
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping

Ahonen wins first e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Flying in Harrachov (CZE) **Second competition cancelled** Jan, 20th 2008/hn

Janne Ahonen from Finland won the first of two e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Flying competitions in Harrachov (CZE) today. It was the substitute for the competition that had to be cancelled yesterday. The decision on Sunday morning was brought about by one competition round only. Ahonen received 187.9 points for his 199.5 meters jump. Tom Hilde (193 meter / 185.6 points) and Anders Jacobsen (191 meters / 181.2 points), both from Norway, finished on the places two and three.

Jane Ahonen (FIN)

The rain, the fog and the wind made this weekend quite difficult.

I'm satisfied as i had a good jump today, of course it's a perfect result to me.

Morgi was strong yesterday, but as you could see today, things can change very fast in Ski Jumping.

Tom Hilde (NOR)

We are tougher on this weather, we are vikings.

We have never been to the Oberstdorf flying hill but this today is a good sign for the upcoming Worldchampionships in Oberstdorf

Anders Jacobsen (NOR)

Today my jump was much better than the days before. I'm quite happy with todays result, there are two Norwegians on the podiums what more can we ask for?

Second competition cancelled

The second competition on Sunday had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions.

"The problem was not the wind and the problem was not the rain but it was the mixture of this two components. In the end there was no chance even to try to finish one competition round"

FIS race director Walter Hofer said after the decision to cancel the second competition on sunday..

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After his 5th place today, Austrian Thomas Morgenstern is still in a clear lead in the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping overall. Morgenstern (1115 points) now leads ahead of Janne Ahonen (810 points) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (707 points) who did not compete in Harrachov as he had to cure after a cold.

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

All results in detail can be found on <http://www.fis-ski.com/>

Kind regards

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