
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping

Anders Bardal from Norway wins second competition in Zakopane (POL) Jan, 27th 2008/hn

Anders Bardal from Norway won his first career Ski Jumping World Cup in Zakopane (POL) today. One jump up to 137 meters was enough for 25 year old Bardal to win as the competition had to be cancelled due to changing winds after one round.

Bardal received 149.1 points for his jump, that was the win ahead of Thomas Morgenstern (145 points / 135 meters) from Austria and Simon Ammann (SUI) who got 144.2 points for his 136.5 meter jump.

Statements

Thomas Morgenstern: "I think that my jump in the competition was really good, but the conditions with the heavy snowfall and the changing wind made it difficult to jump. I have the feeling that for every place on the podium I am coming closer and closer to winning the World-Cup Overall. But of course it's still a long way to go and the final result will be done in Planica. I'm now looking forward to Sapporo, it is one of my favourite hills and in the past seasons I reached my best form there".

Anders Bardal: "I was really hoping for a second round to get the opportunity to show that I can do two good jumps, and really prove to myself that I have no problems to manage such a pressure. So I'm a bit disappointed now, but of course I'm really happy for my first victory and I can hopefully keep this good form of mine".

Simon Ammann: "This season I had a lot of bad first jumps in the competitions, but here I really had a great feeling. I would have really liked to do a second jump but the decision of the jury was correct. We've been here for some training since Monday and I'm really happy about that I could show my best in the end of the week. My whole team was really happy about this week, Zakopane is always a hard fight, and now it was my first good week-end, so I'm really happy about that. I think that one of the main reasons for bad jumps is the head, and I feel that today I manage really good to cope with that".

With his second place Thomas Morgenstern made his next step to win the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping Overall as his hardest competitor, Janne Ahonen from Finland could only do 16th place today. Morgenstern now leads with 1255 points ahead of Ahonen (845 points) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT / 839 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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