
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

WC Seefeld FIS World Cup Nordic Combined

FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Seefeld (AUT), January, 26th 2008

Bieler wins, Moan 2nd, Ackermann 3rd

Christoph Bieler from Austria won his home Sprint competition in Seefeld. He placed first in front of Magnus Moan from Norway and Ronny Ackermann from Germany.

Leading already after the jumping, the Austrian Bieler landed a point to point victory. Moan was tenth after jumping and Ackermann sixth. Björn Kircheisen (GER) had the best cross country skiing time in the 7,5km Sprint race.

Ronny Ackermann (GER) is now leading the overall World Cup with 911 points in front of Bill Demong (701 points) and Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA, 613 points).

Ronny Ackermann is still leading the Sprint World Cup with now 425 points in front of Jason Lamy Chappuis (395 points) and Christoph Bieler (AUT, 344 points).

The Nation Cup ranking is still lead by Germany with now 2592 points in front of Austria (1780 points) and Norway (1459 points).

The next competition (IG) will be held tomorrow at the same place. Because of a bad weather forecast, the jury decided to already jump one time today in order to still be able to host a competition tomorrow (Sprint) if no jumping would be possible.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 45/12

Spectators: 9.000 (XC & SJ)

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 57 media (print (18) and photo (37)), 3TV, HBC: ORF

Weather: sunny, -6°C

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Snow Conditions: packed

DNS: Manninen (FIN), Takahashi (JPN), Hettich (GER)

DSQ: Menz (GER)

DNF: Haseney (GER)

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.

Quotes:

Christoph Bieler (AUT): "I am so happy, it is like a dream came true for me. It was one of my goals this season to be on the podium here, but that I could win....it's unbelievable. But during the last competitions it didn't seem that I was still in the same good shape as in the first period so I wasn't so sure about the podium place anymore. But I really like this hill here and if you are good there, it helps you so much in the race. Of course I pushed hard during the race in order to keep the gap between me and the others. But the last round I could really enjoy. It went cold down my back when I came into the stadium and to the finish! That was a wonderful feeling!"

Magnus Moan (NOR): "I am pretty satisfied with my second place today. After the last two races in Klingenthal I was really angry and frustrated. I hoped to make it better here in Seefeld in order to compensate the bad results. I had a very good jump in the competition round which gave me a very good starting position in the race. I pushed hard in the first two laps to catch Petter and the others in front of me and used the next two rounds to relax a bit. I then saw the possibility to be on the podium and pushed hard again. It worked and I am very happy!"

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Ronny Ackermann (GER): “It was an interesting competition and I am satisfied with my place although I think that we could have caught Christoph, but nobody really wanted to make the pace. I had a good jump, not totally perfect but pretty alright for this hill here. So I had a good starting position into the cross country race. The race was not too hard for me and I was happy that I could preserve some power for the last lap. With it I could make it onto the podium. Now I hope we will have a good competition again tomorrow!”

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