

## FIS COMPETITION FACTS

### e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping

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**Gregor Schlierenzauer is the new FIS Ski Flying World Champion**

Feb, 23th 2008

18 year old Gregor Schlierenzauer from Austria has won the FIS Ski Flying World Championship 2008.

After four rounds in Oberstdorf (GER) he reached a total of 835,4 points.

With jumps to 212 and 217.5 meters in the first two rounds yesterday and 208.5 and 211.5 meter jumps in the third and fourth round today he managed to make the biggest victory in his young career.

On the second place finished Martin Koch from Austria with todays jumps to 213 and 201,5 meters (215 and 221 meters yesterday /total of 824.7 points) ahead of Janne Ahonen (FIN) who received 811,9 points (209 meters and 208,5 meters today / 210.5 and 206.5 meters yesterday).

Statements:

**Michael Neumayer (GER)**

The last jump was quite ok. That gives me confidence for tomorrow. The feeling is back to show good jumps in the team competition. The two days were training for Sunday. But a place at the podium is nearly impossible.

**Michael Uhrmann (GER)**

This was what I can show at the time. It's sad, but a better result isn't possible at the moment. You can't talk about ski flying at the moment. I'm disappointed for the fabulous crowd, but nothing went like it should. We can win a medal with a lot of luck only.

**Martin Schmitt (GER)**

I'd like to be in the top ten, but I didn't managed it. The jumps were all right for today. But they should be much better tomorrow. Schlieri is a fantastic jumper. Everyone in the german team has to show his best results for Sunday.

**Janne Happonen (FIN)**

I'm waiting for tomorrow. The team competition will bring a place at the podium I hope. It becomes better and better each day. We are very happy about Jannes 3. place.

**Anders Jacobsen(NOR)**

I have to jump more free. I should make it like the Austrians, they make perfect jumps at the moment. Tomorrow we will try to reach the podium.

**Simon Ammann (SUI)**

I have a cold since the beginning of the week. Therefore I can't show everything I have to give. The first jump today went good but I made too much in the second one. Top Ten at all is ok, but a few places further would be nice and possible.

**Adam Malysz (POL)**

At all not bad, first ten is really ok for me. Today I hade not so much air, so I was really down. I'm not disappointed with my result here in Oberstdorf.

**Björn Einar Romoeren (NOR)**

I'm totally disappointed, I can't say even more. The inrun wasn't like it should be, that was my great problem.

**Janne Ahonen (FIN)**

I'm very happy about the 3. place. Yesterday was a disaster. Today it was much better.

**Martin Koch (AUT)**

I'm very glad about the silver medal. This was my first single medal. But I'm a bit disappointed too, because if you are in the lead after three jumps, you hope to win at the end. Gregor and me are friends.

**Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT)**

This is a dream, my greatest victory so far. Ski Flying is a cool sport. I tried to play with the air and it worked perfect today. I can't realize it at the moment. For tomorrow we are the favorites, but everything is possible, you never know. We will see what will happen at Sunday. It's no party tomorrow, but a hard fight.

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**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](http://www.nordicfocus.com)

All results in detail can be found on <http://www.fis-ski.com/>

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