods-Topalovic 48th and Rohan Chapman-Davies DNF.

The final World Cup before the PyeongChang Games will be held in Tremblant, Canada on January 20th.

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