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**Eric Frenzel (GER) – 1st**

I was surprised by my teammate’s performance. He is very young and it was his first team sprint, so I was very nervous waiting at the finish line to see what he did. I was really impressed that Vinzenz (Geiger) had such a good jump and I was also impressed that he beat Johannes Rydzek at the finish line. It is an outstanding performance, it doesn’t happen every day!

**Vinzenz Geiger – 1st**

The race today was simply great, to win here my first time is amazing. And to be on the podium with the other German team is unbelievable. I’ll have to do my best tomorrow, but I’m in a good shape so I think I can do a good performance!

**Johannes Rydzek – 2nd**

Great race, a good tactic from the German team and I’m super happy about the result! Winning 1st and 2nd place, for the German team, is an amazing score: we worked so good together so we can finally celebrate now. Tomorrow’s race is an Individual Gundersen again, it will be completely different, but I’m looking forward to it.

**Fabian Riessle – 2nd**

It was good, we tried to control the race from the top: I think it worked really well, so I’m happy for the second place. For the German team it’s a great result. We expected to reach the 1st and 2nd place, but in a race like this you never really know. In the end, I think it went well and I’m happy that the German team managed to win the first two places! Tomorrow is going to be a very tough race, because the track is complex, there are a lot of up & down but, first of all, I have to do a good job on the hill. So, we will see!

**Mikko Kokslien (NOR) – 3rd**

I didn’t expect to overtake the Finns, but I was surely hoping for that. We had a good feeling about catching the Finns, but Finland has a strong XC team so we both knew we had to do our best. We hoped for it and, in the end, we managed to catch them! For me, the most difficult part of the race was to control my speed at the start: it’s hard when you know you can catch the one in front of you, but you have to control the speed. I stayed focused and later on, on the third lap, it was fun to catch. So, I can say that we are satisfied about today’s result. This sprint track is good, hard but it’s a nice combination of uphills and downhills. But enough for today, I just want to say that I’m ready for the race tomorrow.

**Magnus Hovdal Moan (NOR) – 3rd**

The race was really good, it was 5 hard laps but Mikko (Kokslien) did a great job. We closed the gap during the race, but to reach the podium with Mikko today is just amazing. I was hoping for such a result! Also, I felt the responsibility of wearing the yellow bib, because the other guys in the team have done an incredible job, especially Espen (Andersen), Jan (Schmid) and Joergen (Graabak), who have done a high-level performance. Tomorrow I’m going to participate for sure, I must improve my jumping and, hopefully, I can come up higher on the list.