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FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Val di Fiemme (ITA) on January, 14th 2007

Finland wins, Austria 1 2nd, Norway 3rd

The Team competition in Val di Fiemme (ITA) could be won by the Finnish team. Hannu Manninen, Anssi Koivuranta, Jaakko Tallus and Ville Kähkönen could take first place in front of Austria 1 (10.5s) with Felix Gottwald, Mario Stecher, Christoph Bieler and Bernhard Gruber and team Norway (+49.1s) with Magnus Moan, Espen Rian, Petter Tande and Havard Klemetsen.

Leading after the jumping, Austria 1 could not hold on to its lead and finished 10.5s behind the victorious Finnish team. Finland was fourth after jumping, Norway second.

Despite the second place in today's competition, Austria is still leading the Nations Cup with now 1604 points in front of Finland (1453 points) and Norway (1232 points).

The next competition (Sprint) will be on the 20th of January in Seefeld, Austria.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 52/10

Spectators: 800

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

Weather: sunshine, 1°C (SJ), 5°C (XC)

Snow Conditions: compact

Special Remarks: -

Pictures:

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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:

Ville Kähkönen / Hannu Manninen (FIN): "It was a good race from all of us today, also the jumping was good. The time difference between us and the leading Austrians was not too big, so we hoped we could be either second or first. The whole situation was not bad and we believed that we could do it and so we won. Hannu did a great job in the last two rounds and we are all very happy that we could take that first place today and show what we are able to do!"

Felix Gottwald (AUT): "Our whole team just had great jumps today. Therefore we had the best starting position for the race. Unfortunately not everything worked out in the cross country race and therefore we got second today. But, the second place is a good place as well and as long as we gain first place in Sapporo, everything is fine ☺ Personally, I am satisfied with my performance; my jumps get steadier and steadier now which gives me quite a lot of confidence for the next competitions and the World Championships."

Magnus Moan (NOR): "In the first round, everyone of us did a great job, however, Espen and me missed the second one; we both can do better than that, but shit happens! But we were second after jumping which was a good starting position for the race. But here, we see that we are not good enough yet to win and that we have to work on that until Sapporo so that we can fight for gold there. But we got a place on the podium which was our main goal and therefore we are happy with the result!"

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