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## **FIS COMPETITION FACTS**

### **WC Trondheim FIS World Cup Nordic Combined**

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FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Trondheim (NOR), December, 8th 2007

**Demong wins, Kircheisen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ackermann 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Bill Demong from the USA realised his third World Cup victory by winning the IG competition in Trondheim, Norway. He gained first place in front of the two Germans Björn Kircheisen and Ronny Ackermann.

Leading after the jumping, Willi Denifl from Austria, for whom it was the first time to win the ski jumping competition, could not hold on to his lead and finished ninth in the end. Demong was eighth after jumping, Kircheisen, 12<sup>th</sup> and Ackermann sixth.

Ronny Ackermann is still leading the overall World Cup with now 210 points in front of his team mate Björn Kircheisen (198 points) and Bill Demong (196 points)

The Nations Cup ranking is now lead by Germany with 578 points in front of Austria (376 points) and the USA (336 points).

Hannu Manninen, the overall World Cup winner of the last four years did not start. He decided after his trial jump that it would be better not to compete. He is dragging a flue around with him for over a week now and he is not feeling very well. If he will start tomorrow is still open.

The next competition (Sprint) will be tomorrow at the same place (10.00 jumping, 12.45 cross country, local time).

Number of participants/ participating nations: 46/11

Spectators: 200 (SJ), 1000 (XC)

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Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 60 media (NC & SJ), 6TV (NC & SJ), HBC: NRK

Weather: cloudy, some snow-rain showers, 0°C

Snow Conditions: packed

Special Remarks:

DNS SJ: Thompson (CAN), Manninen (FIN)

DNS XC: Kobayashi (JPN)

#### **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.menzipics.ch/info/indexfisevents.html](http://www.menzipics.ch/info/indexfisevents.html)

#### **Quotes:**

**Bill Demong (USA):** "I am really happy. I had two good jumps with the first one as the better one of the two, but it gave me a good starting position for the race. I felt quite confident about the skiing and although of course I raced hard, it didn't feel too tiring, especially going in front most of the time. I had good skis and really enjoyed skiing. It's a great start into the season for me and of course I hope that I can go on like that for the rest of the season, but it is still a long way until the end. Therefore I hope to keep consistent in such a high level and just always give my best. I really like it here so I hope I can show such a good competition again tomorrow!"

**Björn Kircheisen (GER):** "Unfortunately I didn't have enough energy left for the last couple of meters, but I am still very satisfied with my race today. I tried to close the 30 seconds gap between me and the other good skiers which cost a lot of energy. I also tried to break up the group, which cost again some energy which I missed in the end. However, I had a very good starting position after the jumping and of course hoped a little for the victory, but Bill was

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clearly the better one today. Now I look forward to the competition tomorrow and hope that I can show a good competition once again.”

**Ronny Ackermann (GER):** “I had two very good jumps today, almost as good as the third one in yesterday’s training. I didn’t have the greatest of luck with the wind in the second jump, but I still got quite a good starting position for the race. I am also pretty satisfied with my race. Skiing didn’t feel that easy today so I would say the third place was the maximum which was possible for me today; therefore I am really happy that I could get third. Of course it is nice to still have the yellow bib but it is not the main focus for me at the moment. I just try to be consistent and to show the best possible competition. If I will still have the yellow bib at the end of the season it would be really nice, but it is not my main goal to keep it until then.”

For complete results please visit [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com)

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