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FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Oslo (NOR) on March, 18th 2007

Lamy Chappuis wins, Gottwald 2nd, Demong 3rd

Jason Lamy Chappuis could again gain a World Cup victory in the last competition of the season. After winning in Sapporo last season, he could now finish first in the compact Sprint competition at the legendary Holmenkollen in Oslo, Norway. He gained his victory in front of the Austrian veteran Felix Gottwald (92m; +12.6s) who celebrated his last World Cup race of his career, and Bill Demong (98,5m, 24.3s) from the US.

Leading after the jumping, Espen Rian (108,5m; +50.3s) from Norway, could not hold on to his lead and finished 11th in the end. Lamy Chappuis (107,5m) was second after the jumping, Gottwald 19th and Demong 7th.

After the cancellation of the Individual Gundersen competition, Hannu Manninen (FIN) could claim the overall World Cup for himself already yesterday. He won it now with 765 points in front of Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA, 696 points) and Magnus Moan (NOR, 684 points).

With his victory today, Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA) could also win the overall Sprint World Cup. For him, it is the first time that he could win such an award. He leads the Sprint Cup with 410 points in front of Magnus Moan (NOR, 316 points) and Felix Gottwald (AUT, 304 points).

Austria won the Nations Cup with 2497 points in front of Finland (2165 points) and Germany (1950 points).

This compact Sprint was the last World Cup of the season 2006/07.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 43/10

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Spectators: 5000

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 5, HBC: NRK

Weather: cloudy, light snowfall (cross country), 1°C (SJ, XC)

Snow Conditions: wet

Special Remarks: After having tried to hold the competition at the original time, the jumping competition had to be postponed due to difficulties with the inrun track. Therefore the competition was rescheduled at 4pm, with a 25min break between the last jumper and the start of the Cross Country race.

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:

Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA): "It is amazing! I had a pretty good jump for the conditions, so I was second after the jumping. This gave me a good start into the race. I tried to race together with Espen during the first laps but when I heard that the others were closing in, and I knew that Espen could not go any faster, I had to go by myself. I pushed very hard and the soft snow didn't make it much easier to race fast. Therefore I was really exhausted when I came to the finish but very very happy as well! It was great day for me, especially after all this difficulties with the inrun track and the wind at the jumping hill!"

Felix Gottwald (AUT): "I always wanted to have a good last competition. That I could finish second here at the Holmenkollen, in the last competition of my career, makes me very happy. My jump was actually quite good for the conditions we had at the hill today. I knew that I would still be able to get a good place if I would ski well. I didn't hang on to Magnus

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when he started very fast into the race which in the end was good because I had more power left than him. Now it`s time to relax and enjoy the day!"

Bill Demong (USA): "After my first jump, I was not satisfied at all, but I was happy that we at least would have a competition at all which was what I wanted to most today. Sitting around here for about a week and then not compete at all would have been just so bad. However, I got to jump again and could finish 7th after the jumping part. I started controlled into the race because I knew it would get very hard because of the soft and slow snow. That Felix showed such a good performance in his last race was great to see, although he passed me and put me on the third place. However, I am quite satisfied with the result and also my performance during the last half of the season. I hope I can continue there next winter! "

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