



FIS COMPETITION FACTS – Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country

VIESSMANN FIS Cross-Country World Cup in Kuusamo/Ruka (FIN), 15 km Individual start race men, 2nd of December 2007

Strong Bauer in Kuusamo

The Czech Lukas Bauer claim victory in the individual competition in classical style on the challenging course in Ruka.

After a second place in Beitostoelen (NOR) one week ago, the 30-year old Bauer could manage the victory in the classic individual race over 15 km. It was the 100 World Cup start for Bauer and the 4th victory in his career. He finished clearly 20,4 seconds ahead of Eldar Roenning from Norway. The third place took the Pursuit World Champion from Sapporo 2007, Axel Teichmann (GER) 21,9 seconds behind the winner.

Lukas Bauer was at the first intermediate time on 6th place but than he attacked and had at the intermediate times at 7,6 km and 13,1 km the best time. As always Axel Teichmann started slowly with the 24th place at the first intermediate time and was getting faster and faster during the race. On the last kilometer he pushed hard and finished third shortly ahead of Vassili Rotchev (RUS).

In the lead of the overall World Cup is now the winner of today's race, Lukas Bauer with 180 points, Axel Teichmann (160 points) is second and on third place is Johan Kjoelstad (124 points). In the distance World Cup, Lukas Bauer is as well in the lead (180 points). On second place is Axel Teichmann and on third place follows Eldar Roenning.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 86 men/24 nations

Spectators: 1,300

HBC: YLE was the HBC

Weather: cloudy, -14,7°C

Snow Conditions: hard packed



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Special remarks:

Course : Height difference: 56m; Maximum climb: 52m; Total climb: 543m, Length of lap: 5 km;

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.nordicfocus.com

Quotes:

Lukas Bauer (CZE): I didn't expect to be so fast. In the first lap, I felt slow and then I came better and better into the race. It was an amazing competition for me – it was my 100 World Cup start, I took the victory and the yellow bib, it is like birthday for me.

Eldar Roenning (NOR): My tactic for the race was to start quite easy and then attack. After two rounds I got tired and I got also the information that Lukas is skiing for the victory. But I'm very satisfied with my second place. Now I will go on Monday to Davos (SUI) for a training camp and competing at the World Cup races next weekend.

Axel Teichmann (GER): I'm satisfied with my race. I started slow but I was able to increase the speed to the end. Lukas was the right winner and he is also the right man in the yellow bib.

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