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## **FIS COMPETITION FACTS – Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country**

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Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country presented by Rauch at Falun (SWE)  
on March 24th, 2007

### **World Cup Final in Falun: Pursuit victory for Bjoergen and Angerer**

**Marit Bjoergen from Norway and the Tour de Ski winner Tobias Angerer (GER) won the last individual races of the season, the Pursuit over 7,5 km + 7,5 km (ladies) and 15 km + 15 km (men) in Falun, Sweden.**

Marit Bjoergen finished the season like she started into it – with a victory. She took the victory in the finish sprint with a total time of 51.40 minutes. Katerina Neumannova finished her last Cross-Country race of her great career (6 Olympic- and 5 World Championships Medals and 20 victory in the World Cup) on the second place just 3.2 seconds behind Bjoergen. The third place went to the youngster Therese Johaug (NOR, 5.8 sec. behind).

The trophy of the overall World Cup went to Virpi Kuitunen from Finland, who finished in the today's race on place 28<sup>th</sup>. She won clearly with 1510 points. On second place is Marit Bjoergen with 914 points and Katerina Neumannova follows on the third place with 894 points.

The Distance Cup was also won by Virpi Kuitunen (650 points), on second place finished the season Katerina Neumannova (627 points) and the third place took the team mate of Kuitunen, Aino Kaisa Saarinen (441 points).

Virpi Kuitunen could win in this World Cup season all big titles, from the Tour de Ski Victory to all World Cup overall rankings. She earned during the World Cup season 286500 CHF.

In the men's race Tobias Angerer (GER) could finished first and manage with this victory his 10<sup>th</sup> World Cup victory. The second place took Mathias Fredriksson (SWE), just 0,2 seconds behind Angerer. For Fredriksson it was the first podium place in this season. On third place finished Emmanuel Jonnier (FRA, + 0,4 second), who could make this third podium place this season.

The trophy of the overall World Cup went also to Tobias Angerer with totally 1131 points. Alexander Legkov (RUS) could profit from his second place at the Tour de Ski and got also

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the second place in the World Cup ranking with 578 points. Shortly behind, on third place is Eldar Roenning (NOR) 556 points.

Also the distance World Cup went to Angerer (592 points). Second place in this ranking took Vincent Vittoz from France with 415 points. On third place is Odd-Bjoern Hjelmeset with 348 points.

Tobias Angerer earned during this World Cup season a total prize money of 197750 CHF.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 53 ladies, 69 men/ 19 nations

Spectators: 5,000

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 134 Media / 6 TV on-site / SVT was the HBC

Weather: sunny, 4°C

Snow Conditions: wet

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:**

**Marit Bjoergen (NOR):**

“This victory means a lot for me, since I have not had such a good season but it is a good feeling to be back again on top. My body was feeling good and I realized after the classical part, which were very hard today, that I could manage a good result.”

**Katerina Neumannova (CZE):**

“I did not really like the conditions, but I felt quite well and since the classical part of the race was slow I decided to push forward to the end of the race. Normally it was planned that I will pick up all my medals during the race from my friends and ski with them the last part but my

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position was to good. Thank you to my friends for the nice welcome in the finish area and also to Madshus for the golden skis – that was a nice idea.”

### **Therese Johaug (NOR)**

I liked the race very much, and of course, the “Killer Hill” was tough. But it helps me that my weight is not so much. One of my next goals in the future is for sure in Katerina’s home – the World Championships in Liberec 2009”.

### **Tobias Angerer (GER)**

The classical part in this race was difficult. The Norwegians surprised me a little bit with their speed but than the free technique part worked very well. The victory here in Falun counts a lot for me because I won here my first World Cup. But the best moment of the day was that the German Television surprised me after the race with Gunde Svan. He congratulates me to my victories. Gunde Svan was my favourite skier when I was young. My next big goal is now to win a aold medal at the World Championships or at the Olympics.

### **Mathias Fredriksson (SWE)**

This good results from me and Anders (Soedergren) was very important for the Swedish team. I’m happy that I could reach today here in my home country the podium. We had no team tactic during the race, we were just pushing as much as possible.”

### **Emmanuel Jonnier (FRA)**

My classical part was today very good. I felt very good during the whole race and the result – a third place here in Falun – that makes me satisfied. I was now three times on the podium this season and every time together with Tobias (Angerer). Maybe I’m able to beat him in the future.

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

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