



FIS COMPETITION FACTS – Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country

VIESSMANN FIS Cross-Country World Cup in Kuusamo/Ruka (FIN), ladies 10 km Individual start race, 2nd of December 2007

Bjoergen won the Individual start race

Marit Bjoergen from Norway finished first in the Individual competition in classical style in Kuusamo/Ruka.

After the victory last weekend in Beitostoelen (NOR) the 27 year-old Marit Bjoergen claim victory in the classic Individual race on the 2 x 5 km loop in Ruka. She finished 9,0 seconds ahead of her team mate Astrid Jacobsen, the second of yesterday's Sprint competition. The third place took Justyna Kowalczyk from Poland 23,6 seconds behind the winner.

For Norway it was a successful competition with five athletes among the top 10 skier. During the women's race the weather was quite windy and the athletes mostly were skiing outside the track.

The leader of the overall World Cup is still Marit Bjoergen with 312 points, she made until now in all World Cup competition this season points. On second place follows Astrid Jacobsen (200) and on third place is Petra Majdic (SLO, 169 points). In the Distance World Cup, Marit Bjoergen is as well in the lead (200 points) ahead of Viebeke Skofterud (NOR, 130 points) and on third place follows Astrid Jacobsen (120 points).

The next competitions will be in Davos on Saturday, 8th of December 2007 – Individual start races over 10 km C (ladies) and 15 km C (men).

Number of participants/ participating nations: 68 men/22 nations

Spectators: 800

HBC: YLE was the HBC

Weather: cloudy and windy, -12 °C

Snow Conditions: hard packed



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Special remarks:

Course : Height difference: 56m; Maximum climb: 52m; Total climb: 362m, 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:

Marit Bjoergen (NOR): I'm very satisfied with my race especially due to the weather conditions. But I must say it was for all the same. My skies were perfect. I will now go to Davos and skip out Rybinsk to prepare me for the Tour de Ski in Val Senales (ITA).

Astrid Jacobsen (NOR): Again a second place - that is great! Two podiums at this weekend I didn't expect. Our team result is also amazing, five among the top team. Our goal is it to win the Nations Cup of the ladies, last year the Finn's made it and we were not so happy about that.

Justyna Kowalczyk (POL): A podium place is great for me. It was so cold and the conditions were not fitting so well for me. I started fast but than I got very tired. The Tour de Ski is a great thing and I'm looking forward for it. My goal there is it to finish under the top 10.

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

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