

Jack Wolfskin Four hills tournament

Innsbruck winner Jacobsen overtook the overall lead

Anders Jacobsen won the third stage of the 55th Jack Wolfskin Four hills tournament in Innsbruck (Aut). The Norwegian got the total score of 265,0 points with jumps on 129 and 128,5 m. Second in this e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competition was the Double Olympic Champion Thomas Morgenstern (Aut) with 263,9 points and jumps on 128,5 and 129,5 m. The 2002 Double Olympic Champion Simon Ammann was third with 261,5 point and 125,5 and 132 m, the longest jump of the day.

Prior to the last competition on 7th January in Bischofshofen Jacobsen overtook the lead with 672,8 points, 10,7 points ahead of Arttu Lappi (Fin), who was 4th in Innsbruck. The Swiss athletes Andreas Küttel and Simon Ammann share the third place with 656,4 points, 16,4 points behind Jacobsen. The former leader Gregor Schlierenzauer was only 11th on his home hill in Innsbruck and is now on 7th position only, 20,1 points behind the leader from Norway.

Jacobsen won his second World Cup event after Engelberg in this year and took also the lead in the Overall World Cup with 541 points. Second is Schlierenzauer (484) and third Ammann (478).

Jacobsen is the 11th Norwegian winner in Innsbruck where with Bystoel also the year before won a Norwegian. Morgenstern was only for the second time in this year on the podium. So far the 3rd place in Lillehammer (Nor) was his best result. Ammann, who was first in Lillehammer, claimed the podium for the 4th time in this winter.

There were quite regular weather conditions with slight tailwind over the whole competition. The audience in the Bergisel stadium was 21000

Statements of the top three athletes

Anders Jacobsen: "I felt very well before the competition. The body was ready and I did two technical good jumps. I feel a lot of pressure from outside but the whole team helps me. We have a good atmosphere are playing and joking together. We are all good friends. This victory and the tournament lead didn't change me. I'm still the same jumper. The main thing I have to do in Bischofshofen is to jump two times well and to enjoy in Ski Jumping. I don't talk about any favourite. The most important thing is not to focus on the result but on a good jumping. The hill in Bischofshofen I know only from summer jumping on plastic. There are many factors, which are important for a good jump. This day here in Innsbruck was my day."

Thomas Morgenstern: "This was an outstanding competition here in Innsbruck in front of this great public. My performance goes in a positive direction but I'm still able to improve. Here on the Bergisel hill every thing worked as I planned therefore I'm really happy. But I think I can improve even more in the upcoming competitions."

Simon Ammann: "This is the so far best initial situation for the Swiss team prior to the last competition in Bischofshofen. It's a great thing that Andreas Kuettel and me are ex-aequo on the third place. I'm happy that I could improve again after my back slash in Garmisch-Partenkirchen where I was on 11th position only. I'm happy that I did so well in the competition here. Because this hill is very difficult to jump and I was never better then on 11th place before. I had still problems in the training but then I prepared for the competition as usual. It was I great feeling in the final round to jump on 132 m."

Results: www.fis-ski.com

Best regards

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