
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping

Team Austria wins FIS Ski Flying World Championships Feb, 24th 2008

Team Austria has won the FIS Team Ski Flying World Championship 2008 in Oberstdorf (GER).

In a high class competition the team of coach Alex Pointner made a total of 1553.3 points.

All four members of the team had nearly perfect jumps. Martin Koch (214,5 and 210,5 meters), Thomas Morgenstern (192 and 190,5 meters), Andreas Kofler (181 and 197 meters) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (206,5 and 217 meters) finished a perfect week-end for Austria.

On the second place finished Team Finland (Janne Happonen, Harri Olli, Matti Hautamaeki and Janne Ahonnen) with 1477 points ahead of Team Norway (Bjoern Einar Romoeren, Anders Bardal, Tom Hilde and Anders Jacobsen) with 1453,2 points.

Statements:

Georg Späth (GER)

"Today the conditions were perfect. It's sad that we weren't able to jump longer. So you can't say that you fly. But nevertheless we had fun. Great spectators here at all and fantastic weather".

Michael Uhrmann (GER)

"The result is realistic for us. The competition was quite good today. The three nations on the podium are much better. The crowd was fantastic every day. They supported us very very good.

Martin Schmitt (GER)

We have to accept, that other nations are better in the moment. Our result is ok. We had nearly fun, Ski Flying is a fantastic sport.

Alex Pointner (AUT)

"A great victory. The three days here were extraordinary. I have to congratulate my team and all the people behind. Everyone worked great. Oberstdorf looked like a Home-Competition".

Thomas Morgenstern (AUT)

"This title means a lot to me. It's the first time, a great victory. I'm very happy. Now we look forward to the rest of the season. And our coaches will celebrate a lot, they never loose power".

Andreas Kofler (AUT)

"We had the pressure, but we showed that we can stand it. Everyone made a great job today. Our victory is fantastic".

Tom Hilde(NOR)

The result is not too bad. But we are a little disappointed. We weren't jumping the way we can. At all we are not too sad about the 3. place. But we can do it better.

Janne Happonen (FIN)

We are all very happy about the 2. place. We all had little problems with the track, it was very slow.

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

All results in detail can be found on <http://www.fis-ski.com/>

Kind regards

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