

55. Jack Wolfskin Four hills tournament

Anders Jacobsen came, saw and won the four hills tournament

Anders Jacobsen gave his World Cup debut in Kuusamo and now he won already the Four hills tournament. The 21-year old Norwegian, who was second at the final stage in Bischofshofen (AUT) got after an exciting final e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup competition the final total score of 961,9 points. Second was the daily winner Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT) 944,6 and third the Swiss Simon Ammann with 931,9 points.

In the 55-year long history of the four hills tournament Jacobsen is the 10th winner from Norway. He is only the fifth athlete to win in his first participation. Before him Bradl (Aut/1953), Björnstad (Nor/1954), the Russian Kamenski (1955) and the Finnish jumpers Uotinen (1956), Laakkonen (1989) and Nieminen (1992) did the same. Ammann was only the third Swiss jumper after Walter Steiner (2nd 1974 and 1977) and Hansjörg Sumi (2nd 1979) to be on the final podium.

Schlierenzauer won the competition in Bischofshofen with the total score of 291,9 and jumps on 139,5 and 141 m (only 2 m less than the hill record). Second was Jacobsen with 289,1 points and jumps on 137,5 and 142 m (1 m less than the hill record). Third placed Simon Ammann got 275,5 points (135/137,5 m). Schlierenzauer won his fourth World Cup competition after Lillehammer, Engelberg and Oberstdorf. Jacobsen, who won in Engelberg and Innsbruck, stood for the 6th time in his career on the podium. Simon Ammann, the Double Olympic champion from 2002, stood for the 13th time on a World Cup podium.

There were fair conditions with regular wind. The audience was 22000.

Statements of the top three athletes:

Anders Jacobsen: "The most emotional moment during this four hills tournament was in Innsbruck, when I heard for the first time the national anthem, I cried almost. The tournament was very hard but thanks my whole team I managed it very well. This victory is just great and I enjoy like a little boy. I felt the pressure before the competition but then I got a piece of chocolate and a coffee. So I was ready for the competition. Before the final jump I was very nerveous but we had a good atmosphere among the jumpers in the warming room at the start. Everybody wished good luck to the others. Now I'm looking forward for the Ski Flying in Vikersund. There will be a lot of Norwegians so that I'm almost a little scared about this competition."

Gregor Schlierenzauer: "To win on my birthday is like a dream day. Everything worked well today, I was lucky and it was great to jump in front of this enthusiastic public. I'm very, very happy to be second in my first four hill tournament ever. Now I have to talk to my coaches what's going on next. I'm still new in the World Cup so we decide step by step. The whole tournament was very hard. So we will see if I'm participating at the Ski Flying World Cup next weekend."

Simon Ammann: "I felt really a big tension before the competition. Then I did two good jumps, not really bombs but good ones. It wasn't so easy after the training the day before where I had some problems. I'm very happy, it was really a fair tournament from all parts. Specifically the atmosphere among the jumpers was as good as never before in all my years during the World Cup."

Results: www.fis-ski.com

Best regards

Kurt Henauer