



ALBERTA SKI JUMPING
& NORDIC COMBINED



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Two Canadians Top-20 in 1st Ladies World Championships

- Nata deLeeuw was 11th and Katie Willis was 19th today in the first ever Ladies Ski Jumping World Championships. Atsuko Tanaka did not jump due to injury.
- Congratulations girls – you have trained long and hard and fought many obstacles to compete for your country at a world championships and we are proud of you! See results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2649>
- Ron Read writes from Liberec, Czech Republic, site of the World Championships: “Nata was 11th today and Katie 19th. Nata’s result was a little off her best and Katie did very well finishing 19th. We are quite happy to have two athletes in the top 20 considering the budget we operate on.
- “The weather conditions here are very challenging, it is an outdoor sport and you have to take all conditions. The best three jumpers were on the podium today; they are also the most experienced athletes in the field. Lindsay Van of USA is the first-ever female World Champion Jumper - she competed very well. This was a competition that favoured the experienced athletes with one or two small exceptions.
- “Lindsey Van won the final round by jumping 97.5 meters on a hill designed to have safe jumps of 100.0 meters. The jury was very conservative to make sure that the competition was safe and fair because of the difficult weather conditions. The organizing committee has done a great job running these World Ski Championships and they had 80 - 100 people on the hill to make sure the conditions were as similar as possible for all athletes. They had 20 leaf blowers going between jumps to keep the inrun clear.
- “To put our women's results into perspective:
 - 9th 10 km C - Sara Renner
 - 11th NH Jumping - Nata de Leeuw
 - 19th NH Jumping - Katie Willis
 - 21st 15km C - George Grey
 - 36th 15km C - Alex Harvey
 - 37th 15km C - Devon Kershaw
 - 45th 10km C - Shayla Swanson
 - 48th 10km C - Perianne Jones
 - 54th 15km C - Christopher Butler
- “If you look at the money we receive from Sport Canada \$0, and OTP \$0, I think we are delivering great value for the money invested.
- "If you look at the other traditional ski discipline's women's results I would say our young jumpers are holding their own:
 - 11th DH - Emily Brydon
 - 12th SL - Anna Goodman
 - 13th Super G - Emily Brydon
 - 17th Super G - Britt Janyk
 - 21st DH - Kelly Vanderbeek
 - 23rd Super G - Kelly Vanderbeek
 - 25th SL - Brigitte Acton
 - 26th GS - Britt Janyk

35th GS - Marie-Pier Prefontaine
DNF DH - Britt Janyk
DNF Super G - Larisa Yurkiw
DNF Super Comb - Emily Brydon
DNF GS - Genevieve Simard
DNF GS - Marie-Michele Gagnon
DNF SL - Marie-Michele Gagnon
DNS SL - Marie-Pier Prefontaine