
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping

Tom Hilde from Norway celebrates first World Cup victory

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Norwegian Tom Hilde won the first of two e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competitions in Predazzo today. It was the first World-Cup win for the 20 year old Hilde.

Hilde received 133.9 points for a jump up to 130.5 meters. Hilde's team mate Sigurd Pettersen (130 meters / 133.5 points) finished second ahead of Austrian Wolfgang Loitzl (129 meters/ 132.7 points). The competition was cancelled after the first jumper in the second round due to heavy rain turning to snow on the upper half of the HS 134 hill in Predazzo.

The break after the first jumper was caused by spectacular fall of Norwegian Bjoern-Einar Romoeren. Romoeren already fell in first round. After the fall Romoeren had a technical problem with his binding during the start of his second jump. In the second round he struggled directly after the lift off and crashed to the ground. Roemerer left the outrun by himself and no injuries are diagnosed.

Thomas Morgenstern finished fourth today and is still in the lead in the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping (990 points) ahead of Austrian Gregor Schlierenzauer (Place 18 today / 667 overall points) , Janne Ahonen from Finland (5th place today, 660 overall points) and Tom Hilde from Norway (502 points)

Tom Hilde (NOR)

This is a great day for me. Of course i was a bit lucky, but it was not only luck, I had a good jump. I'm very very happy .

Sigurd Pettersen (NOR)

It was very wet today but it was a competition like others, skijumping is still outdoor sport. The hill preparation was really good today i'm happy. I hope it won't rain that much tomorrow. The fall of Bjoern-Einar has something to do with his fall in the first round. It looks like there was a problem with the binding after the fall but we don't know the details yet.

Wolfgang Loitzl (AUT)

It was quite difficult due to the weather conditions today. It was the best decision to cancel the competition after the first round.

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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