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Lamy Chappuis wins, Kreiner 2<sup>nd</sup>, Denifl 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jason Lamy Chappuis from France won the last competition of this year's FIS Nordic Combined Summer Grand Prix in Bischofshofen. He gained first place in front of David

Kreiner and Wilfried Denifl, both from Austria.

Leading after the jumping, Denifl had to let go in the second last round when the group behind him could catch him. Lamy Chappuis was fifth after jumping and Kreiner fourth. Janne Ryynänen, second after jumping, finished 13th in the end. Bernhard Gruber, third after

jumping, finished fifth.

The Individual Gundersen competition was once again held without any qualification which meant that every athlete could jump a second time and could therefore also race.

With his second place today, David Kreiner (AUT) could win the overall Summer Grand Prix with 370 points in front of Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA, 332 points) and Björn Kircheisen

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(GER, 236 points).

This year, in total 15 nations with around 86 athletes took part in the 10<sup>th</sup> FIS Nordic Combined Summer Grand Prix.

Weather: 17°C (XC), 16°C (SJ), cloudy

Spectators: 4000 (XC), 500 (SJ)

DNS (XC): Tallus (FIN)

DNF (XC): Schmid (NOR), Camerota (USA), Munari (ITA)

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DNS (SJ 2<sup>nd</sup> round): Edelmann (GER)

Statements of the three best:

Jason Lamy Chappuis:

It was a great day for me today. My first jump was quite disappointing, I can do much better. However, it was like in Oberhof, the second jump was much much better, so I was back in the race. I knew that my only chance to win was to go with David and that worked well once again. We worked together pretty well and in the end I had some more power left for the finish sprint. During the race we were a bit afraid that the group behind us with Seppi would come too close, but we could keep them away. I am really happy that I could also finish second in the overall. That gives me a lot of confidence for the winter.

#### David Kreiner:

I had a great week. I was already happy with my sixth place but after I won I really had a run. My last victory is some time ago already so I had to learn how to win again. However, these victories give me a lot of confidence; especially that the best Nordic Combined athletes were at the start. During the race I felt the last couple of races and in the end, Jason was a bit stronger. But we worked together pretty well and so we could keep the other group behind us. The jumping was alright, the trial was pretty promising but the competition rounds didn't go as planned. I hope that I can show the same shape during the winter. Yellow is really nice to wear.

#### Wilfried Denifl:

The jumping went really well for me and I had two great jumps. I tried to keep the speed high during the race and just go my own race. However, the others came pretty close and I thought it is better that they do not get my in the last uphill so I slowed down a bit and went with them after they caught me. The finish sprint went well, too, and in the end I am really satisfied with my third place. I hope that I can keep that level!

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