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



Austria wins the last test before the World Championships

Austria with the two youngsters Arthur Pauli and Gregor Schlierenzauer as well as with Wolfgang Loitzl and Andreas Kofler won the the only team competition before the FIS Nordic Ski World Championships. At the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup team competition in Willingen (Ger) they got the total score of 998,4 points. Second was Norway (Hilde/Bardal/Jacobsen/Ljoekelsoey) with 990,5 points. The third place took Germany (Hocke/Bogner/Ritzerfeld/Uhrmann) with 931,8 points. There were only 8 teams at the start.

The Norwegians came strong up in the final round with Anders Jacobsen, who did the longest jump of the day with 147 m. Then in the end Austria kept the first position because Roar Ljoekelsoey (138,5 m) couldn't come up so much and the World Cup leader Gregor Schlierenzauer did a solid jump on 141 m.

The audience was approx. 15000.

Quotes:

Wolfgang Loitzl: "We have the advantage that many of our young athletes jump very well. During the last competitions it was obvious that an Innauer or Pauli jumped well. Therefore it doesn't matter if a Koch or Morgenstern stay at home. Schlierenzauer can already motivate and push the whole team."

Roar Ljoekelsoey: "Our goal in Sapporo is to win the team gold medal. I think we can fight for this together with the Austrians. My shape becomes better and better. Anders is in top shape already the whole winter. Tom and Bardal improved a lot. It will be interesting how strong the Finns with Ahonen will come back."

Jörg Ritzerfeld: "Our goal today was the podium because the Finns were not here with their best team. But I think at the World Championships it will be much more difficult. I think we also have to calculate with the Russians and the Japanese. If we give our best and Martin Schmitt is in the team again we can fight for a medal."

Results: www.fis-ski.com

Best regards

Kurt Henauer