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## **FIS COMPETITION PREVIEW**

### **FIS Nordic Combined Summer Grand Prix**

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FIS Nordic Combined Summer Grand Prix Klingenthal Mass Start

#### **Frenzel wins, Kircheisen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rainer 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Eric Frenzel could gain his first victory in the senior series when winning the Mass Start competition of the 10<sup>th</sup> FIS Summer Grand Prix in Klingenthal, Germany. Behind him, his team mate Björn Kircheisen came second and the young Austrian Alfred Rainer third.

Leading after the cross country race, Kircheisen only failed slightly in holding on to his lead. Frenzel was six after the race and Rainer second (incl. the bonus).

The first Sprint bonus was won by Marco Pichlmayer (AUT) in front of Ronny Heer (SUI) and Christian Beetz (GER). Sebastian Haseney could take the second bonus Sprint, Seppi Hurschler (SUI) and Ronny Heer (SUI) followed on the second and third place.

With his victory today, Eric Frenzel is now leading the overall Summer Grand Prix, followed by Kircheisen and Rainer.

Weather: 21°C (XC), 19°C (SJ), sunshine, some clouds

Spectators: 5000 (XC), 2500 (SJ)

DNF: Andriy Parkhomchuk (UKR), Mitja Oranic (SLO)

Statements of the three best:

Eric Frenzel:

I am so happy, I have never thought that I could be on the top podium today. I knew that I am in a good shape in jumping, but I had to show my jumps today also under great pressure. My heart beat quite fast today when I was sitting on the bar as the last jumper in the second round. But I could manage which makes me quite proud. I was a bit surprised that the race

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went that well. I tried to stay with the main field during the laps in town. I felt good at the start of the uphill so I attacked there which worked perfectly for me. I hope I can show this form also in the other competitions now.

Björn Kircheisen:

I am really satisfied with my second place today, I didn't expect to be that good already again. I just finished a period of hard training including about 10 days of cross country training on snow in New Zealand, and I didn't expect to feel that good. That I could win the race was fantastic and it shows that I did some good endurance training, which gives my great confidence for the winter. I have to admit that I was a little bit angry after the first round when Eric jumped further than I, but he was definitely the best today and I am happy for him and his victory!

Alfred Rainer:

If somebody would have said this morning that I would be on the podium today I wouldn't have believed him. However, it is a great feeling to be there. My goal was to come under the first 20, and that also didn't change after my great cross country race, which I could finish as second. My jumps were also pretty good, although there are still some things which can be improved. I hope now, that I can hold on to this good form and can show some good competitions in Oberhof and the other stops of the Summer Grand Prix.

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