
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

WC Val di Fiemme FIS World Cup Nordic Combined

FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Val di Fiemme (ITA) on January, 13th 2007

Bieler wins, Gottwald 2nd, Lamy Chappuis 3rd

Christoph Bieler (241.7 points) could gain his third World Cup victory today in the Mass Start competition in Val di Fiemme (ITA). Behind him, his team mate Felix Gottwald (238.2 points) and the French Jason Lamy Chappuis (237.5 points) placed second and third. For Gottwald, the second place was an additional birthday present. He became 31 today.

Leading after the race, Hannu Manninen (FIN, 233 points) could not hold on to his lead and finished sixth in the end. Bieler was 25th after the race, Gottwald third and Lamy Chappuis 22nd.

With his victory today, Bieler is leading the overall World Cup again. He leads with 496 points in front of Hannu Manninen (FIN, 455 points) and Magnus Moan (NOR, 428 points)

With this good team result, Austria is still leading the Nations Cup with now 1454 points in front of Finland (1253 points) and Germany (1106 points)

The next competition (Team) will be tomorrow at the same place (9.15 jumping, 13.30 cross country).

Number of participants/ participating nations: 50/13

Spectators: 500

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

Weather: slightly overcastted (XC), sunshine, -2°C (Cross Country); +1 (SJ)

Snow Conditions: packed

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Special Remarks: -

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 really happy. I knew that I could gain a good place today, but I didn't imagine that it could be the first one. My race was not the best one, however I am really satisfied with my jumps. Especially the second one was really good. I trained hard all the last years but the victory never came. That I could already win three times now this season is therefore even more satisfying me."

Felix Gottwald (AUT): "I am very satisfied with my second place today. I knew that the jumping part in this kind of competition is even more important than the cross country part, therefore I am really proud to gain the second place. That means that I showed two really good jumps. The race was hard. I tried to gain some space between me and the following group, but even together with Hannu and Magnus, it was quite difficult to do so. The second place is some kind of an extra birthday present for me today!"

Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA): "I am satisfied with my cross country today, I was not that far away from the leading group and I was also 10s in front of Christoph Bieler, of whom I knew would be a hard to attack. My first jump was not so good, I was a little late here, but the second one was much better. The conditions were ok, however you needed to be a bit lucky with the changing tail wind. I am now just happy to be back on the podium."

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