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## **FIS COMPETITION FACTS – Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country**

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Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country presented by Rauch at Beitostoelen (NOR)  
on November 24th, 2007

### **Victory for Bjoergen and Teichmann**

**Marit Bjoergen (NOR) and the 28-years-old Axel Teichmann (NOR) won the Individual competitions 10 km (ladies) and 15 km (men) in free technique in Beitostoelen (NOR) at the second Cross-Country World Cup weekend.**

Marit Bjoergen took her first victory over the 10 km in free technique. She finished 20.3 seconds ahead of her team mate Vibeke Skofterud. On third place finished the youngster Charlotte Kalla (SWE) 21.2 seconds behind the winner.

For Skofterud, it was her fifth podium ever in her World Cup career, her last one was in November 2003. The 20-year-old Charlotte Kalle could finish for the first time on a World Cup podium place.

In the World Cup ranking Marit Bjoergen (NOR) is the new leader with 180 points ahead of Natalia Matveeva (RUS, 100 points) and Arianna Follis (ITA, 95 points), who finished in the today's race on 5<sup>th</sup> place.

In the men's race the German Axel Teichmann, the World Champion from Sapporo in the Pursuit race, celebrate his 7<sup>th</sup> World Cup victory 6.3 seconds ahead Lukas Bauer from Czech Republic. Teichmann could manage the victory with a very strong last kilometre. The third place took the Swede Anders Soedergren 13.3 seconds behind Teichmann.

In the lead of the FIS World Cup ranking are the both Germans Josef Wenzl (winner of the Sprint race in Duesseldorf) and Axel Teichmann with each 100 points. On the third place is Bjoern Lind (SWE, 80 points), who was not at the start of today's race.

Both interval start races were started with the usual starting interval of 30 seconds. The trial to start with different interval was not made due to a decision of the Jury in coordination with the TV.



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The next World Cup competition will be tomorrow with relay competitions for ladies (start: 10:30h) and men (start: 12.45h).

Number of participants/ participating nations: 65 ladies/19 nations, 85men/ 21 nations

Spectators: 3,000

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 68 Media / 5 TV on-site / NRK was the HBC

Weather: cloudy (ladies race), snowfall (men's race), -5°C

Snow Conditions: packed powder

Special remarks:

Course ladies: Height difference: 48m; Maximum climb: 48m; Total climb: 304m, Length of lap: 5km;

Course men: Height difference: 48m; Maximum climb: 48m; Total climb: 468m, Length of lap: 5km;

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](http://www.menzipics.ch/info/indexfisevents.html)

Quotes:

**Marit Bjoergen (NOR):** "I am very satisfied. This was my first victory in skating. I was a bit nervous before the start, but I knew that I'm in good shape, after the good results of the last weekend. I like the new courses at Beitostoelen, and I like that the speed was not as high as last week. Tour de Ski is my main goal this season, and I hope to have the yellow bib at the end of the season."

**Vibeke Skofterud (NOR):** "This was my fifth podium in a World Cup race. I felt that I had a good technique from the beginning of the race. Last year, I had some mental problems after the beginning of the season, so my results were not very good in the second period of the



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season. But this year I did a good job until now and I'm well prepared. I like Tour de Ski, for this I'm training for."

**Charlotte Kalla (SWE):** "This is my first podium position ever and I am very happy about it. I can almost not believe it. It was really nice to sit in the leading-chair. In the future, I like to sit there more."

**Axel Teichmann (GER):** "It was a hard race, but in the end I was the winner (laughs) The snowfall started before the race and continues, so we had all fair conditions. Now, I will see from race to race, stay healthy, and join the Tour de Ski. I hope to finish the Tour under the top 6<sup>th</sup>."

**Lukas Bauer (CZE):** "I'm very happy, but I was a little bit surprised about this good result. I didn't start so fast, I wanted to save a bit of my energy. The new tracks at Beitostoelen are much better than the old one. I have had two operations before this season but now everything should be fine and I hope to stay healthy during the whole season."

**Anders Södergren (SWE):** "Usually I'm not so fast in the first part of the races. But now I'm a good shape, better than last season, and was able to manage a good race from the beginning. My best 15 km result in free technique before the today's race was number four, so I'm happy about the podium. I had a good feeling from the start, but no special tactic during the race. The Tour de Ski is my main goal this season but I want to be in the top at all the races. I will make a little special preparation for the Tour and will skip out the races in Russia."

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