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**e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping
Competition Facts
Zakopane (POL)**



Urbanc surprised with first World Cup victory

The 21-year old Slovenian Rok Urbanc won the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup competition in Zakopane (POL). In only one round he got 143,3 points for his jump on 136 m. Second behind the surprising winner was the Norwegian Roar Ljoekelsoey 138,8 (133,5) and the third last year's Zakopane double winner Matti Hautamäki (FIN) with 134,7 points and a jump on 131,5 m.

Urbanc won for the first time in his career a World Cup competition. So far his best result was the 17th place last weekend at the Ski Flying World Cup in Vikersund (NOR). One week before he won both Continental Cup jumpings, which were held in Planica (SLO). Ljoekelsoey was till now struggling a little bit and was never in this season among the top ten. Matti Hautamaeki did his third podium in this winter.

There were very difficult conditions with a lot of changing of the wind direction and some unexpected gusts. In both rounds the wind conditions were the same but finally the jury had to stop the competition because the last ten athletes in the final round had to wait too long time at the top of the hill. "This was the decisive factor that we didn't continue", the FIS race director Walter Hofer stated.

The audience was 26000 what means that the stadium was sold out.

Mazoch in stable condition

After his fall in the final round of the FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competition in Zakopane (POL) the Czech jumper Jan Mazoch (21) was brought to the hospital in Zakopane. There he is in the intensive care unit, intubed but in a stable condition. A CT examination showed a cranial contusion on the left side. Otherwise it seems that there were no other serious injuries noticed.

Statements of the top three athletes

Rok Urbanc: "This was my best jump so far in Zakopane. I had really good conditions, I can't say more I'm still little bit confused after my victory. But it's a great feeling to be on the top of the podium in front of this incredible crowd. My goal was to get World Cup points and now I won my first World Cup. For sure I had also luck that I won here."

Roar Ljoekelsoey: "The last time I was really working hard to improve. And I felt that it went forward step by step. For sure I was also lucky with the conditions. My problem in the past was that I couldn't push enough at the take-off. But now I hope that my performances will be better and better."

Matti Hautamäki: "I can't complain because I'm on the third place. The wind was really rotating a lot but I was lucky therefore I'm satisfied with this third place. I didn't matter that we had such a long travel because of the storm in Germany. This 32 hour trip had no influence on my competition. But Arttu Lappi got his jumping equipment only some minutes before the trial round."

Results: www.fis-ski.com

Best regards

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