

JWCS in Zakopane (POL) German team wins gold medal

The German Junior Ski Jumping team won the last Ski Jumping competition at the FIS Junior World Championships in Zakopane today.

Felix Schoft, Severin Freund, Pascal Bodmer and Andreas Wank won with a total of 971 points ahead of the Austrian team (Thomas Thurnbichler, Manuel Poppinger, David Unterberger and Andreas Stolz / 953.5 points) and the team from Poland (Krzysztof Mietus, Maciej Kot, Dawid Kowal and Lukasz Rutkowski / 942.5 points).

Statements

GERMANY:

PASCAL BODMER: As the youngest athlete in my team, I am very happy with our gold medal in the team competition.

ANDREAS WANK: It is my second medal in the Junior World Championships in Zakopane. I really cannot find words to describe how happy I am.

HEINZ KUTTIN (COACH): I am very happy that my team did absolute everything that they could to win, and that they won.

AUSTRIA:

THOMAS THURNBICHLER: I don't think we've lost the gold medal but rather that we've won the silver medal.

MANUEL POPPINGER: I've started in this competition because of the injury suffered by Mario Innauer. It was very hard for me to substitute one of the finest athletes in our team, but I am happy.

COACH: It was a very tough week for us. I am satisfied with the two silver medals for our national team.

POLAND:

ADAM CELEJ (COACH): First of all, I would like to congratulate the winning teams of Germany and Austria. I am happy that we've finally managed to have a place on the podium in the Junior World Championships. After the 4. place of Lukasz Rutkowski in the individual competition, we've managed to overcome the difficulties, although we've been competing with number 13 on Friday.

KOT: Previously competing in the World Cup, I felt a bit of pressure on me before the Junior World Championships. All in all, I am very satisfied with our results in the team competition.

ŁUKASZ RUTKOWSKI: I was a bit unsatisfied with my 4. place in the individual race. However, I am very satisfied with our results in the team competition.

Today's result from the FIS Junior World Championships competition in Zakopane can be found in detail on

<http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2518>

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