
FIS COMPETITION FACTS – Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country

Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country at Davos (SUI) on February 04th, 2007

Victory for Russia

The Russians men's team with Ivan Babikov, Serguei Novikov, Ilia Chernousov and Sergej Shiriaev, won without their well known team leaders today's 4 x 10 km relay competition in Davos, Switzerland.

The Russian finished in the exciting 4 x 10 km race shortly 0,4 seconds ahead of the Italian Team (Valerio Checchi, Giorgio Di Centa, Fabio Santus and Pietro Piller-Cottrier). The third place took Team France (Jean Marc Gaillard, Vincent Vittoz, Emmanuel Jonnier and Alexandre Rousselet) also only 0,5 seconds behind. The team from Czech Republic with Milan Sperl lost the sprint against the other teams and finished fourth.

The Russian team could celebrate with this victory the second of the season. Sergej Shiriaev, the fourth racer of the successful Russian team, show today his shape and brought the team from the fifth place after the third exchange to the top. For the Italian, the current Olympic Champion, as well as for the French team it was there first podium place this season in a World Cup relay.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 16 team (three of them were mixed teams)

Spectators: 3.000

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 50 Media / 6 Media on-site / SF was the HBC

Weather: sunny, -3°C

Snow Conditions: packed powder

Pictures:

Please note that high quality action and podium pictures from today's competitions are available for purchase through the Internet portal offered by Nordic Focus, FIS Partner for photos from the Nordic Disciplines, at www.menzipics.ch/info/indexfisevents.html

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Quotes:

Ivan Babikov (RUS): “The race was tough. The classical part of our team was not very good but with our “iron-man” on the last position (Sergej Shiriaev) we could reach today the top of the podium. He is our hero today and we are all very satisfied with that victory.”

Pietro Piller Cottler (ITA): “This race today is our first podium place for the team in this season and we are happy about it – now the World Championships can start. It was nice, this race, especially when I was skiing and the whole team members were on the course and gave me perfect instructions and supported me a lot. Our goal now for Sapporo’s relay competition is the victory.”

Jean Marc Gaillard (FRA): “It was a good weekend for the French team with the victory of Vincent yesterday and the today’s podium place in the team. I felt very good in my lap and I could contribute a good result for this podium place. We hope we could continue in this way and be on the podium also at the World Championships in Sapporo.”

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