



ALBERTA SKI JUMPING
& NORDIC COMBINED



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Normal Hill Results from World Championships

Ron Read reports from Liberec, Czech Republic:

- “The weather was much better today, still cold but at least the snow stopped. Stefan and Mackenzie headed into the Qualification Round with hopes of moving on to the Competition Rounds. It was tough in that the guys had to perform right away, as there was no Trial Round. Stefan had a good jump and qualified for the competition even though he had the lowest style marks of all the guys that qualified because he had a very sloppy landing. He had a much better landing on his competition jump. Mackenzie did not perform up to the level of his training jumps and missed moving on, he did not have the best of conditions. One lesson to be learned at this level of competition was Chedal of France - he has been dominating training but he had marginal conditions and a missed take-off and he missed qualifying too.
- “The competition was so close that the difference between 13th and 30th was just 3.0 meter or 8.0 points. Some well established jumpers failed to get a second jump, Jakub Janda (medalist in 2005 and former World Cup Champion), Matti Hautamaeki (multiple Olympic medalist). Stef was able to stand in the Leader's Box for 4 jumpers and was leading the World Championships after 8 jumpers problem was he beat only on of the last 42 jumpers.
- “Wolfgang Loitzl is the 2009 Normal Hill Champion. He jumped very well, had the longest total distance and the best style marks. Stef ended up finishing 42nd; he jumped well and according to coach Ted Bafia, made the most of his jump.
- “Quote from Loitzl: 'It was my goal this year to win a medal at the World Championships and now that I have the Four Hills and a gold it is a dream come true. It was a good competition today and was very fair'
- “Quote from Stefan: 'I was glad I was able to jump better today than I had been in training, I am looking forward to getting on the Large Hill on Monday and the Large Hill competition next Thursday & Friday'
- “It was good to see the Canadian women out watching the guys jump. They head home tomorrow.
- “Here is a summary of the Canadian results over the past 24 hours:
 - 21st 15 km Pursuit - Sara Renner
 - 42nd NH Jumping - Stefan Read
 - 47th 15 km Pursuit - Daria Gaiazova
 - 48th 15 km Pursuit - Shayla Swanson
 - 50th NC Mass Start - Wes Savill
 - 60th NH Jumping - Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes
 - DNS NC Mass Start - Jason Myslicki

See results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2651>

CANADIAN NORDIC COMBINED ATHLETES AT FIS NORDIC WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

LIBEREC-CZECH REPUBLIC — Canada's Jason Myslicki and Wesley Savill finished 42nd and 43rd respectively today in the Gunderson Normal Hill HS 100 with a 10k cross country race. For Myslicki who is recovering from a fever that caused him to scratch in the Mass Start event on Thursday, today's event was a disappointment. "Any of my training jumps at all would have put me in the 20's" but "bad luck with the wind and snow" put him in 42nd position going into the X/C race. I started with Wes (Savill, CAN) as the next guy to catch. The fastest 2 guys in the race were behind me. It was a windy course...I stayed with them as long as I could. I didn't have the preparation I wanted having had a fever with little exercise in the last couple of days."

Competing at his first Nordic World Ski Championships Wes Savill reports "today was an all round good day. I jumped very well and got quite lucky with the conditions. I wished that I could have skied a little faster because I know that if I race smarter and technically stronger I can shave a minute off."

On the podium today were – Todd Lodwick of the USA winning his second gold medal in the Nordic World Championships, Jan Schmid from Norway finishing in 2nd place took Silver , and Bill Demong of the USA won the Bronze.

The next individual event is the Gunderson Large Hill HS 134 with 10k race on Saturday, February 28th.

Results today:

1. Todd Lodwick USA 24:22.3 min (Jump rk. 1)
2. Jan Schmid NOR +0:13.0 min (Jump rk. 2 tie)
3. Bill Demong USA +0:33.5min (Jump rk. 12)
4. Anssi Koivuranta FIN +0:54.7 (Jump rk. 2 tie)
5. Norhito Kobayashi JPN +1:02.9 (Jump rk. 8)

For complete results

<http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=NK&raceid=1298>

LATEST FIS NEWS



Lodwick takes second gold

In an historic day for the USA, Todd Lodwick took his second World Championship gold and teammate Billy Demong took the bronze during the 2009 FIS Nordic Ski World Championships in Liberec. Norway's Jan Schmid claimed the silver medal with World Cup leader Anssi Koivuranta (FIN) finishing 4th for the second time at Liberec

2009.

Lodwick and Demong's performance marks the first time two U.S. Nordic Combined athletes have made the World Championship podium together. It was the second of four Nordic Combined events at the Championships, featuring a single jump on the 100-meter hill and a 10k cross-country race.

After years of yielding no medals at major competitions, Lodwick has now won two World Championship gold in a matter of days and calls his comeback to the sport nothing less than a fairytale.

Managing Director of Canadian Snowsports Association Excited About Callaghan Developments

- Dave Pym, Managing Director of Canadian Snowsports Association has responded positively to the news of the development of training jumps on the BC coast.
- He says: "I was delighted to read in the recent SJC/NCC update of the creation of the Callaghan Winter Sports Club. This is a huge opportunity to begin the expansion of both Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined in the "far west" and hopefully can be a model for other communities. By keeping the name generic and not tied to any specific community there is the potential to attract membership from the entire Sea to Sky corridor and beyond. In addition, keeping the name as Winter Sports Club will permit this club to expand beyond SJ and NCC.
- "From the CSA standpoint I could not be happier. I commend everyone involved in this development – perhaps it can be used as a model to re-generate enthusiasm for these wonderful sports across Canada. I look forward to formal recognition of the Club by SJC/NCC
- "I recently attended the Board meeting of the Canadian Ski Museum in Ottawa and was immediately struck by the photos and the long and rich history of jumping in Canada. Indeed I would urge you to go to the Museum's new web-site (<http://www.skimuseum.ca/index-eng.php>) and use the search function for ski jumping to see what they have and what is being constantly added to – it is amazing."

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New Website for Alberta Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined

- Chrissie Noble reports "It is with great pleasure that I announce the official launch of our new website. Below is a list of a few highlights you can expect to see:
 - ~ Up-to-date information on events, competitions and results
 - ~ Event Calendar
 - ~ Athlete bios
 - ~ Photo galleries
 - ~ Training Tips
 - ~ Much, much more...
- "I hope you all get great use of the website. Check it out at <http://skijumpingalberta.com/> I look forward to hearing your feedback!"

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