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FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Schonach (GER), January, 5th 2008

Lamy Chappuis wins, Demong 2nd, Moan 3rd

Jason Lamy Chappuis from France could gain his first victory of the season after a tough start into the winter. Bill Demong (USA) got second, again with a tight finish. Magnus Moan (NOR), the winner from Oberhof, got third.

Leading after the jumping, Janne Rynnänen from Finland could not hold on to his lead and finished tenth in the end. Lamy Chappuis was third after jumping, Demong 12th and Moan tenth.

Despite his 16th place today, Björn Kircheisen (GER) is still leading the overall World Cup with now 478 points in front of his team mate Ronny Ackermann (GER, 466 points) and Bill Demong (432 points).

The overall Sprint World Cup is also lead by Björn Kircheisen with 251 points in front of Jason Lamy Chappuis (238 points) and Ronny Ackermann (220 points).

The Nation Cup ranking is still lead by Germany with now 1437 points in front of Austria (1098 points) and Norway (820 points).

The next competition will be at the same place tomorrow. It is the traditional Individual Gundersen competition for the Schwarzwaldpokal. Hannu Manninen (FIN), today 24th, could write history tomorrow by winning the cup for the fifth time and taking the cup home for good.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 43/11

Spectators: 1500 (SJ), 2500 (XC)

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Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 50 media (print (20) and photo (30)), 2TV, HBC: ARD

Weather: rain showers, slight wind, 4°C

Snow Conditions: wet

Special Remarks:

DSQ: Zauner (AUT)

DNS (XC): Frenzel (GER), Takahashi (JPN), Slavik (CZE), Braud (FRA)

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.nordicfocus.com.

Quotes:

Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA): "It was a huge relieve to be on the podium again and an even bigger one to on the top! I had a tough start into the season and when I finished 23rd in Oberhof a couple of days ago; it was not a good finish of the year for me. I was really frustrated. I had worked hard on my jumping after Ramsau. I had realized that it was not as good as it had been last year so my focus was on that. After jumping, which finally worked well again, I speculated with the podium. But I knew that Magnus and Bill will come and so I tried to keep some power for the end during the first two rounds. I attacked at the last hill. Pretty close to the stadium. I knew it was my last chance and I took. I am really happy!"

Bill Demong (USA): "I am very satisfied. It is still a bit new to me to be that constant on the podium. My competition jump was the best jump I had on that hill and I started as 12th into the race, which was pretty good. When Magnus and I talked before the race and he asked for what we should go for, I said "for the victory of course!" and so we did. Jason was better in the end, but I am still very happy. I tried to catch Magnus in the end which was pretty

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tough because he was racing very hard. From then on we worked together again and made it to the front. It was very tight in the end again, but I think that makes such races so interesting also for the spectators! It is incredible what the organizers did today in such a bad weather. The inrun track was so well prepared that you didn't even notice a difference to yesterday! Today's race was pretty hard, but I am already looking forward to tomorrow. The traditional Schwarzwaldpokal is of course something special."

Magnus Moan (NOR): "It was a tough and tight race again and I am very satisfied with my performance. I believed once again in my jumping technique, of which I am sure that it works very well. The competition jump was then quite good and I could start into the race as 10th. This weather is my weather and I felt good from the start on. I knew that I had some strong competitors to beat and in the end Bill and Jason were stronger. However, it was a very good cross country skiing race again and especially Bill earned it to be second and in front of me today. Although I don't really like the hill here I am looking forward to tomorrow already and hope that we have again such a great crowd as today!"

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