
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping

Thomas Morgenstern wins first competition in Sapporo (JPN) Feb, 2nd 2008/hn

Austrian Thomas Morgenstern won the first of two e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competitions in Sapporo (JPN) today. Morgenstern received 261.6 points for jumps up to 125.5 and 131.5 meters. On the second place finished Janne Happonen from Finland (249.9 points / 120.5 and 130 meters) ahead of Martin Koch from Austria (249.3 points / 123.5 and 127.5 meters).

Statements:

Thomas Morgenstern (AUT): "I'm really happy. For me it is something special to win in Sapporo. It was the 8th win this season and I want to win the worldcup this year. I know that I am in a good shape and so I just want to enjoy the next jumps. This is the way I like skijumping very much, i only felt a little pressure in the first round."

Janne Happonen (FIN): "I am very happy with the 2nd place. The feeling was very fine and it was the best competition of the season for me. The hill is in a good condition and for tomorrow I will try to be in the TOP 10 again. I will need a little more luck and two perfect jumps to beat Thomas Morgenstern tomorrow."

Martin Koch (AUT): "I'm really happy about my jumps today, and also yesterday. I like the hill very much and I am satisfied with the 1st podium of this year. Tomorrow I try to get in the first 6 again. Morgenstern is in a to good shape to be beaten in a regular competition."

With todays win Thomas Morgenstern made the next big step to win the e.on Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping overall this season.

The Austrian has now 1355 points, this is more than 500 points ahead of the second placed finman Janne Ahonen who does not compete in Sapporo.

Janne Ahonen has now a total of 845 points. On the third overall place is Gregor Schlierenzauer from Austria (839 points).

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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