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**e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping
Competition Facts
Klingenthal (GER)**



Schlierenzauer wins thanks a hill record in the 1st round

Gregor Schlierenzauer won the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competition in Klingenthal (Ger). The 17-year old Austrian got the total score of 289,8 points with jumps on 142,5 and 138,5 m. Second was the 2002 Double Olympic champion Simon Ammann (Sui) with 280,3 points and jumps on 134,5 and 141,5 m. On third position was the dominator of the qualification, Adam Malysz (Pol) 272,1 (137,5/134,5 m).

In the World Cup the Norwegian Anders Jacobsen, who took a break, kept the lead with 987 points. Schlierenzauer came now up on 901 points. Third is Malysz with 817. The competition in Klingenthal replaced one of them which were cancelled in December in Harrachov (Cze). Man of the day, best ranked athlete, who wasn't prequalified (not Top 15 in the World Cup) was the Austrian Arthur Pauli on 6th place. He got an extra prize money of 2000 Euro.

Exactly one month after his last victory in Bischofshofen (Aut), where he celebrated his 17th birthday, Gregor Schlierenzauer stood for the 5th time in his career on the top of the podium. In the first round he improved the hill record, done by Adam Malysz (139,5 m) in the qualification on 142,5 m. Ammann as well had to wait one month until he could claim again the podium. He did it for the 6th time in this winter. The threefold seasonwinner Adam Malysz was for the 4th time in this winter on the 3rd place. He has now a total of 68 podiums.

The audience was 20000. There was constantly snowing. The first round had to be restarted after 28 jumpers, when Sigurd Pettersen landed on 142 m. The next competitions are in Willingen on 10th/11th February. *Attention:* There will be first the individual competition (on Saturday) and only on Sunday the team event.

Quotes of the top athletes:

Gregor Schlierenzauer: "I'm very proud on my fifth World Cup victory. The organiser did a tremendous job to prepare the hill, which despite of the snow fall was in a perfect shape. The conditions were difficult but it was a sensational atmosphere among the spectators. Now I have a good self confidence to continue the World Cup and for the World Championships."

Simon Ammann: "This hill fits me better during winter then in summer. It was an excellent competition. I'm very happy that this event came in the calendar. I had good legs, I felt free in the head and also the jumping technic was almost perfect. The public was very fair and supported all jumpers not only the best ones."

Adam Malysz: "Today I couldn't win but I'm satisfied to stay on the podium again."

Results: www.fis-ski.com

Best regards

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