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56th Jack Wolfskin Four-Hill Tournament:

Ahonen takes the lead with a clear win in Bischofshofen after three competitions Jan, 5th 2008/hn
Janne Ahonen from Finland has won the third competition of the 56th Jack Wolfskin Four-Hill Tournament in Bischofshofen (AUT) today. (It was the substitute competition for the cancelled competition in Innsbruck yesterday).

Ahonen received 282.5 points for jumps to 138 and 132.5 meters.

Thomas Morgenstern from Austria finished second (271.4 / 138 and 132.5 meters).

Simon Ammann from Suisse finished third with 259.4 points (126.5 and 139 meters).

Janne Ahonen is now close to his 5th Four-Hills-Tournament overall win.

Ahonen leads with 834.2 points ahead of Thomas Morgenstern (823.3 points) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (811.7 points) from Austria.

Statements:

Georg Späth: „Not good. I had problems with this hill. Therefore I miss the meters you need to jump good. The energy is not there in the take-off. I can not manage to bring the power on the table. The result is really disappointing to me. I have to work on the take-off and my position on the hill.“

Michael Uhrmann: „The tournament is quite difficult for me. Such a situation I never had before. I will do my very best each day, but I do not reach the results that I want. That makes no fun. The power of my legs went in the totally wrong way. This is a very bad tournament for me.“

Martin Koch: „I do not know what is going on. I am not too late, no. I can not say what is wrong. I felt good, but I do not simply know what is wrong. Today I have to get rid of my frustration and tomorrow I will attack.“

Bjoern Einar Romoeren: „I had problems at the table. This is the reason why I was so short. I missed the first jump totally. All in all I am too inconsistent.“

Anders Jacobsen: „I have a new chance tomorrow. This competition was not good for me. I had big problems at the table. Nevertheless I could not see why I was not better.“

Manuel Fettner: „It was ok, especially the first jump. The second was not so good. Tomorrow I want to show again two stable jumps. But for today I have counted again points. Sometimes the perfect jumps will happen.“

Andreas Küttel: „At the table I was still ok. But then I had big problems with my ski and had to finish the jump somehow and too early. I have to be satisfied with the first jump.“

Wolfgang Loitzl: „I am satisfied, due to the fact that Bischofshofen is not my favorite hill. You always need some wind to be in the top three. I lost a few places. I am not disappointed, but also not satisfied. Tomorrow I want a good last competition to find a positive resume of the tournament.“

Michael Neumayer: „The dream still goes on. It was again better than expected. I did not show optimal jumps, but quite good one. Now I am stable in the top 10. Before I was 10 places back. I hope it will go on like that.“

Gregor Schlierenzauer: „I showed that a telemark at 145 meters is possible. I had problems with the timing. 2. Run I was too late. Therefore I have even more motivation for tomorrow. I will attack. It will be a great fight.“

Simon Ammann: „Janne and Thomas can be very happy that I start Ski jumping today and not before. Today the 2. jump was a big number. That is a victory for myself. But also a little surprise that it works so good.“

Thomas Morgenstern: „I am happy for Janne. He just won a competition since a long time. For me he is the greatest jumper. But tomorrow is a new day. And we will make it very difficult for him to take the overall win.“

Janne Ahonen: „I am not yet through. There is still one competition left and everything can happen. I think it will be a big fight.“

Pictures:

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