

Malysz has now 32 World Cup victories

Only 24 hours after his first victory in Titisee-Neustadt (Ger) Adam Malysz won the second e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competition as well. The Polish jumper got the total score of 257,7 points with jumps on 129,5 and 134,5 m. Second was the Austrian Gregor Schlierenzauer 245,7 (128,5/130,5). On third place was the Russian Dmitry Vassiliev 242,4 (125/133).

The Norwegian World Cup leader Anders Jacobsen (987 points) was 4th. Second in the current standing after 15 competitions is Schlierenzauer (801) and third Malysz (757). The best not pre-qualified athlete, the Manner Man of the Day, was Mario Innauer, who was 5th, his best World cup result so far.

With the total of 32 World Cup victories the 29-year old Malysz equalized the performance of Janne Ahonen, who is third in the long-time ranking. Only Jens Weissflog (33) and Matti Nykänen (46) are ahead of these two jumpers. In this season Malysz won for the third time and he stood for the 6th time on the podium in this winter. The 17-year old Schlierenzauer has now 6 podiums in his short career (4x 1st, 1x2nd and 1x3rd). Vassiliev stood for the first time on the podium since 2001, when he was 2nd and 3rd. It is the first podium with the German coach Wolfgang Steiert.

The Austrians Thomas Morgenstern and Martin Koch didn't jump because they are sick. And the German Martin Schmitt had to take a break after his fall the day before.

The audience was approx. 8000. The wheater conditons were good with slightly tail wind.

Statements of the top three athletes:

Adam Malysz: "I'm really happy after this competition because the jumps were really good. I'm surprised that I came up so quick in the World Cup now and I hope to keep this good shape for a longer time. My goal for the World Championships is to win a medal. But it's difficult to say what happen in Japan because the weather conditions there are so different. But maybe it's better than in the World Cups which take place in January. Now we are one month later. I'm very proud that I know have 32 World Cup victories like Janne Ahonen."

Gregor Schlierenzauer: "The last competitions were quite difficult due to the changing weather. This was the reason that I did a little mistake at the take-off. This shows that Ski Jumping is a very sensitive sport. Therefore I'm very happy that I came up on the second position again. We feel a certain pressure in our team because everybody wants to start in Japan. We have a very compact team and I think we have a very positive energy among the athletes."

Dmitry Vassiliev: "Both jumps were on a good technical level. I'm very happy that I finally reached the podium. I was often close to the best but I wasn't so lucky with the wind conditions. In our team we are working hard for the World Championships. Our goal is to win a team medal in Japan."

Results: www.fis-ski.com

Best regards

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