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Kreiner / Stecher win, Lamy Chappuis / Laheurte 2nd, Frenzel / Kircheisen 3rd

David Kreiner from team Austria I, together with his team mate Mario Stecher, won the Team Sprint competition in Berchtesgaden, Germany. They gained first place in front of France I with Jason Lamy Chappuis and Maxime Laheurte and Germany I with Björn Kircheisen and Eric Frenzel, who got second and third.

Leading after the jumping, the two Austrians Kreiner and Stecher could hold on to their lead and finished in a very tight finish sprint in front of team France I. The French were second after the jumping and could close the gap between them and Austria I already in the first round of the race. Germany I was eighth after the jumping.

The overall points for the Team Sprint will be divided by two in order to count for the overall Summer Grand Prix ranking. Here, David Kreiner continues to wear the yellow bib and is now leading with 290 points. Behind him, Jason Lamy Chappuis is second with 232 points and Björn Kircheisen is third with 210 points.

The next competition (IG) will be held tomorrow (2nd September) in Bischofshofen, Austria. This competition will be the last one of this year's FIS Nordic Combined Summer Grand Prix.

Weather: 17°C (XC), 18°C (SJ), heavy clouds, some rain

Spectators: 2500 (XC), 550 (SJ)

DNQ (XC): Norway II (Schmid / Tande), Switzerland (Hug / Hurschler), France II (Martinez / Felisaz)

DNF: Ukraine (Parkhomchuk / Trachuk)

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Statements of the three best:

David Kreiner:

It is much more fun to start in a team and Mario has done a great job already with his jump! That gave me a lot of confidence for my jump. The race was very interesting, especially due to the weather. I took different wheels which were a bit slower but safer. It all worked out well and we are very happy.

Mario Stecher:

I am really satisfied. I think I had the best jump of this Summer Grand Prix. Surely we were also a bit lucky but this is what you need sometimes. We had a great race and worked really well together with the French and in the end we could finish first which is great.

Jason Lamy Chappuis:

The jumping didn't go as well as during the last competitions. But Max did a great job and so we were second after the jumping which gave us a good starting position for the race. The race was a lot of fun because it had very fast changes. In the end it was really close, but we are nevertheless happy with our second place.

Maxime Laheurte:

I am really satisfied with my jump today. Last week it didn't work at all, but now I am quite confident and hope that I can also show this kind of jump tomorrow again. The race was quite nice despite of the rain. We worked pretty well together with the Austrians and in the end it was very close and they won. However, we are really satisfied with the second place.

Björn Kircheisen:

I am really satisfied with the jumping, although we both didn't have as much power as before. The third place is a good result and especially in the race we showed that we had worked

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very well over the summer. So we are pretty confident for the winter. The tactic during the race worked also pretty well so we are very satisfied overall.

Eric Frenzel:

Today was the first time that my jumps didn't work that well. However, Björn showed a good jump. The race went pretty well for us and I am especially happy with it because the inline skate races are not my favourite ones and I am normally not that good at them. That we could gain third place after place eight after the jumping makes me pretty confident also for the winter.

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