

FIS COMPETITION FACTS

e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping

Schlierenzauer wins seasons final in Planica – Morgenstern overall winner March, 16th 2008/hn
18 year old Austrian Gregor Schlierenzauer was the outstanding athlete at the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Flying final in Planica (SLO) today.
Schlierenzauer jumped 217 and 231 meters and received a total of 442.1 points in the end. On the second place finished Martin Koch from Austria with jumps to 216.5 and 229.5 meters (435.2 points) ahead of Janne Happonen from Finland (203.5 and 220.5 meters / 418.8 points).

As fixed in advance Thomas Morgenstern from Austria (1794 points) won the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping overall 2007/2008 ahead of Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT / 1561 points) and Janne Ahonen (1291 points) from Finland.

Statements from the top 3 world cup overall:

Thomas Morgenstern (AUT):

"Today a dream has come true. I was dreaming of this my whole lifetime. I'm happy now that the season is over. I had no more energy left to be succesull in the last competitions".

Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT):

"This is the real Ski Flying here in Planica. Comparing to this hill all the other Ski Flying Hills feel like large hills, not like flying hills. Flying in Planica is beyond description, great great great.
The Austrian Ski Flying record is the icing on the cake for me".

Janne Ahonen (FIN)

"Now I am really tired but happy as well. I'm very satisfied with the whole season and the Planica weekend.
I had competitions this winter that were worse than the Planica competitions".

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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