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



First season victory for the thirtyfold World Cup winner Adam Malysz

Adam Malysz claimed the top of the podium at the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competition in Oberstdorf (GER). The 29-year old Polish skijumper won for the first time in this season. He got the total score of 283,1 points with jumps on 132,5 and 137 m. Second was the Austrian Thomas Morgenstern 279,9 (134/131,5 m), who was in the lead after the first round. On third place was the German Michael Uhrmann 258,9 (121,5/134).

In the current World Cup the Norwegian Anders Jacobsen, who was on 6th place, kept the lead with now 797 points. Second is Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT/663 points), who as Number 4 missed the podium with only 0,1 points. On third position is still Simon Ammann (SUI/576), who was 17th.

Adam Malysz has now a total of 30 World Cup victories. Only the two retired athletes Matti Nykänen (46) and Jens Weissflog (33) as well as Janne Ahonen (8th in this competition) with 32 victories are ahead of the Polish Ski Jumping star. Thomas Morgenstern, who suffered on a herpes zoster, claimed for the 4th time in this season the podium. Before he was already second in Innsbruck and Vikersund. The Austrian has now a total of 20 podium places. Michael Uhrmann is the first German in this season to stand on a World Cup podium. The 28-year old athlete has no a total of 11 podiums in his career.

The audience was approx. 10000. Due to the snowfall the first round had to be postponed around 45 minutes.

Statements of the top three athletes

Adam Malysz: "This was a very good competition for me. I jumped well the whole season but you need a little luck as well to win. Probably my jumps were not as perfect so far but I'm in a good shape. Already in Zakopane I felt good but unfortunately the weather was bad. The young jumper were very stable the whole season. So I think we have to care about them. It becomes more and more difficult I have to work hard to keep the contact. I'm again very happy that so many Polish fans were here. This is an important support for me."

Thomas Morgenstern: "The herpes zoster I got already last weekend in Zakopane. My whole immune system is in enfeebled and I felt completely empty after every jump. But I thought that at any time so far I jumped well when I was hurted or sick. Probably I'm not so concentrated on jumping but more on my health. Probably it works even better this way! We are all in a good mood in our team. We are pushing each other because everybody wants to be in the World Championship team. But we are seven athletes and four can start in Sapporo...Our humour in the team is World Class and it fits to us."

Michael Uhrmann: "I improved step by step. Today it worked quite well after I didn't jump so well in the beginning of the season. I did quite good jumps so far but it wasn't possible to be better than on 9th position. I think after Vikersund and Zakopane I did a step forward again. Already there I improved but the wind had to much influence. It's great to be on the podium. It's even more important for the German team because we had a hard time to go. But now we can say that we are still able to jump well. In the first round there were better conditions after my jump. I thought that it's not possible to hang again on 10th position. The the jump in the final round was really good. I gave me a lot of self-confidence."

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Best regards

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