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**Jan Schmid – 1st place**

I’m very happy about today’s race. The jumping today was hard, Jarl (Riiber) was in shape, I was a little bit late in the jump but I got the starting position that I needed. Friday was a very tactic race: I could just stay in the group, I knew I had Joergen (Graabak) in the front, so I didn’t have to do anything special, but today the roles reversed. I had to ski alone in the front and Joergen stayed behind and helped me. The 10km were so much longer today than on Friday! The last climb, I looked back and I thought that they were really close, I thought that maybe I was going to get caught again just before the end, so I was relieved when I arrived at the last downhill and no one was behind me. To cross the line alone, in front, with the yellow bib in the World Cup was my dream and I’m pretty sure that I’m not going to forget this anytime soon.

**Lukas Klapfer- 2nd place**

I’m not sure what to think about the race, it was so awesome! I feel so strong and in the race I was a little bit lucky to have a good position in the last downhill for the final sprint, but it’s so good to win the second place! I started the race aiming to be on the top 10, then later on I thought I could reach the top 5, but the second place on the podium was beyond my expectations!

**Fabian Riessle – 3rd place**

For me, it was a really hard race because I had to catch up the guys in front of me, so I had to relax during the second and third lap (I even thought that the rhythm was kind of slow) but that worked really well. In the fourth lap, no one of the guys wanted to do some good work: maybe if we had worked together, we could have had the chance to catch Jan (Schmid), but there was no one who wanted to do the hard work, so we had to sprint with 8 other guys for the second and third places.