

## e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping Competition Facts Engelberg (SUI)

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## Junior World Champion Schlierenzauer was not to beat

Only two weeks after his first World Cup victory in Lillehammer the Austrian Gregor Schlierenzauer won the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competition in Engelberg (SUI) as well. The 16-year old Junior World Champion from Austria got the total score of 269,2 points with jumps on 131 and 140,5 m. Second was the Norwegian Anders Jacobsen 263,3 (137/129). On third position was Adam Malysz (Pol) 253,6 (128/134).

After four competitions the Swiss Double Olympic Champion from 2002, Simon Ammann (4th in Engelberg) kept the lead with 280 points ahead of Schlierenzauer (250) and Jacobsen (246).

Schlierenzauer participated only for the fourth time in his career in a World Cup competition and claimed for the second time the top of the podium. The other rankings are 4th in Lillehammer two weeks ago and 24th last spring in Oslo. Almost the same steep career has Anders Jacobsen. The 21-year old athlete came only last summer in the Norwegian team and started in Kuusamo with the 3rd place in the World Cup. 10th and 2nd in Lillehammer and now again second in Engelberg are his other high class performances. The three times Overall World Cup winner was the "oldie" on the podium with 29 years. He got his second third place in his season. The 29-time World Cup winner has now a total of 63 podium places.

The conditions were quite equal with a little tail wind in the final round. The audience was 8500.

## Statements of the top three athletes

Gregor Schlierenzauer: "Due to a flue I had to stay in bed almost the last whole week. I felt not so strong when I came to Engelberg. Therefore I resigned the qualification and the trial round to save power. I had two really good jumps. It's always my main goal to jump two times well. I'm very happy now. On Friday I jumped for the first time on this hill. I like to jump on new hills. I try to do it very relaxed and to find the right feeling for the hill. Here I had no problems. I know that the expectations of the public raised extremly because of my two victories. But I always try the same, to do two good jumps. The only thing I have no influence on are the outdoor conditions.

Anders Jacobsen: "I'm surprised that it works so well for me. I hope that I can keep the shape as long as possible. I don't feel more pressure because of my good results. For me it's on every hill a challenge. Our team works very well and I'm sure that the others will improve until the Four hills tournament."

Adam Malysz: "In the first jump I was much too late at the take-off therefore I landed already on 128 m. The second one was better. I didn't expect that I have to be present at the winner's presentation. Then I saw in the TV in the team tent that I have to participate. As an old man I have to work hard to fight against the youngsters. I hope to do some more good competitions. Tomorrow here in Engelberg and then at the Four hills tournament."

Results: www.fis-ski.com

Best regards Kurt Henauer