



FIS NEWSFLASH

Edition 35/ 10th August 2005



Fédération Internationale de Ski

International Ski Federation

Internationaler Ski Verband

Hannawald (GER) brings down curtain on career

German ski jumper Sven Hannawald announced his retirement on Wednesday 3rd August after failing to overcome the burnout syndrome which haunted him throughout last season. "Sven Hannawald has accomplished everything possible within ski jumping", read a statement from his management team.

"I don't want the burden of competing professionally anymore," Hannawald explained. "Besides, it would have taken a long time to regain my best form." Hannawald who became the first - and so far only - ski jumper to win all Four Hills tournaments during the 2001/2002 season, twice won the FIS Ski-Flying World Championships in addition to finishing top of the podium with Martin Schmitt, Michael Uhrmann und Stephan Hocke in the team competition at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City (USA). But after twice finishing runner-up to Poland's Adam Malysz in the 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 FIS Ski Jumping World Cup standings, the Saxony native could not pull it together this past season. His last win dates back to the World Cup event in Salt Lake City in February 2004.

FIS Summer Ski Jumping

Grand Prix off to great start
The 12th FIS Ski Jumping Summer Grand Prix got off to a great start when Hinterzarten (GER) hosted a team and an individual competition from 6th to 7th August. Einsiedeln (SUI), on its' newly built HS 117 large hill, is the newcomer among an extended list of hosts of the FIS Ski Jumping Summer Grand Prix which will organise eight individual and one team event during a one-month period with the finale set to take

place on the large Olympic hill in Hakuba (JPN) on 10th-11th September.

Heavy snowfall lifts expectations for South American ski season

Thanks to heavy snowfall since May, the major ski areas in Chile and Argentina are enjoying the best season since 1997 midway through the South American winter.

The perfect snow conditions in Chile and Argentina allowed the FIS Alpine and Snowboard South American Cup to get off to a flying start in the past week. Chapelco (ARG) hosted the first FIS Alpine Skiing competitions of the 2005-2006 season when 64 Ladies from 7 nations and 126 Men from 14 countries took part in Giant Slalom and Slalom competitions from 5th-7th August. Elsewhere, Valle Nevado (CHI) hosted one HalfPipe and two Snowboardcross competitions on 3rd-4th August. You may find the results from the alpine as well as snowboard competitions here:

http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/fiscalendarresults/fiscalendar.html?cal_suchplace=&cal_suchseason=2006&cal_oldsector=&cal_suchcategory=SAC&cal_suchgender=&cal_suchnation=&cal_code_x=&cal_date=&cal_shownum=20&cal_linenum=-18

Alpine stars prepare for upcoming season at exotic locations

With the FIS Alpine World Cup season only around ten weeks away, a large number of the world's finest alpine skiers are headed for the Southern Hemisphere in search of the perfect spot to intensify their preparations for the upcoming season. FIS Travel Service is handling arrangements for

the largest number of teams it has ever dealt with for training in the Southern Hemisphere. 474 athletes from 12 nations will travel to some of the most far-flung skiing locations in the world between 17th July and 11th September to intensify their on-snow preparations for the season.

Among the 12 nations who will be heading to sites in Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Chile France and Austria travel with the biggest delegations as over 100 athletes feature in their respective groups including senior as well as junior skiers. According to FIS Travel Service who handles around 90% of all traveling arrangements for National Ski Associations, eight of the countries heading to the Southern Hemisphere, FRA, GBR, SWE, NOR, ITA, FIN, GER and SUI will be carrying in total no less than 31,3 tons of luggage with them to their training camps!

Dear Friends of FIS,

Should you have any feedback, comments, you are most welcome to send them to me at: frandsen@fisski.ch. "FIS Newsflash" will not only be distributed via e-mail but also be published in the News section of the FIS Website.

Best regards

Svend Frandsen
INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION
Communications Manager