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FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Seefeld (AUT), January, 27th 2008

Lamy Chappuis wins, Gruber 2nd, Bieler 3rd

Jason Lamy Chappuis from France could gain his second victory of the season by winning the second competition in Seefeld. Although it was planned to be an Individual Gundersen competition, strong and changing wind changed the schedule to a Sprint competition of which the jump was already carried out yesterday. After Lamy Chappuis, Bernhard Gruber from Austria and his tame mate, the winner of yesterdays race, Christoph Bieler, became second and third.

Leading already after the jumping, Gruber could almost hang on to his lead with the 20th cross country skiing time. Lamy Chappuis was second in the jumping and the sixth fastest cross country skiing time helped him win the race. Bieler was third in the jumping; his skiing time was the 15th best one.

Ronny Ackermann (GER) is still leading the overall World Cup after his fifth place today with now 956 points in front of Bill Demong (741 points) and Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA, 713 points).

With his victory today, Jason Lamy Chappuis is now leading the Sprint World Cup with 495 points in front of Ronny Ackermann (GER, 470 points) and Christoph Bieler (AUT, 404 points).

The Nation Cup ranking is still lead by Germany with now 2690 points in front of Austria (1988 points) and Norway (1580 points).

The next competition (MS) will be in Liberec. The second period of this winter's World Cup is now finalised. The third and last period will start in Liberec. The competitions in Liberec are

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the pre-World Championship competitions for the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2009 in Liberec.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 45/12

Spectators: 8.500

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 57 media (print (18) and photo (37)), 3TV, HBC: ORF

Weather: cloudy, windy, 5°C

Snow Conditions: packed

DNS: Haseney (GER), Dvorak (CZE)

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): "I am very happy with this victory today. I had a very good jump yesterday and with it a good starting position for the cross country race. I tried to get to Berni quite soon and then we raced together the whole time. I had a chat with Berni before the race and we knew that we would only have a chance to keep the others away by working together. It was pretty icy today on the track and you always had to keep focused so it was a very hard race and which you didn't have much time to relax. In the end I had some power left and pushed very hard in the last uphill and in the stadium to keep some space between me and the two Austrians. They couldn't follow and so I won. It was great coming into the stadium with such a crowd."

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Bernhard Gruber (AUT): “I am endlessly happy that I could really make it on the podium today. I had a fantastic jump yesterday. 100m is pretty far on that hill. By winning the jumping I had of course the best possible starting position for the race. I already felt strong when I went skiing just before the race and knew that I could make it onto the podium if we who would be in front, would work together. That worked pretty well. First I skied my own race until the others were with me and then we went on together. When we heard that the gap between us and the others was not decreasing I went for it and speeded the race up. I think that was what brought us onto the podium today. In the end Jason had some more power left, but I am very very happy and satisfied with my second place!”

Christoph Bieler (AUT): “It was a great weekend for me with the victory yesterday and my third place today. I hoped for a second jump, but the conditions were really not that got and so I guess it was better not to have the jump. In the end I was happy that I only had to ski 7,5km because my legs were really tired after the hard race yesterday. I have to thank Berni and Jason who really helped my secure the podium place. I had to work pretty hard to stay with them. The victory yesterday was like a dream and I am very satisfied that also the second competition here in Seefeld went really well or me!”

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