
FIS COMPETITION FACTS

WC Zakopane FIS World Cup Nordic Combined

FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Zakopane (POL) on February, 4th 2007

Kircheisen wins, Manninen 2nd, Moan 3rd

Björn Kircheisen from Germany could gain his first World Cup victory of the season by winning the Sprint competition in the polish town of Zakopane. He finished first before Hannu Manninen (+15.7s) from Finland and the Norwegian Magnus Moan (23.5s).

Leading after the jumping, Kircheisen (133,5m) could hold on to his lead in finished first after a tremendous race, basically on his own for most of the time. Manninen (122,5m) was 21st after the jumping, Moan (124m) 19th.

Hannu Manninen is now leading the overall World Cup with 685 points in front of Magnus Moann (NOR, 598 points) and Christoph Bieler (AUT, 557 points).

Austria is still leading the Nations Cup with now 2023 points, Finland is second with 1925 points and Norway third with 1581 points.

The next competition (IG) will be on the 9th of March in Lahti, Finland. Before, the FIS Nordic Ski World Championships will take place in Sapporo, Japan. Please find all information on the Championships under www.fisski.com and www.sapporo2007.com .

Number of participants/ participating nations: 45/11

Spectators: 30

Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 4, HBC: TPZ

Weather: cloudy, some snowfall, -3°C (SJ, XC)

Snow Conditions: powder

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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:

Björn Kircheisen (GER): "I am really really happy! Some people already thought that I could not be on the podium anymore or even win, but today I showed everybody that I can still do both! My jump was very good and in the race I had very good skis so it was not too hard to ski. This victory gives me a lot of confidence especially for the World Championships in Sapporo. I go there now with the goal to win a medal!"

Hannu Manninen (FIN): "My jump was not as good as the first one of the Mass Start competition, but it was still not that bad. Therefore I was not that far behind the first ones. I knew it would be a hard race and that it would be tough to catch Björn. The track was faster today than yesterday, but not only for me therefore I was not sure how much time I could race in. But I am happy with this second place, especially because I could stay in front of Magnus and Christoph which was very important for the overall World Cup."

Magnus Moan (NOR): "My jump was ok, I am happy with the 124m but I hoped for more. However, I started about 7s before Hannu and hoped to be able to stay with him, once he caught up with me. Unfortunately my skis were not that good so I had to let him go. It is hard to race very fast if your skis are not 100%, even if you try with all the energy you have. But I am happy with this third place."

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