
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

WC Ramsau FIS World Cup Nordic Combined

FIS World Cup Nordic Combined at Ramsau (AUT) on December 16th, 2006

Bieler wins, Koivuranta 2nd, Laheurte 3rd

Christoph Bieler (AUT, 96m, 97,5m; 265.0 points) could gain his second World Cup victory in the Mass Start event in Ramsau, AUT this Saturday. He won in front of Anssi Koivuranta (FIN, 96m, 97m; 263.7 points) and Maxime Laheurte (FRA, 92m, 95,5m; 253.0 points) for whom it was the second time on the podium after his third place in Lillehammer two weeks ago.

Leading after the 10km cross country race, Hannu Manninen could not hold on to his lead and finished sixth in the end. Bieler was 17th after the race (+8.2s), Koivuranta 18th (+9.0s) and Laheurte 15th (+7.9s).

Christoph Bieler is now leading the overall World Cup with 276 points in front of Magnus Moan (229 points) who is second together with Anssi Koivuranta (229 points).

Number of participants/ participating nations: 48/10

Spectators: xxx

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 3, HBC: ORF

Weather: Sunshine, -1°C (Cross Country), -2 (Ski Jumping)

Snow Conditions: compact

Special Remarks: relatively flat track due to lack of snow

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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 am so happy! That I could win in Lillehammer gave me quite a lot of satisfaction, because I waited so long for my first victory. That I could now win again in front of a home crowd is even greater! My jumps were just perfect and the was also not to bad which was why I already had a good staring position for the jumping! Hopefully I am able to show such a good performance tomorrow again, but I am now quite confident about that. "

Anssi Koivuranta (FIN): "I am really satisfied with my presentation today. The skiing went alright and I had quite a good staring position for the jumping. My first jump was already really good, but the second one was almost perfect. Unfortunately for me, Christoph jumped half a meter longer than me and could claim the victory for himself. I now hope that I will have such a good day again tomorrow."

Maxime Laheurte (FRA): "It`s unbelievable! My third place in Lillehammer already felt as in a dream, but that I could be again on the podium today...unimaginable! The skiing already went quite well for me, so the starting position for the jumping was really good. I am also really happy about my jumps. Yesterday in the training, they were not so good. That is why I didn`t know exactly what I could expect from the competition. I hope that I can show such good jumps tomorrow again!"

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