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NORDIC COMBINED WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

STRBSKE PLESO, SLOVAKIA - Canada's Wes Savill (19) of Balzac AB skied to 17th position in the Individual Gunderson 10Km today – the best Canadian result at the Junior Worlds in the last decade.

Savill finished 26th after jumping and skied 18th fastest time on the cross country course in a pack of 8 skiers that finished in the top 20. Savill's finish time was 2.45.2 minutes behind the winner.

“Wes had a good day in jumping and also CC skiing was strong. Big thanks also for Finish waxing team which help all of us to get better equipments in very difficult conditions in every competitions(also in ski jumping skis), so our equipment was going better in this weekend overall, all the time, because we working hard in the waxing cabin. Today's performance probably gave good motivation to Wes to continue work and hopefully also younger athletes can see what they have to do in future. The goal is have to be very high in the results and action has to be strong also at a young age” reports Ilkka Jylhankangas, National Team Coach.

Canadians Barrett Martineau (17) finished in 53rd (42 after jumping), Chanon Pretorius (16) finished 56th (47 after jumping) and Yukon De Leeuw (16) finished 58th (58th after jumping) in today's competition that featured overcast, wet conditions with an air temperature of -1 C.

On the podium today:

1. Alessandro PITTIN (ITA) 1st after jumping,
2. Johannes RYDZEK (GER) 3rd after jumping + 1.05.9
3. Ole-Christian WENDEL (NOR) 9th after jumping + 1.20.7

Results

<http://www.fis-ski.com/pdf/2009/NK/4193/2009NK4193ROF.pdf>

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