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56th Jack Wolfskin Four-Hill Tournament:

Ahonen first ever to take 5 wins in the Four-Hill Tournament overall Jan, 6th 2008/hn

Janne Ahonen from Finland has won the fourth and last competition of the 56th Jack Wolfskin Four-Hill Tournament in Bischofshofen (AUT) today.

With his second win in the 56th Tournament Ahonen achieved his 5th overall win in the Four-Hill Tournament. No athlete has made 5 overall wins in history of the Four-Hill-Tournament before.

Janne Ahonen (251.6 points / 126 and 136 meters) won after a dramatic final round in Bischofshofen ahead of Anders Bardal from Norway (243.6 points / 132.5 and 124.5 meters) and Austrian Thomas Morgenstern 242.7 points / 121 and 135.5 meters).

Thomas Morgenstern is still in a clear lead in the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping overall with 940 points ahead of Gregor Schlierenzauer (654 points) and now Janne Ahonen from Finland (615 points).

Statements:

Simon Ammann: „A very difficult slope. It was not easy to find the right mix to make a good jump. The competition had to be stopped. I cannot understand why they continued.“

Tom Hilde: „A very bad competition. But a better jump was possible for me. The worse conditions were not the reason for my disappointing result. I felt not so bad as the jump looked like. Janne Ahonen showed what is possible with these conditions.“

Wolfgang Loitzl: „It was difficult today. With 2 Km/h slower you cannot win. I am not used to such a situation. I had no chance. I had needed a fabulous jump, but it did not come. All in all it was no fair competition today.“

Andreas Küttel: „I never found the feeling in my jumps today. These conditions can happen sometimes. It is not good that it is the last competition.“

Arthur Pauli: „Run two was ok. The slope was very difficult. The whole tournament was ok for me. Ski jumping is an outdoor sport. So the weather plays an important role.“

Gregor Schlierenzauer: „Not to reach the final in my home competition is very sad. I also had a problem with my ski. I should not be today. But life goes on, I am young and I will be part of a lot of tournaments.“

Michael Neumayer: „In the first run I was too late. I reached the final. The first run was strange. The slope was very slow. So the best athletes had no good conditions. But this is ski jumping, good for me and bad for the others. It can be brutal. I am very satisfied for my overall result. But I would be also happy about the sixth place.“

Adam Malysz: „Janne is simply the best. He has the routine you need for winning big titles. I was relaxed too, but not satisfied at all after the four competitions. Next year I will attack and win the tournament.“

Martin Koch: „At the hill nearly the same conditions for everyone, that I had not expected. Overall I am not satisfied. I could have made it much better. After the disappointment yesterday I managed it better today. Morgenstern had not the luck he needed and showed a normal jump. It is sad, but the weather made the result of the tournament.“

Martin Schmitt: „It was a really good result for me. I am satisfied. After a long time closed to the podium, that is good. I have to train further and try to stabilize my jumps. With the first round today Michi had the chance to reach a very good overall position. Fantastic.“

Janne Ahonen: „What should I say. I am so happy about this victory. After Oberstdorf it seemed to be nearly impossible, but now I managed it. I can not realize yet what I have reached.“

Thomas Morgenstern: „It was a difficult competition, with a difficult slope. I have done my very best. The 2. run motivates me. I try to reach the overall world cup. You only can make one thing with 100 percent. The 4 hill tournament you cannot win easily. But the second place satisfied me at all.“

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Anders Bardal: „I was very nervous. I was never in my career the last man jumping. And I heard that Janne made a really good jump, that makes me even more nervous. But with the second place I am totally satisfied.“

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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