

Jacobsen continued to win in his home country

After his great overall victory at the four hills tournament Anders Jacobsen continued to win: The 21-year old Norwegian won the e.on-Ruhrgas Ski Flying World Cup competition in Vikersund (Nor). Only 30 km south from his hometown Hoenefoss he got the total score of 388,3 points with flights on 208 and 193,5 m. Second was the Austrian Double Olympic champion Thomas Morgenstern 384,1 (206/189,5). On third place was the Finn Matti Hautamäki 377,7 (190/201).

In the World Cup Jacobsen increased the lead with his third victory in this season after Engelberg and Innsbruck. He has now 721 points. Second is the Austrian Gregor Schlierenzauer (584), who took a rest and didn't start in Vikersund. On third place is still Simon Ammann (562). The Swiss landed only on 11th place.

Jacobsen has seven podium places so far in his first World Cup season. And he got his first victory in a Ski Flying competition. Before this event he jumped on this hill as a forrunner for the COC in 2004. Morgenstern stood for the third time on the podium in this season: 3rd in Lillehammer and 2nd in Innsbruck before. For Matti Hautamäki was this the second podium as well. In Garmisch-Partenkirchen he was second.

The audience was approx. 25000. The wind conditions were quite difficult with mostly tailwind and some turbulences specifically in the final round.

Statements of the three best athletes:

Anders Jacobsen: "This was a great day for me. It was a phantastic feeling. Since my victory in Bischofshofen I feel just great and I'm still smiling. I'm mentally strong and did a good job again. After the four hills tournament I had some rest days at home with a lot of sleeping and eating. It's completely different to jump here compared to Bischofshofen. The inrun is very steep and has an angle of 42 degrees. I think every jumper is a little scared before the first jump. Already in training I flew over 200 m that means now I'm in in the Ski Flying group."

Thomas Morgenstern: "With this competition I'm very satisfied. Already in the trial round I flew over 200 m and felt that it can go well. I don't know exactly how it was with the wind. But when I look on my top speed with 104,8 km/h there must have been difficult that I didn't fly longer than 189,5 m."

Matti Hautamäki: "I expected that I could be among the top five in Skiflying. Both jumps were good and I can say that these were the two best jumps in this season. It wasn't so easy to jump with this tailwind. I'm not surprised that it worked better for me than in normal jumping because I'm always better in flying."

Results: www.fis-ski.com

Best regards

Kurt Henauer