
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping

Gregor Schlierenzauer wins first competition in Zakopane (POL) Jan, 25th 2008/hn

Austrian Gregor Schlierenzauer won the first of two e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competitions in Zakopane (POL) today. Schlierenzauer received 276.5 points for jumps up to 134 and 131 meters. On the second place finished Anders Jacobsen from Norway (270.4 points / 136.5 and 129 meters) ahead of Thomas Morgenstern from Austria (264.9 points / 126 and 132 meters).

Statements

Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT): "I'm really happy, this was a childhood dream of mine to win in Zakopane one day and tonight it became reality. I love to jump here; the atmosphere is great and also the audience. I think that every ski jumper should get the opportunity to feel how it is to jump under these wonderful circumstances".

Thomas Morgenstern (AUT): "It wasn't easy for me to be on 12th place after the first round, but you should never give up. You always have to fight; we've seen that it is possible before.

With Schlieri this summer, when he jumped from a 12th place all the way to the podium. But to say honestly with my lost of points towards the top today, I gave up a bit, but I still knew that with a great jump in the second round I had the chance to gain many places on the result list".

Anders Jacobsen (NOR): "I'm really happy about my jumps today, but they are still not really great. I though think that I will be there soon. Me and my couch are working really hard and we are giving 110% the whole time, so I'm positive for the rest of the season".

Thomas Morgenstern is still in the lead of the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping overall. Austrian has now 1175 points. On the second place is Janne Ahonen from Finland (830 points / 13 place today) ahead of todays winner Gregor Schlierenzauer (807 points).

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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