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FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Seefeld (AUT) on January, 20th 2007

Gottwald wins, Lamy Chappuis 2nd, Moan 3rd

Felix Gottwald (83,5m) from Austria could gain his 20th World Cup with his victory in the Sprint World Cup competition in Seefeld (AUT). He won in front of Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA, 85m, +22.6s) and Magnus Moan (NOR, 79,5m, 34.2s).

Leading after the jumping, Mario Stecher (AUT, 86m, +49.1s) could not hold on to his lead and finished fifth in the end. Gottwald was fifth after jumping, Lamy Chappuis second and Moan 25th.

Despite his eighth place, Christoph Bieler (AUT, 83,5m; 1:06.6min) is still leading the overall World Cup with now 528 points in front of Hannu Manninen (505 points) and Magnus Moan (488 points).

Austria is also still leading the Nations Cup with now 1817 points in front of Finland (1540) and Norway (1330)

The next competition (IG) will be held tomorrow (21st Jan) at the same place. 10am Ski Jumping, 3:30pm Cross Country.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 42/9

Spectators: 15 000

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 3, HBC: ORF

Weather: cloudy, 5°C (SJ), 5°C (XC)

Snow Conditions: soft

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Special Remarks: Daito Takahashi (JPN) fell during the training. He was checked through in the hospital, but nothing serious could be found. Maybe, he already starts tomorrow again.

After a long night of hard work and the luck that the rain stopped already during the evening, the track as well as the hill were in good conditions so that a competition was possible.

Pictures:

Please note that high quality action and podium pictures from today's competitions are available for purchase through the Internet portal offered by Nordic Focus, FIS Partner for photos from the Nordic Disciplines, at www.menzipics.ch/info/indexfisevents.html

Quotes:

Felix Gottwald (AUT): "It is just an unbelievable feeling to win in front of a home crowd. I had a very good starting position after the jumping, so I was already quite happy with the jumping part. The race was very very hard. The snow was very soft and slow. However, big thanks to the organizers who have, with hard work during the whole night, made it possible to have a competition today. Who has been here yesterday has maybe seen that it didn't look very promising then!"

Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA): "I was already very happy after the jumping. My jump was very good although the conditions for the last ten jumpers were not that good anymore. So I am satisfied with my performance there. I knew that they race would be hard and that my only chance would be to stay together with Felix as long as possible and hope that the others would not come too soon. That worked very well and I am happy that I could finish second. I also had really good skis which made it a bit easier for me to ski in these difficult conditions."

Magnus Moan (NOR): "I am really happy to be back on the podium. The cross country race was very hard. I started fast and pushed hard during the first rounds to gain some places."

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But I was really tired. However, I passed quite many racers so I thought that I was not that bad and pushed further. My goal for the race was to catch Hannu, but when he lost one ski, I took the chance although I had to race alone the whole time after that. I am still not happy with my jumping. I show good jumps during training, but not during the competition. However, I have to admit I am not a big fan of this hill here in Seefeld. Anyway, I am satisfied with my second place today and hope that I can show a good performance tomorrow again.”

For complete results please visit www.fis-ski.com

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