

## FIS COMPETITION FACTS

### e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping

#### **56<sup>th</sup> Jack Wolfskin Four-Hill Tournament: Schlierenzauer takes the lead with a spectacular win in Garmisch-Partenkirchen** **Jan, 1st 2008/hn**

Gregor Schlierenzauer from Austria has won the second competition of the 56<sup>th</sup> Jack Wolfskin Four-Hill Tournament in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (GER) today.

Schlierenzauer received 274.4 points for jumps to 132 and 141 meters.

Schlierenzauer's second jump was not only the day's longest jump but also a new hill record on the completely rebuilt "Große Olympiaschanze" in Partenkirchen.

Janne Ahonen from Finland finished second (139 and 135 meters / 272.7 points) ahead of Germans Michael Neumayer (131.5 and 135.5 meters / 268.8 points) who surprised on the third place.

Gregor Schlierenzauer has now taken the lead in the Four-Hill Tournament overall. Schlierenzauer leads with 555.1 points ahead of his team mate Thomas Morgenstern (551.9 points) and Janne Ahonen from Finland with 551.7 points.

Norwegian Tom Hilde on place four in the overall is already 22.1 points behind Janne Ahonen.

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**Statements:**

Felix Schoft (GER): „I am satisfied to be qualified. It was a really good jump, but because of the conditions not as good as yesterday, but it is all right. I think this result is ok. I am glad to be part of this competition.“

Stephan Hocke (GER): „This was my best jump here, again a bit aggressive at the beginning, but it works. The hill is not easy for me, I had problems. Finally I was able to increase my results. At the end I am not totally satisfied.“

Arthur Pauli (AUT): „I was absolutely too late. The take-off was not good. As a consequence a better result is not realistic. With that error you cannot reach more. I am disappointed.“

Michael Uhrmann (GER): „Sure, I am not satisfied. But this is not a great disaster too. I will and I have to improve myself and train a lot. I will manage this difficult situation. A hard time, but better times will come.“

Georg Späth (GER): „I had problems, but today it went better. The year 2008 started not so good as I wanted. In my opinion we could have jumped on the old hill, the „old lady“ again ten years. But do not matter, I will go on and try to give everything in the future.“

Anders Jacobsen (NOR): „This was really not my best ski-jumping. I am looking forward to the next hill in Innsbruck. Because I have due to my victory good memories and I will try everything to win once more.“

Noriaki Kasai (JPN): „Today I had a lot of problems. It was impossible for me to show two equally good jumps. The inrun of the new hill is difficult, I think.“

Martin Schmitt (GER): „I wanted to show here stable jumps. Today I am satisfied with the result. I will try to go on further and increase even more. I am looking forward very happy to Innsbruck and Bischofshofen. I like the hill in Innsbruck.“

Simon Amman (SUI): „I wanted to attack today and I have risked a lot, maybe too much. In the end I did not get the result that I wanted. The jumps, especially the second one was quite good, but finally not so exact how I thought. Nevertheless I try it again in Innsbruck.“

#### **TOP 3**

Michael Neumayer (GER): „It was not yet a harmonic jump. I have to improve the part from the table into the first flight section. But I think I will manage that in the competition. It is a great pleasure to jump here in Garmisch. I have a little injury on my knee. Yesterday without a jump was quite good. During the competition I have no pain, but nevertheless I have to slow down the rest of the program, like training and so on.“

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Janne Ahonen (FIN):

**It was the 100 place in the career on the podium for Janne Ahonen today.** "I knew it was something about that, but I didn't know it was the 100<sup>th</sup> time today. Its great because its really a lot. I'm little disappointed about the 2nd place after the clear lead in first round today, but of course it's a good result".

Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT)

" I'm very happy now after this victory. Todays result gives me a very good feeling for the upcoming competition in Innsbruck. It is perfect to start as the overall leader on the home hill. I'm proud about the great new record on this realy nice hill".

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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](http://www.nordicfocus.com)

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

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