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JASON MYSLICKI MOVES UP 18 PLACES IN KLINGENTHAL

KLINGENTHAL, GERMANY. — Canada's Jason Myslicki finished 33rd today in the HS 140 with a 10k cross country race.

"I'm excited to have been coached on the ski jump for the first time in a long time. Obviously, it is only possible make so much progress in one jump, but my jumping was significantly better than it was at the Whistler World Cup and I am starting to get some feeling which is good.

I started the race knowing that there was some opportunity for strategy on such a challenging course and really wanted to push myself now that I am feeling healthier. My goal was to stay relaxed and keep my skiing smooth. Pretty quick I realized that I was feeling stronger than the athletes around me and slowly began pursuing athletes ahead of me."

High winds caused the cancellation of today's scheduled jumping round. Yesterday's Provisional Competition round was applied to obtain the start list for the 10km Cross Country ski race today. Myslicki's start in 51st position put him near the back of the 61 man field 3:33 minutes behind the leader and winner Anssi Koivuranta.

Despite his start position Myslicki moved steadily through the ranks finishing the race in 27:19.7 min. and moving him 18 places up the leader board. His X/C time was 19th best overall but left him just out of the top 30 and World Cup points.

"Finishing with a 19th time rank in a field of 61 starters in the Nordic combined competition really is a boost in my confidence, especially on such a difficult cross country course. Although, my not my top result of the season, my performance is heading in the direction I want which is to be standing on the podium in Vancouver. "

Today's top five were:

1 st . Anssi Koivuranta FIN	27:16.7
2 nd . Magnus Moan NOR	+0:15.4
3 rd . Jan Schmid NOR	+1:04.1
4 th . Bjoern Kircheisen GER	+1:04.6
5 th . Bill Demong USA	+1:07.1

Myslicki will be competing again tomorrow in Klingenthal.

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