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FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Trondheim (NOR), December, 9th 2007

Bieler wins, Lamy-Chappuis 2nd, Gruber 3rd

Christoph Bieler from Austria won the second World Cup competition in Trondheim, Norway. He was followed by the French Jason Lamy-Chappuis and Bernhard Gruber, also from Austria. In a once again very interesting and tight race the victory was battled out in a very close finish sprint.

Leading after the jumping, Bernhard Gruber worked hard to hold on to his pole position, but Bieler and Lamy-Chappuis eventually caught Gruber and passed him. Lamy-Chappuis was third after jumping like Bieler.

Ronny Ackermann, who got fifth today, is still leading the overall World Cup with now 255 points in front of his team mate Björn Kircheisen (234 points), who got seventh today, and Christoph Bieler (224 points).

The Nations Cup ranking is still lead by Germany with now 729 points in front of Austria (592 points) and the Finland (405 points).

Like yesterday, Hannu Manninen did not start in the competition due to his flue. He will be back again in Ramsau. The three French Lacroix, Martinez and Laheurte did not start in the competition as they decided to start in Hoydalsmo (NOR) / Vuokatti (FIN) in the World Cup B.

The next competition (Mass Start) will be next Saturday (15.12.) in Ramsau (14:00 XC, 16:00 SJ).

Number of participants/ participating nations: 43/11

Spectators: 400 (SJ), 2000 (XC)

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

Weather: clear sky, -9°C

Snow Conditions: hard

Special Remarks:

DNS SJ: Lacroix (FRA), Martinez (FRA), Laheurte (FRA), Manninen (FIN)

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

Quotes:

Christoph Bieler (AUT): "I was already very happy in Kuusamo when I could gain a good place with my cross country race, but that I can also win by using my skiing is fantastic. I had a very good starting position after jumping, so I was very motivated for the race. Skiing felt very good and so I just went for it. The track was really hard and fast which is good for me. The finish sprint was pretty hard though, but I am happy that I could win it. I am looking forward to Ramsau now and hope that I can show such a competition at home as well."

Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA): "My season didn't start as I hoped for so I am really really happy to be back on the podium again. I hope I can keep this I of competition and get another two podiums in Ramsau, which I really like. Before the race I thought about a place under the top 5 so I am very satisfied that it worked out with a podium place. This gives me a lot of confidence. My jump today was the best I had until now this season so I hope it gets better and better from here. It was a tight race and in the end I missed the last bit of energy which I would have needed to beat Christoph in the finish sprint. Nevertheless I am very satisfied with the whole competition."

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Bernhard Gruber (AUT): “I am very happy! Finally I made my first World Cup podium! I had a really good jump so with starting first into the race I had the best position. However I had to race alone for quite a while and I had to keep the speed up because I knew that the group which came from behind was very big. If you would be caught in that, you could easily be eighth or tenth. After jumping I of course dreamed a bit about a podium place, but I knew it would be very hard. Now in Ramsau we have a home competition which is always good. So I hope I can show such a good competition again!”

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