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e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping

Andreas Küttel from Switzerland wins in Engelberg

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The 6 competitions lasting winning run of Austrian Thomas Morgenstern ended in the second e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competition from Engelberg (SUI) today.

Local Andreas Küttel performed perfect and was the only athlete who could prevent next austrian win. Küttel received 252.7 points for jumps up to 125.5 and 136 meters.

Gregor Schlierenzauer (124.5 and 136 meters /248.9 points) and Thomas Morgenstern, (124.5 and 135 meters / 246.6 points) both from Austria finished on the podium as second and third.

It was the 5th World Cup victory of 28 year old Küttel and the first win for the new Coach from Switzerland, Werner Schuster

Dramatic was the fall of Austrian Andreas Kofler as last jumper of the competition. Kofler who was leading after the first jump, landed after days longest jump to 139 meter in the final round.

Kofler looked as the winner but fell after the landing of his jump. In the end Kofler stayed unhurt and finished on 5th position.

In the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping overall there are now four Austrians on the first four places:

Morgenstern (660 points) leads ahead of Gregor Schlierenzauer (429 points) , Wolfgang Loitzl (300 points) and Andreas Kofler (293 points).

Andreas Küttel (SUI)

Today's first jump in qualification was already good: I felt i'm in a good shape after that first jump today.

I had a good setup and the whole feeling was good today This is a great christmas gift for me. Of course it's something special to win here in Engelberg.

Last years we could practise here in Engelberg before the 4 hill tournament but we will make a break now without any training and I think this is a good solution. I will relax some days and hope I will still be in a good shape when the Tournament starts.

I will try to start into the Tournament as last year when I was second in Obertsdorf and won in Partenkirchen, but of course it will be hard to get a start like last year" ..

Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT)

"I'm pretty satisfied today. My jumps were not perfect yet but it's a good timing looking forward to the 4 hill tournament. We're in the king's class, if you don't have two perfect jumps you can't win in this league.

It's very good for us now that we have a little brake next days".

Thomas Morgenstern (AUT)

"I jumped really good today. The first jump was not the best but it was ok. The best thing that happened is that the series ended before the 4 hill tournament. Who knows what it's good for that i did not win today.

Now we will celebrate christmas with our families and friends. Then we go on training and hope we can go with the high jumping level.

The upcoming 4 hill Tournemant is not my main goal this winter but of course i want to do good if i'm competing.

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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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