
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

WC Zakopane FIS World Cup Nordic Combined

FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Zakopane (POL) on February, 3rd 2007

Manninen wins, Tallus 2nd, Kircheisen 3rd

Hannu Manninen (121m, 118,5m; 239.4 points) could win the Mass Start competition in Zakopane (POL). After the cancellation of the jumping competition yesterday, he placed first in front of his team mate Jaakko Tallus (122m, 124,5m; 223 points) and Björn Kircheisen (119m, 126,5m; 221.6 points) from Germany.

Leading after the cross country race, Manninen did not loose his lead during the jumping, which was held on Sunday morning before the Sprint competition. Tallus was fourth after the race and Kircheisen sixth.

Hannu Manninen is now leading the overall World Cup with 605 points in front of Magnus Moann (NOR, 538 points) and Christoph Bieler (AUT, 528 points).

Austria is still leading the Nations Cup with now 1888 points, Finland is second with 1783 points and Norway third with 1465 points.

The next competition (IG) will be on Sunday, 4th of February at the same place.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 46/12

Spectators: 300

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 4, HBC: TPZ

Weather: snowfall, -2°C (SJ), -1°C (XC)

Snow Conditions: packed powder

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Special Remarks: -

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:

Hannu Manninen (FIN): "I am really happy that I could win this competition. The race yesterday felt really good and I enjoyed skiing alone, in front of everyone. And also my jumps were really good, especially the first one. I think that was the best one I showed during a competition this season. I think it was a good decision that we cancelled the jumping yesterday and rescheduled it for today."

Jaakko Tallus (FIN): "I am almost speechless. I am so happy that I am back on the podium again. It is a long time since I have been there. My jumps were really good and also my race yesterday went fantastic. With my fourth place in the race yesterday I had a good starting position for the jumping. However, I had to wait until this morning that I could climb the podium. But I think that it was good that the jumping was postponed until today. Otherwise it wouldn't have been very fair for everyone."

Björn Kircheisen (GER): "I showed quite good jumps today and also a really good race yesterday, therefore I am very happy. I am on my way back after some time of struggle and no good results. I am feeling fine and I hope I can continue like this in the next competitions."

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